



Child Sponsorship
 Does it really help?
 Does it make a difference?

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**ENJOY THE READ AND
 THANKYOU FOR CARING!**

SPONSORSHIP



Hope bursts in when a child, school class or a widow is sponsored by a special friend in a western nation far away.

I wish you could be with us as our teams visit a grass hut in a remote village, or a tarp and mud walled hut in a refugee camp, or the slum dwellings of suburban Kampala. Our approaching such homes is always accompanied with a gracious welcome, a glass of boiled water and a slatted chair with clean doilies to rest our heads.

And most times, the sponsored child shrouded in the cleanest brightest clothes excitedly waits nearby on the path to their house to let everyone know the visitors from afar have arrived!

It is rare to find a more precious relationship in life, than that of sponsor and child.

We have witnessed children thrown out with garbage, sent to the streets, sold into sex slavery, trying to fend for themselves, caring for younger siblings, living in fear, disease and malnutrition, fleeing wars, and then suddenly faced with that golden opportunity that only sponsorship brings.

Child sponsorship is \$45 per month. 5% is used to cover our administration costs, the rest is transferred monthly to faithful partners in Africa who firstly make sure the emergency basic needs of the child are met. Then the larger portion of the money is used to help fund the HOPE School Project the child attends. This benefit overflows to many other needy children who also attend the school but are not sponsored.

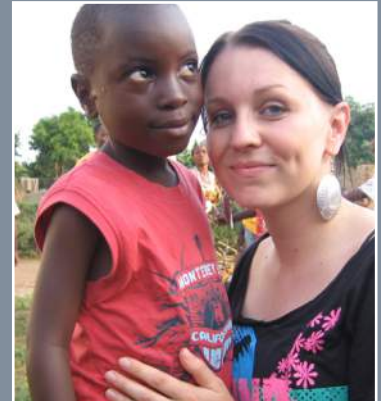
As an organisation that ensures we get 95% of sponsorship funds to the people who need it most, we work tirelessly with our amazing partners in the field in Africa to account for every dollar given by generous Australians. We complete compliance checks and audits every year as a fully accredited member of ACFID (Australian Council for International Development) to show any enquirer that we operate with integrity, efficiency and transparency.

Currently HOPE School Class sponsorships are needed urgently so we can honour our many African teachers with well deserved pay rises. When a class is sponsored, it empowers us to provide teachers salaries and as further sponsorships are offered, we can provide books, sporting gear, furniture and desks for the rooms.

Full class sponsorship is \$150 per month, but sponsors can pay any amount to contribute to the school class.

Want to start sponsoring a child, class or widow? You can offer a brighter future to someone needing hope. Enquire today, and we can start you on one of life's most rewarding journeys!

PAYS!!!



HAVING A BALL IN AFRICA!

Soccer Therapy...

Every African child wants to go to school and play football (soccer).



Every African Child wants to be a soccer star!

It has been said...

That the third most urgent and beneficial need the West can give to children in developing nations is...

SOCCER BALLS!

And we have seen the uncontained joy as students receive a gift of even one soccer ball to their school or class. Traditionally, a ball only lasts about 1 week in the harsh African conditions. UNTIL NOW!

Many thanks to the 'ONE WORLD FUTBOL PROJECT' for producing a virtually indestructible soccer ball

In 5 minutes after Norma presented the Head teacher at Nakivale HOPE School with several first delivery soccer balls, there was serious sport happening! Soccer, netball, volleyball, catch and, well, it looked like brandy!

And I have to say, the most enthusiastic player award has to go to Ps Willy Tumwine who showed us all he is still a boy at heart!

Each ball costs AHI around \$33 and so we needed to fundraise to pay for the first batch, and further orders so many more HOPE Schools can enjoy sport uninterrupted by deflating, punctured and worn out balls.

