



This is why African children sing...

"No more papyrus mats, no more dirt!" Our team took ages to get a car to this little village called Kitokye, but Anne Tumwine can get a truck anywhere! Especially when it is loaded high with school desks for every child in the Ebenezer HOPE School that is so dear to her heart.

No more writing on knees, squatting on broken bricks, gradually getting caked in bull-dust from the dirt floor. The children have waited without complaint for 2 years for these desks and the joy of having them now will last until a water supply, electricity, or sports equipment bring a new sense of celebration to both school and village at large. Thanks to our generous supporters whose gifts achieved this great step forward for the school.

Next HOPE Team to visit Uganda.

A number of people are planning for an adventure of a lifetime by joining our next HOPE Team to visit Uganda, and Bill and Norma Osborne also plan to add on a visit to Bunia, DR Congo. This team will visit our partners projects including HOPE Schools, a new farming / forestry project and visit our friends in Nakivale Refugee Camp. There will also be opportunity for ministry with our church partners in outreach and ministry to the sick and hospitalised. Some members of the team are planning extended stays to work in the schools and encourage the teachers and work with needy children and their families. This next HOPE team venture will be in **July 2010**.

These trips are a memorable and rewarding time, especially for those who sponsor a child, AIDS Widow or a school class or project. If you would like to enquire about these trip opportunities to Africa with HOPE, please contact Bill Osborne, hope@ahi.org.au today or phone 08 7200 0467.

And... two sponsored children to visit Australia with Ps. Willy Tumwine.

In February and March 2010, HOPE partner Willy Tumwine (RWC-Children's Trust) is coming to Australia with 2 special visitors, Caleb and Ritah. Willy's main focus is for the street children he has taken from the streets of Mbarara, largely because he was one himself for 7 years as a small boy.

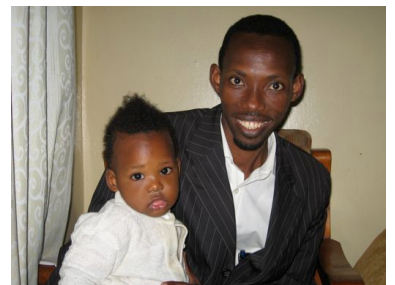
Caleb was on the streets for over 2 years, after being sent there with his siblings by his starving and heart broken mother, who could not provide for them.

Deserted by her husband, Ritah's mother became destitute in Uganda and they found their way to the church where Ps. Willy found them in 2003. Ritah suffered a serious health problem and was wonderfully healed after prayer.

Both Caleb and Ritah are progressing well at school thanks to our faithful sponsors from Australia. Willy and the children will be sharing in churches and schools and will show their culture through traditional dance, song, music and stories.

Their story of survival and hope will inspire many and highlight the power of child education sponsorship through HOPE.

Our 3 special visitors from Uganda are available to your church, group or school. Please enquire if you would like to discuss having them visit your church, school or group.



Ps. Willy Tumwine & baby no.4



Ritah and her homework lantern.



Caleb with washing on the drying bush.

HOPE 2010 Calendars feature beautiful photos from our library

Sonya Saywell, our sponsorship manager, has produced 3 excellent calendars which include our best images from the refugee camps in Goma DR Congo, Bunia DR Congo, Nakivale Refugee camp, Kibogo Village and others from the HOPE Schools across Uganda. You can email or ring and order these beautiful calendars for your self, or they will make wonderful gifts for Christmas for your friends and family. They are priced at \$15 with proceeds in aid of our most urgent school development



Top Sellers Prize!

Wanted: Calendar sellers.

Can you beat Tash! She has sold 24 just by showing them to people. Why not help raise funds for HOPE and win for yourself our new book, "Pearls of Africa"

This is a beautiful collection of images we've taken over 9 years of trips to Uganda, Congo and Nigeria with each image telling a brief powerful story that depicts both hope and despair in our African friends lives today.

Just let us know how many you sell before New Year's Eve '09 and we will advise the top seller.

Calendars can be ordered for showing your friends and workmates from Ros or Sonya at the HOPE office.

A good way for you to help us help Africa's children and needy families.

Ph. 08 7200 0467

or email hope@ahi.org.au



You, or someone you know, can put these Congolese children (left) in this class! (above).

Our goal with partner 'Hope & Care for Little Souls' in Bunia, DR Congo, is 150 children sponsored in 12 months.

Please tell your friends they are waiting and help us reach the goal. Together we can give these precious children the future.

*"Come here my love,
I have a song for you.
Come here my love,
I have a dream for you..."
From a Sudanese Lullaby
Halima Bashir*

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