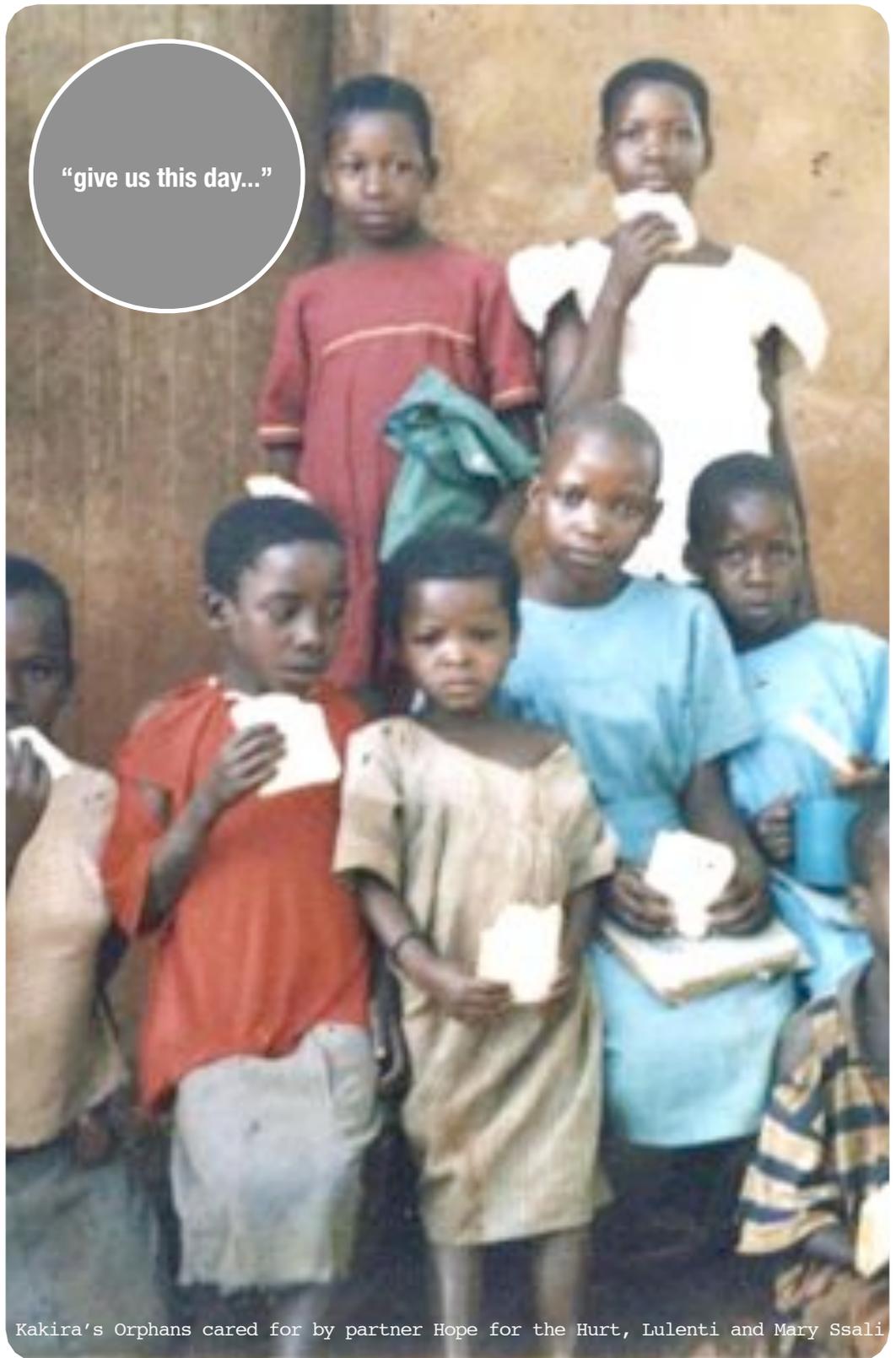


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“give us this day...”



Kakira's Orphans cared for by partner Hope for the Hurt, Lulenti and Mary Ssali

THANKS ...

for reading our latest newsletter. We hope you are both challenged and inspired as you become informed of our shared work in East Africa.

INSIDE...