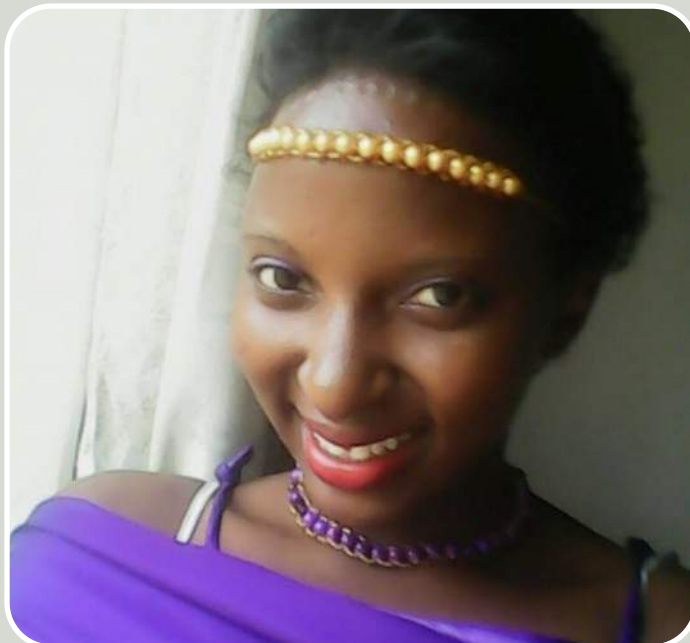
Following our volunteer Elaine's Lets Act Crowd Fundraiser for planting trees, Norma Osborne decided to try this program (run by Bendigo Bank) to raise money to buy more soccer balls. After a few weeks of launching the 'Let's Have a Ball' Project on the Let's Act website, our goal of \$1,000 was quickly raised, and we are now heading for another \$1,000 to expand our giving to eager African soccer and netball stars.

When we watched 700 children playing games, which they organised themselves with the soccer balls, we saw teamanship, exercise, leadership and discipline all demonstrated before us.

Big thanks to all who supported this great project that brings so much joy to the kids.



Watch the children in Uganda with their first One World Soccer Balls. [Click Here.](#)



Sponsorship saved Ritah

From a small girl who almost perished through starvation and crippling poverty to an amazing young woman now studying in the US to be a doctor. The faithful long term sponsorship of Nick and Sue have made this all possible.

Click on this link (or copy and paste) and see her journey and the beautiful power of child education sponsorship.

<https://youtu.be/BRcoVEhJpyw> - "I Can Be"

Did You Know

AHI needs to give African teachers a pay rise, provide books, sports equipment and desks, none of which will happen without HOPE School Class Sponsors. Many classes have one sponsor, but the amounts are often not enough to pay a full salary.

We can honour these professional and dedicated teachers' great input into our student's lives, often in very harsh conditions. Class sponsors will hear from the teacher and some children twice each year with an annual update photo. \$200 per month covers a full teachers salary, but any regular amount will help so much. Please consider.

Tragedy & Triumph

Our African journey brings many unexpected life experiences. On Right is Godissa receiving her gleaming first ever wheelchair. So grateful and overjoyed, she travelled to Rwanda to share her good news with all her relatives. Tragically Godissa was killed in an accident on the way home.

Later our partner Kaazi/CVM, found a boy who spent his whole life paralysed and in the dirt. It was agreed by all that Godissa's wheelchair be given to Brian, on right, and an excited village shared his joy at being given his first ever wheels.

This is Africa: a continent of tragedy and triumph, and we have learned sometimes you have to accept both and move on.

We often think of Milly, whose sudden death motivated us to rescue and educate thousands of needy children. Somehow the blend of tragedy and triumph can work together for good, especially in Africa.



One Brave Girl!

Pictured above right is Jackie who was found by CVM partner Kaazi. While carrying many litres of boiling milk on her head, she tripped and was doused with the scorching liquid. Left with no money for treatment, just lying on her mat in her family hut, we sent her for several treatments, and slowly she is recovering. She needs more surgery as her arm and torso flesh have joined, and she needs to gain movement back in her arm. Any support to help fund this brave young woman with medical care would be a blessing. We wish Jackie a full and infection free recovery!

African Diggers

We've all heard of 'Ozzie Diggers' but HOPE supports hundreds of African Diggers! These are the poorest of the poor, landless widows, orphans and homeless families.

As we wait for funds to plant more forest, the land in waiting does not lie unused. On our 150 acres at Kamwenge in Western Uganda, up to 120 people dig and grow not just enough food to survive, but often there is a surplus which is sold to local marketeers for a little profit.

On the 40 acres near Mbarara, Uganda, there have been up to 40 diggers. The small girl pictured right is one who is planting seeds on this land. We have just planted out 25 acres of this land to forest for future sustainability of our schools from the sale of timber, but there is around 10 acres that can not be planted as it lies under the main power lines to Rwanda, and trees can not be planted there. So, the diggers will have ground for planting and growing food for some time to come.

It is a big challenge to make money from farming in Africa, but we are thrilled that our partners have opened up our land parcels for people crippled by poverty, to dig for their own food, and even make a small livelihood.



