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HOPE



Godissa.

Her first wheelchair presented in a special service of thanksgiving and paid for from sales of our HOPE Gift Cards.

THIS ISSUE:

Latest happenings and good News Stories from Uganda and Congo projects.

The role of volunteers in Australia HOPE International. Where you can help.

LIFE FOR A VULNERABLE AFRICAN GIRL

Meet one vulnerable girl we are aiming to place in the House of HOPE and why. Read about our longer term plan for Ugandan children in crisis.

TIME TO COMMENCE PROJECTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY IS NOW

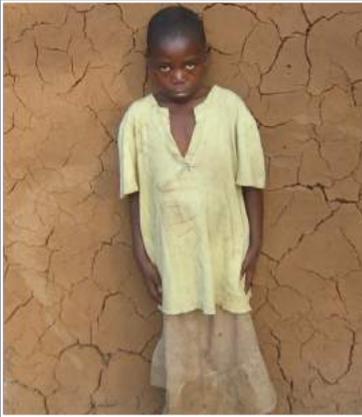
How and why we have plans for making HOPE Schools sustainable. Can it be done?

AND MORE!

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Helping Others Possess Empowerment

A HOME AT LAST



Our first safe house design



You can sponsor a vulnerable girl now. Please enquire.

Alcohol, domestic violence, abandonment and abuse

destroys families anywhere, having devastating effects on the children.

Willy Tumwine, RWC-Children's Trust, made us aware that many girls are unable to find a safe home to live in peace and plans commenced for the House of HOPE to be developed.

No child should suffer violence, sexual abuse and abandonment.

When children do suffer abandonment, abuse and exploitation, they need someone to intervene, rescue and stand with them on a new journey to a better life.

At HOPE, we aim to offer a safe place to live and a good caring education environment for children to find hope and a chance to thrive.

Most abandoned children in Africa, sometimes with their widowed mother, are able to be placed in someone's house and from there re-establish their lives. But increasingly with current poverty levels and disintegrating families, due to alcohol abuse and violence, more and more children are forced to the streets for survival.

Street boys are usually rejected by communities to be taken in, due to their social behaviours and addictions. We are very privileged to partner with RWC - Children's Trust directed by Willy and Anne Tumwine who have successfully rehabilitated over 50 street boys and are now reaching out to more boys currently still on the streets.

But a new trend is for girls, usually taken in somewhere as house servant roles or labourers, to find themselves with nowhere safe to run to and survive. The danger of being

'nabbed' for sex work in the hands of scrupulous people is ever real.

Our dream for a safe house for girls is on the way to a reality.

When Jonathon Matthews and the CFC Murray Bridge decided to run a third BIG BID Auction fundraiser, we saw our chance to help these girls in desperate circumstances.

After discussions with Willy Tumwine, the new plan for a safe house became clear. It would be linked to a HOPE School, and provide vocational training for the older girls.

Now, just 2 months after the BIG BID which raised over \$30,000, we have the first house designed and work commencing on the Ebenezer HOPE School land in Kitokye Village as I write.

We agreed it is wise not to create this project in the town as the girls' safety would be much more difficult to maintain in a town setting.

The house pictured left, will take up to 18 girls and a 'House Mama'. Next in the project plans will be a tutorial room for training older girls in tailoring and baking bread. Then, we plan to build more homes to create a village of safe houses as a place to eventually send out educated and self reliant people into the communities around.



Happy students at Ebenezer HPS and the banana plantation behind where the safe house will be built.

AFRICA'S BEST RESOURCE

Sacred Children

Africa's greatest resource is their children. Treat them as sacred and the future world will reap great rewards.



In Our World...

- 21 million adults and children are traded in forced sexual servitude and labour (ILO)
- 57 million children do not attend school, most are in sub saharan Africa (UNICEF)
- There are 250,000 child soldiers, most are in Africa (UNICEF)
- 18 million children are orphaned by HIV AIDS, most are in Africa (UNICEF)

One Ugandan Girl Child's story - and why she is a candidate for the new House of HOPE Safe House in Kitokye

Olivia (name changed) is 14 years old and a grade 5 pupil taking care of her ageing grandparents in a village. She lost her father and eldest sister to HIV/AIDS virus in the same month of November 2014. They died in her arms because they were also living in her grandparents' house and she was their nurse.

Olivia's father disappeared when she was young but later returned suffering with HIV/AIDS and he then died. Her mother had married another man when Olivia was 4 years old, but she died after one year into this marriage.

