



Buyamba News

Helping Uganda...one child at a time

A Sponsor's Story

A Buyamba volunteer was recently on the phone with one of our long term sponsors, Kyle Smith, who made a comment we could not keep to ourselves in the office because it was so passionate about child sponsorship. After Kyle was told that his child was no longer eligible to be sponsored because his mother had moved him, he said, "You know, sponsoring Davis is one of the best things I ever did in my life."

We asked Kyle Smith to explain what it was like to meet his sponsored child in person at God Cares School in Uganda for we knew he had visited last year, and he explained:

The gospel compels us to care for and engage with the stories of others. In the summer of 2015, I finally met Davis, my favorite Ugandan pen pal of 2 years. Our first words were telling;

"Hey dude, I'm Kyle!"
He answered, "I know."

The rest of the conversation that day changed my life. Davis shared about his family, his dreams of going to law school, and told me all about his friends. I too shared things about my life. Davis helped me understand that friendship and fellowship transcends culture, language, and location. Additionally, he showed me that our truest identity, the essence of unity, is our sonship as children of God. Coming alongside Davis has been a true joy, and I am thankful for the friend that Buyamba ministry has connected me with.



Kyle Smith and Davis

A Child's Story

A Girl Named Hope...

I thank God for Buyamba because there's been a dramatic change in my life, both physically and spiritually. But before I continue, I would like to tell the story of my life before I joined God Cares School.

I'm the first born of three children. I used to live in a village called Kansanga, located near the city of Kampala. My mum was born again and my dad was a Muslim. Life was not easy. We were all crammed into a rented, one-room house and sometimes we didn't even eat. On those days we did have food, we would thank God for His provision, knowing that many were in worse condition than us.

But although we passed through many trials and tribulations, God was always there. I can relate to James 1:2 that says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance!" Before I joined God Cares School, I would sometimes spend a month at home because my parents didn't have the school fees. Still, because of God's favor upon my life, people always loved me and helped me in any way they could.

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Creative Giving



A Collaborative Effort

As many Buyamba supporters know, there is a large bible camp for the Primary School kids each year in August during the term break. It is put on by God Cares School in partnership with Cross Timbers Church in Argyle, Texas. What you may not know however, is there is a collaborative effort on the part of several corporations that make this camp extra special by providing gifts and supplies for these kids. This is such a BIG blessing to our children who come from desperate poverty stricken family situations.

Kerusso Activewear, Berryville, AR, GT Luscombe, Inc., Chicago, IL, and Gregg Gift Co., Irvine, CA, are in their SIXTH year of graciously making major donations for the Ugandan orphans and students at God Cares Schools. Gifts include pens, jewelry, t-shirts, clothes, school supplies, Veggie Tales products, flip flops, shoes, and more. 900+ kids are annually blessed beyond measure! Items are carried to Uganda annually by Roger and Linda Green, of Cross Timbers, Texas; and the team has the joy of dispersing these gifts once they are at the camp with the kids... there are many smiles and hugs on the faces of children who have so little and need so much.



**On behalf of God Cares,
Buyamba wants to extend a big
THANK YOU to these donors!**

*** More information on how to give towards Summer Bible Camp ... coming soon! ***

A Girl Named Hope...(continued from pg 1)

When I joined God Cares School, they had a Bible camp. I only attended two days of the camp because after losing a relative on my dad's side, we had to set off to the village for her burial. Unfortunately, I was chosen to be her heir. I say "unfortunately" because it wasn't wealth I was inheriting—it was witchery! You see, my grandmother was the village witch doctor and the relative who had died was her assistant. I was supposed to take her place after going through an initiation. But thank God by that time my dad had given his life to Christ, and so he and my mum refused to let me become a witch's apprentice!

But we still faced a spiritual battle when my dad left for another woman in 2013. This betrayal broke up our peaceful and loving family—especially when my dad stopped supporting us. My mum then had to resort to brick making to provide for us. She soon developed physical problems because of all the stress.

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Our dad seemed to be full of hate towards us, even telling us that he would never pay for my school fees. But I told him that my Father in Heaven would pay for me because He is the Father to the fatherless and hope to the hopeless. Thankfully, God hears our prayers! My dad came back around. These days, because I'm the eldest, he counsels me so that I can be an example to my younger brothers. Even when he's out of work, my dad will borrow money from his friends just to help provide for us. All glory to God!

Today, I give thanks to Buyamba Ministry for the investment they have made into my life. They taught me two important truths: God has a purpose for my life, and I'm accepted in His presence. He chose me for this school, which is funny because at first I didn't even like it here! But because I wanted to please God and allow Him to reign in my life, everyday I would ask for His love to increase in me. And it has! Because of God Cares, I've learned to fit into society—even being involved in talent shows. I've been called "Miss 'This and That'" because I win every competition. That's favor! I daily thank God for Pastor Dongo and bless his family for the great work they've done in my life—and so many others!



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