Bron Farewells Uganda

After five years of faithful service Bron Lang is coming home! She has served as the AHI volunteer Public Liaison Officer and more recently working with HOPE Missions, working in particular with the new intake of street boys in Mbarara where she has been based.

Bron has worked in almost all HOPE Projects during her years in Uganda, and has gained a broad knowledge of most aspects of the work we do with partners. We will especially miss her supportive and pleasant role with our many HOPE Teams over the years. She has travelled right through Uganda in her work with us as well as DR Congo, namely Goma and Bunia, as well as visiting Rwanda and Tanzania.

We will greatly miss Bron just being there and being available for whatever was needed over the years. Her return to Australia will be a big adjustment, as it was when she first went to Uganda, and we trust her transition back home will be a positive new adventure for her.

Thankyou Bron for your courageous and unselfish commitment to the poor and needy in East Africa. You will be seriously missed by many hundreds who have grown to love and appreciate you so much.

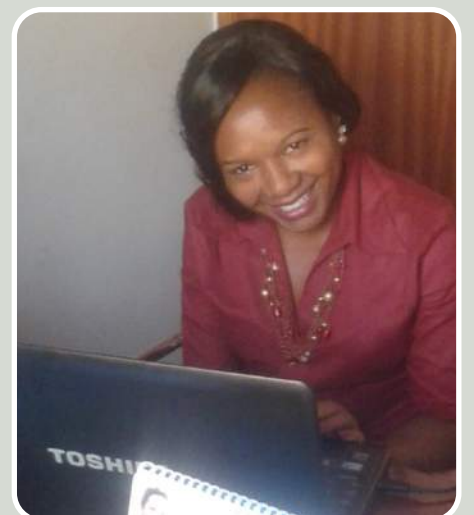


AHI opens a Branch Office in Uganda

We are thrilled to welcome Liz Buyinza to the position of AHI - Uganda Branch Manager. Liz will coordinate administration of various aspects of our work with partners in Africa. Many thanks to our longest established partner, COME Uganda who have provided an office for AHI to be based.

As HOPE has grown and is soon to be harvesting timber from our first forest plantations, we have a need to deposit and manage funds entirely in Uganda. Funds raised from our sustainable projects, or possible future land sales, need to be managed securely in Africa, and then be dispersed to our partner development projects while being fully accountable to our Australian office.

Bill and Norma have known Liz for many years and look forward to working with her more closely in her new important role as we pioneer this new branch of AHI together. Our African board is made up of the key directors of some of our African partners and we all look forward to working together in maintaining the high standards of administration and efficient use of funds received from generous Australians.





Hope comes for 16 boys from the streets

Once again, Ps Willy Tumwine has reached out and taken in street boys to offer them a future and a hope. We have funded their room, beds, cooking utensils and other needs. Sam from RWC says of the boys...

"The greatest desire for all these ex street boys is to go back to school. Faced with a number of challenges in their former communities, among which are, social marginalisation, child abuse, heavy punishments, forced labour, denial of access to basic human needs like food, shelter, clothing and education, these children's prayers are answered at this RWC - Children's Trust project."

These boys are the first of many who will be involved over the coming years. Any one interested to inquire about sponsoring a boy and becoming their special friend from Australia are encouraged to contact our office.

We look forward to great results in these boys lives as they respond to love and acceptance at RWC.



SAFE HOUSE FOR GIRLS AT RISK IS READY TO GO

The new Safe House in Kitokye built with HOPE Partner RWC - Children's Trust and funded by the Big Bid Auction at CFC Murray Bridge is completed! It has a simple solar power system installed, and outside latrine and a neighbouring plot of land purchased ready to build a Vocational Training Centre. Top left is the House 'mother', Mary, who will be busy with the girls full-time. Top centre is Ps Winnie, herself once a girl at risk, who will provide pastoral care for the girls, and top right is the finished house.

We are now purchasing beds and furniture for the first intake of girls, and look forward to developing the vocational training side which will train in tailoring, bead making and baking bread. This training centre will also be open for local abandoned boys and girls to come and learn a vocation without being a resident in the house. Of course more funds are needed for this exciting vision where so much can be done.



Widow Sponsorship Restores a Woman's Dignity

When a woman, abandoned or widowed lives under a tree, she is shunned as a hopeless case and often chased away. When she is rescued and sponsored, hope comes! She can rent a mud hut, place her children in school and later start a small business to become self reliant. We invite your enquiry about sponsoring a widow and bringing a ray of hope when all has been lost.

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