

"The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project"



NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." - Psalm 118: 6-8

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

It is with great joy that we can share with you this month some of the photos from the Christmas party held on December 17, 2007 at New Life Presbyterian Church in Busoro, Ft. Portal, Uganda. It is always a good time when a special government guest is invited as well as other church leaders and invited guests, and guardians and children of the Good Samaritan project. We are going to give you some excerpts from Pastor Sam's prepared speech for the event.



We're gathered at this Christmas party for the guardians and the sponsored children not only to eat and drink but to most importantly remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior who came to seek and save and to bring light into the world, peace, joy and hope to all who believe and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Glory be to Him for ever and ever. Today each sponsored child will receive a new mattress, a Bible and soap. It takes great love and obedience to help somebody in a distant foreign land, tribe, color, language and culture, whom you may never even meet on this planet earth. We know our sponsors do this for they have known the unlimited love of Jesus which cuts a cross all differences one can ever think of. May our Lord's precious name be glorified for ever and ever, Amen.

This year we celebrate the twelfth year of existence, service and ministry. We are humbled and grateful to God for His gracious hand and faithfulness in the ministry. He has faithfully provided all our needs school uniforms, shoes, socks, scholastic materials as well as tuition fees and always on time! Thank you sweet Jesus.

There are 94 girls and 72 boys in the project, 100 have been in lower or primary section while 66 have been in S-1 to S-6 and higher institutions of learning, two girls in Makerere University and one boy in Kabale University. This year through God's grace five of the sponsored students, three of whom are girls and two boys finished their training in various disciplines.

Flavia Nakayiza

Luke Busobozi

Emmanuel Agaba

Priscilla Mugenyi

Lucy Kabagenyi

Makerere University

Ndejja Christian University

Gulu University

Agriculture/Veterinary Assistant

Grade 3 Teaching Certificate

BA in Education

Social Development

Bachelor of Commerce

This year we have had the biggest number of candidates ever. We have had 15 who have sat for their P-7 exams, seven for S-4 exams and six sat for S-6 exams. Our prayer is all will pass and continue in higher institutions of learning.



We have not been without our struggles. Some of the sponsored children have had discipline issues. Some have been suspended and we have suffered the agony and humiliation to go to the schools. We as a project take this very seriously for we expect our sponsored children to be exemplary given the abundant love God has showered upon them and the word of God taught to them. We have investigated some of these culprits and we will not tolerate these black sheep if we find that they have abused God's love and the generosity of our self-sacrificing sponsors. We would rather give this rare golden opportunity to the many deserving and who appreciate the poor state therein rather than these arrogant non-appreciating black sheep hiding in the white sheep.

We do want to register our heart-felt appreciation to first and foremost to God. He has blessed, provided and indeed guided us and protected us. We thank the sponsors for their love and generosity; for God's provision of scholastic materials, shoes, uniform and fees, paid even before the beginning of the term; for the advisory committee members; the guardians/parents who continue taking care of the children and provide food and other needs which the project cannot meet; the church and its entire leadership for all the support given to enable us to do the work effectively; the schools and teachers where our children go are also thanked for their positive contribution in making our vision realized; a special thank you to the government of Uganda for the freedom of worship, the conducive environment, the support and encouragement to N.G.O.s like ours; our local leaders in the district, sub-county and parish and village level for the cooperation assistance, all of which has made our work easy.

Finally we thank all who have helped in organizing this function, the decorations, the cooking, storing of the gifts, etc. Glory be to our living Savior and Redeemer. We look forward to God's grace to continue blessing the project and making us faithful in serving Him. Hallelujah, Amen!

In His Arms, *Dick & Barbara*

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