At this time, her step-father had already abandoned his other 4 children in the house and disappeared so the elder siblings of Olivia were already scattered everyone living where ever they could find a place to lay their heads. This was under verandahs, under trees and old buildings. They fed on garbage to survive.

Olivia was then taken in by her poverty stricken aunt who lives in a slum in the town. This woman is a widow, a mother of 3 and unable to feed and care for her own children. Life became very tough for Olivia and she had to miss school.

Due to her vulnerable situation, hooligans in the slum would take advantage of her

vulnerability and regularly sexually abuse her. As a way of trying to protect Olivia from being abused by the drunken and irresponsible boys/men and also to reduce her own stress, the aunty sent Olivia to her ageing grandparents. Instead of being cared for, Olivia became the nurse and carer for the 2 frail old people.

This has put the girl in a dangerous position at her age and makes her even more vulnerable to unscrupulous individuals.

You can sponsor a vulnerable girl

Although the new safe house will not be ready until September, we are making some available for child sponsorship now. This support will be held until the house opens apart from immediate basic emergency needs. When a girl child moves into the house, we aim to provide a house 'mama', access to a social worker, and pastoral care from Ps Winnie from the church in Kitokye.

Please enquire if you want to stand with one of these girls from the very beginning of this wonderful RWC/HOPE project.

Thanks to Willy and Anne Tumwine for their amazing heart for abandoned children in their region and the great work they do in rescue and rehabilitation of precious souls.





A Time to Plant...

The effort to plant trees is gaining momentum with HOPE and our partners. 35 acres of Eucalypts are being planted commencing a new plantation on our 150 acres at Kamwenge, western Uganda.

A small forest of 2.5 acres is being planted at Kibogo HOPE School and another 30 acres at Mbarara. We have another 100 acres earmarked for establishing forestry and look forward to funding becoming available for that.

We are seeing forestry as a good opportunity to provide a long term cash flow into our many HOPE Schools for achieving sustainability education centres. The sale of 6 - 8 year old trees for electricity poles, as well as firewood and building pole sales should give a good return. After 15 years, serious lumber can be harvested. Our 'Can't See the Wood for the Trees' volunteer, Elaine, has a goal to purchase a portable sawmill for processing timber for sale. She has also done a great job on promoting our forestry project plans through the 'Lets act' promotion [here](#).

Sustainability for our 20 + HOPE partner Schools must be achieved and forestry is our main plan

Helping Godissa

During christian outreach in her remote village, Jono Osborne and CVM partner Kaazi found Godissa unable to walk and no means of supporting herself.

On Kaazi's request, we bought a wheelchair and sewing machine which will help this courageous widow earn money from tailoring.

The funds came from the sale of HOPE Gift Cards. (not tax deductible)

Godissa has 4 children and we hope that together they can start a successful small business.



Multi Purpose Hall Taking Shape

Funded by the Hope Across Australia event, the HOPE Secondary School in Bunia, DR Congo is slowly taking shape as a most significant building in the region.

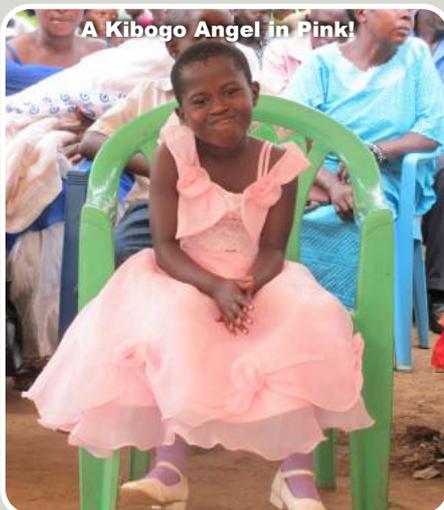
able to house the whole school, it will be used primarily as a dining and assembly hall.

HCLS Director Mozart Kile is currently in the US on his second study tour to help equip him for such projects.



The secondary school now has around 280 students with the new boys and girls dorms filled to capacity with eager boarding students.

This thriving project is in need of skilled help to cope with the growing demands of training teachers, administration and social work



A Kibogo Angel in Pink!

Africa Frontier Mission News (not tax deductible)

Jono Osborne has just commenced the second Ministry training Course in Arua, northern Uganda. He has spoken at several conferences in Uganda and Kenya with great results and has conducted several outreaches into the remote areas of NE Uganda.

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