Our 3 BIG goals. Learn where we are heading to realise life changing and life long goals for over 2,000 children in HOPE Schools

MORE INFORMATION?

Check out our new expanded website for everything HOPE is involved with. Thankyou for supporting our African partners in their amazing work.

HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

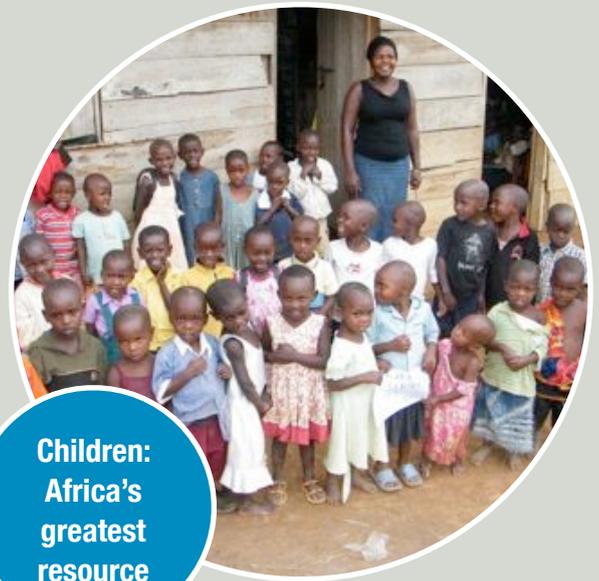
3 BIG goals that give us all a great challenge; standing with our children, from Nursery School to adulthood

When Australia HOPE International commences a new school with our African partners, it is very exciting to see hope ignited in their eyes and the lives of their guardians and relatives.

But it is quite easy to start a nursery school for beautiful needy young children, who enthusiastically gather daily to learn all they can in whatever facilities are available. The thing that we can forget briefly is that children grow! And with that growing comes added and increasing challenges... Nursery School then Primary School, followed by Senior School, and then...?

Our Commitment to follow through

HOPE is now at the stage where most children are still flooding into HOPE Nursery Schools and the early students are growing into Primary classes to P7 level.



**Children:
Africa's
greatest
resource**

We are just finishing off the construction of classrooms from P1 to P7 in all HOPE Schools, though most rooms still need plastering, painting, windows and doors.

BIG Goal Number 1

To provide HOPE Senior Schools for all Primary School children able to graduate to S1.

We are thrilled that HOPE partner 'HOPE and Care for Little Souls' in Bunia, DR Congo, will have stage 1 of their new HOPE Senior School consisting of several classrooms and offices completed later this year. Partner COME Uganda will commence building a senior school on newly acquired land soon. And we have plans for building much needed High Schools in Mbarara and Kibogo Village as soon as funds are available.

This need is more urgent as there are already dozens of children recently graduated from HOPE Primary Schools and studying in other Senior Schools.

If you sponsor a Senior School student you may like to consider increasing your sponsorship to double, i.e. \$80/month, so their schooling is not interrupted.

BIG Goal Number 2

To provide a HOPE Vocational Training Institute for children graduating from S4 or S6 who will not go to University.

This proposed Institute is a very new proposal which has been drafted by HOPE partner CVM following the purchase of over 150 acres of land in Western Uganda near Kamwenge. CVM has a burden to see the 500 students in 2 local HOPE Schools have the opportunity to study more practical skills particularly relating to farming, forestry and horticulture, and related industries.

BIG Goal Number 3

To provide a HOPE University where hundreds of our successful students can be afforded the opportunity to advance through University.

Unfortunately most HOPE School students are excluded from going to African Universities because of the high fee structure and the poverty level of our children's families. HOPE is aiming to build our own university for our children who deserve to have this opportunity like any other child.

This HOPE University is proposed on our 40 acres of land near Mbarara, southern Uganda.

If we don't dream it, we won't see it!

How can you help?

Become a Child Education Sponsor. This costs \$40/month and places a child in a HOPE School Project as well as meet their basic essential needs to study at school.

Donate to a HOPE School Project for building classrooms, paying teachers or supplying curriculum and books. (tax free) See www.ahi.org.au for more information.

Some School Example Costs

- Classrooms - \$10,000
- Curriculum - \$500 / school
- Children's books - \$1,500 / school
- Desks \$40 (pine) \$100 (wood & metal)

Food for Thought...

