

“The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project”



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“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, ‘The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.’” ~ Lamentations 3: 22-24

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Sarah Kasimwe

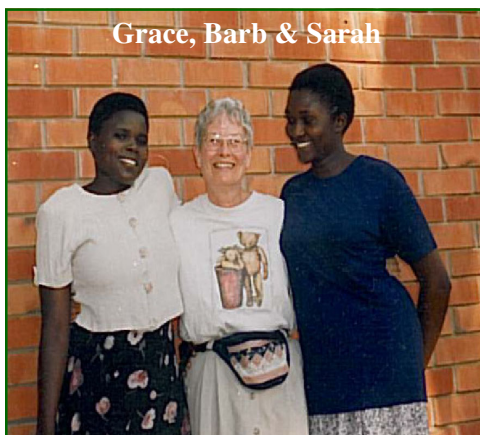
There was an old TV weekly program that began each week with the line, there are a million stories in the city and this is one of them. Well, with our kids in the Good Samaritan Project there is a story that follows each one and in all cases they do not start out well but, Praise the Lord, in most cases they are ending well. Such is the case with this one of God’s success stories in the person of Sarah Kasimwe.



We first met Sarah during our trip to Uganda in 1999 during our home visitations with Pastor Sam. You see Pastor Sam would take us to see the children who had just joined the project or he was recommending joining the project. Sarah had been living in a broken down mud hut by herself. Her mother had died and she was living alone. Neighborhood men were trying to break into her hut and had been successful in doing so causing Sarah to crawl out the window to get away from them. Sarah then went to live with a friend, Margaret Mabel.

We contacted the local government official known as LC 1 to talk with the neighbors making sure they were aware of the precarious position of Sarah, to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior and to make sure any future predators would know that they would be “locked up” for taking advantage of a young girl.

These precautions worked until Sarah was able to finish high school in 2003 and qualified for advanced education. For Sarah, it was entrance into Cannon Apollo Teaching College along with John Mugisha, one of our other Good Samaritan children. This is a two year program that would enable her to teach in Primary schools. Things again were going well for her until sickness struck her in the second semester. She had been suffering with ulcers and medicine was provided but because of the time lost due to sickness and weakness she did not do well enough to continue in the program for the second year. To say the least, she was devastated.



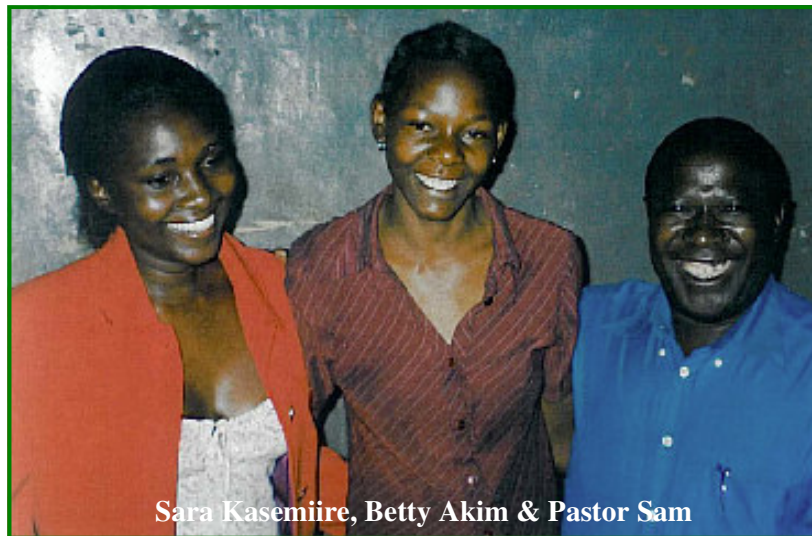
Grace, Barb & Sarah

I cannot say enough about my brother Pastor Sam and his resourcefulness. You see, he found a place for Sarah in Gaba Teachers College in Kampala and placed Sarah and Grace Kusemererwa from the Good Samaritan Project. This was in the summer of 2004 and she and Grace finished the two year program in the summer of 2006. Praise the Lord she had finished, she had distinguished herself, in fact both of the girls did extremely well receiving accolades from the administration.

So now she was ready to find a teaching job. But just when things are looking up Sarah gets sick again and she is treated again for ulcers. But Pastor Sam reports she is not getting better, she is getting weaker, as she goes to the clinic for treatment and eventually to the hospital and for three months she suffers, loses weight and cannot hunt for a job. Finally, in desperation, Pastor Sam has her tested for Aids. And sure enough she has the HIV virus! Her and our worst fears are materialized. But again God is good. After the diagnosis we put her on the powerful Aids medication that she will remain on for the rest of her life. In all of this the rest of her story emerges. You see when she was a very young girl age 13, before the Good Samaritan Project found her, alone with no hope or future, a man told her he would take care of her. She became infected with the dreaded Aids disease. For he had died of Aids a few years ago and poor Sarah had been fearing the worst and it came true. We now understand her fear of the neighboring men, who were trying to rape her. She knew exactly what they wanted and feared for her life.

But wait for the best, God is good all the time. Sarah regains her strength, her hope for the future grows, and she is searching for a school teaching job. Her desire all along has been to teach at the Hope Primary School of Busoro. So guess what, through all of her heartbreak, disease and hopelessness God has provided her a teaching job and guess where? Yes, hallelujah, Amen, Hope Primary School. She now teaches 3rd grade students, has a rented room close to the school and just recently gave a glowing testimony in church of God's faithfulness through all of her adversity.

Through all of this God gave Sarah a miracle. Her younger sister, who was taken by her father and disappeared years ago, found her way home. Her father had taken her to the Congo and upon his death; Betty made her way back to Ft. Portal. Betty is now attending the Cannon Apollo Teaching College this year. A blessing as the Lord watches over these beautiful girls.



Sara Kasemiire, Betty Akim & Pastor Sam

Thank you Jesus, thank you Good Samaritan Project and thank you faithful sponsors of Sarah who encouraged her and supported her over and above normal means through all of her trials and tribulations along with their faithfulness to Betty! Our God reigns forever!

Thank you for being partners with us so we all may serve our living Jesus in Uganda for His Glory. Never ever think you are not making a huge difference in Ft. Portal! Please pray for health and stamina for Sarah!

In His Arms,

Dick & Barbara