We are planning to build kitchens (\$6,000) in all HOPE Schools as most children do not eat all day.

TRAIN UP A CHILD...

Combining a good education with excellent pastoral care gives children a bright future free from poverty, crime and disease. Their African nation will be a better place for all when a generation of children are loved and educated well. Why not join an African child in their journey of HOPE? You can make it happen



The children we help are gracious, kind, positive and hardworking... and very poor

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM OUR PROJECTS

We do not have space here to share all the great things that are happening in East Africa, but these few items paint a part of a bigger picture of how well being comes as Australian love and generosity flow.

Kaazi Twinomujuni, president of CVM reports that the number of HOPE student deaths each year has reduced from 4 to nil. We are thrilled that slowly the curse of poverty in Kibogo village is waning. Malnutrition and treatable diseases are more in check as the HOPE School development advances with so many positive spin off benefits impacting the whole community. Around 90 children are treated medically each term.

A pineapple plantation has been established on part of the newly acquired 7 acres of school land. And a 'Muzungu (whites) Lodge' is being constructed for housing Australian visitors to this village project.

On nearby Kyabyoma HOPE Nursery School, a Eucalyptus Forestry Project is planted on several acres of newly acquired land for future school development. This project will supply fuel for hundreds of cooking fires in the neighboring town which has run out of fuel for the hundreds of cooking fires.

Lulenti and Mary Ssali from 'Hope for the Hurt' are joining of our majority of partners to own their own house. HOPE has supported nearly all partners to have their own home as part of our support for the great work they do in the field. The homes are usually small 3 roomed brick structures, but the savings of rent are significant.

The Ssali's have bought land and have bricks and materials ready to start building. \$4,000 is still needed to construct the house. It will be a joyous day to move in as the couple have lived separately all year following Mary's hip replacement due to the poor conditions of their current rented house.

Bron Lang has been volunteering in Mbarara for over 6 months as our Liaison Officer. As well as receiving numerous proposals and twice a bridesmaid, she is making an invaluable contribution to assisting the many projects with partner RWC - Children's Trust.



Suzi to visit Congo Project: In October The HOPE Complex School in Bunia, DRC, will receive a visit from SA teacher Suzi Tan. On her 4th trip to Africa, the war orphans of Bunia will be greatly encouraged to know they are loved and thought of from far on the other side of the world.

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Widow Florence loses the fight:

HOPE partner Anne Tumwine brought our attention to Florence over 2 years ago. Since that time we helped her get accommodation, some income and her children in school.

But HIV AIDS is a cruel enemy. Florence first responded well to care from the local church people and ARV medical treatment, but a few weeks ago her life slipped away to an eternity with no AIDS. She leaves 4 children, one is HIV positive and daughter Sarah (left) has been lost to the streets. Pray for her to be found and reached with love and hope our partners offer.

One of her boys was fortunately recently sponsored and is now living in the Trust Boys Home on the Trust HOPE School property.

This family tragedy is one story repeated thousands of times across Africa each week. And it is mostly the innocent and unsuspecting who are most vulnerable, women like Florence (left) and her children.

Three disused refugee camp houses given to HOPE and CVM:

(Lower left) The houses have been given to HOPE and CVM and will provide teachers accommodation and a boarding house for distant students. They need some repair which will happen when funds are available. The ground around the houses is already being dug

over for a food garden by the teachers of Kibogo HOPE School.

This is a great provision because a big challenge at present is to provide rooms for teachers quarters in all our HOPE Schools.

Six Rainwater Tanks are in:

A grant from the Australia High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya, financed the provision of 6 tanks in 5 HOPE Schools. (pictured below - Nakivale Refugee Camp HOPE School)

The installation work was a challenge for laborers who had never handled such big tanks, or had to get them to such remote places. We expect hygiene to improve greatly with the new water supplies, a big improvement from water carted in jerry cans from soaks, rivers and lakes.

Somalia Famine and Uganda:

The famine is centred in Somalia, but is affecting the NW regions of Uganda and is helping to increase inflation making food unaffordable for more and more people.

Ugandan climate is changing and several regions experienced their first ever drought recently. The last dry season was accompanied by unseasonal storms and flooding. Many of our HOPE School students eat only once every 2 to 3 days in the poorest villages.

