



You Shared Your Heart. We Are Changing Lives - June 2026

Dear Partners, Donors, and Supporters,

Thank you for your incredible commitment to our mission. Your generosity, trust, and shared vision sustain our organization every day. We are deeply grateful to:

- **Our child sponsors:** You are a daily source of light and hope to your sponsored child and their family.
- **Our project donors:** By funding specific initiatives like the clinic, you provide a vital lifeline for these essential services.
- **Our volunteers:** We greatly value the time, energy, and resources you dedicate to our various activities.
- **Our economic empowerment supporters:** By buying and selling products made by our widows, you empower them toward self-sufficiency.
- **Our education donors:** Your special gifts for school needs ensure we can always make room for one more child.
- **Our family care donors:** Your support for critical needs like housing truly saves lives.
- **Our prayer partners:** Your faithful prayers provide the crucial fuel for our daily efforts.
- **Our advocates:** By sharing our work with others, you keep the candle burning. Please keep sharing; you never know how God will move the next person or organization you speak to.

Many of you support us across multiple categories. Please know that we are profoundly grateful for every effort to impact the community of Rakai, Uganda. Because of your investment, we have achieved significant milestones together over the past six months.

While we celebrate various victories, an unexpected funding shortfall has left us with an immediate, critical challenge. We face an unplanned deficit of \$30,000 specifically for our June staff salaries. Our staff members are the backbone of this organization, working tirelessly to empower our uniquely gifted children.

If you are in a position to provide special matching funds, accelerate an upcoming pledge, or make an emergency contribution today, it will directly ensure our team is supported and our operations remain uninterrupted.

As we look ahead to the remaining six months of the year, we ask you to join us with renewed energy. We have laid a strong foundation, but the second half of the year requires our collective focus to finish strong. Thank you for standing by us, believing in our team, and pushing our vital work forward.

With deepest gratitude,

Kathi & Rick Palmer, Annette & Richard Mutaawe & Johnson & Agnes Lwondo



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Children with their teachers during a session



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

ALERT!

EBOLA OUTBREAK

The Ministry of Health has confirmed an
Ebola outbreak in the country.

Stay alert and be vigilant!

Health and Safety Update

Mainstream media outlets currently report 19 confirmed cases and two deaths.

While official figures remain low, our teams are staying highly vigilant to protect our staff, sponsored children, and their families.

We are monitoring the situation closely and will update you immediately if any emergency actions become necessary. Please keep our community in your prayers.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped." ~ Psalm 28:7



Start of Term 2 2026

Ugandan schools have officially commenced Term II as of May 25, 2026, operating normally under highly tightened standard operating procedures (SOPs) enforced by the government to counter recent Ebola fears.

There are no plans to close educational institutions, and learning continues uninterrupted nationwide. Our sponsored children are working hard to complete their school year well. Thank you for making this possible.

"Knowledge is not enough. It must be balanced with the wisdom and moral grounding that only a relationship with Christ can provide." ~ Billy Graham.

This is what you are exactly helping us do!



Kids Waiting for a Champion!

Your sponsorship is already changing a life every single day. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

Right now, many vulnerable children are still waiting for their stories to change. Because you know the power of sponsorship, we invite you to become an ambassador for them.

You can double your impact today by opening your heart to one more child, bringing immediate hope to a family waiting for a miracle. Emmanuel (pictured above) needs a sponsor.

***We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.***
~ Winston Churchill



Community children come near school looking for a meal



Sponsored children at Act Junior School



Children in a government school enjoying their only meal served at school

"...the King will say... I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." ~ Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV).



Teacher Mike Supporting Davis

Behind the scenes

Since 2018, Mike has been a cornerstone of our educational community, bringing passion and dedication to his role as an English teacher.

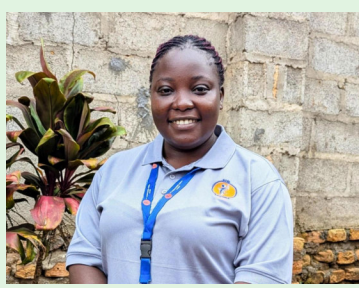
Learning a new language can be daunting for our new sponsored children whose native language is Luganda, but Mike creates a supportive environment where children feel safe to take risks and grow.

His patient teaching style helps students build the foundational language skills they need to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

The next time you receive a letter from your sponsored Junior school child, think about Mike and our staff that work tirelessly to make sure our children excel in their studies.

Your generous support directly funds the resources for our incredible educators like Mike.

Thank you for making Mike's impactful work possible and for shaping a brighter future for our students.



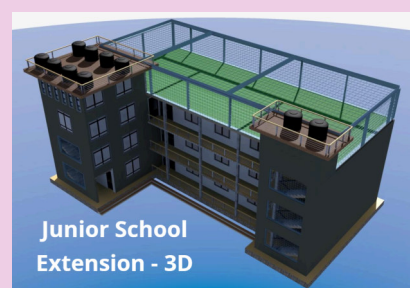
Exciting Team Update: Welcoming Eve to Her New Role!

Please join us in celebrating Eve as she steps into an exciting new role on our Sponsorship Correspondence team! Working hand in hand with Annette, Eve will now help manage our vital sponsor communications.

Eve is a deeply valued member of our family. For over a decade, she has patiently supported our children in communicating with their sponsors. She has poured love into translating countless Luganda conversations, turning them into the beautiful letters and pictures our sponsors cherish. Outside of work, Eve is married and an incredible mother to four-year-old Joy and 18-month-old Jaylah.

Please keep Eve in your prayers as she takes on this new responsibility. Moving forward, if you would like to send a letter or picture to your sponsored child, please send it directly to Eve and CC Annette. This exciting growth will ease the workflow and make it even faster for our children to reach you!

Her email address is eve@orphanslight.net



Big News: Junior School Expansion

Construction has officially begun to expand ACT Junior School, thanks to a generous donation through African Children Today. This new section will operate strictly as a day school. The school currently serves 140 children on the lower levels, and this growth will allow us to reach even more students.

Many of our students are pillars of strength at home. By attending school during the day and returning every evening, they can gain a quality education while continuing to support their families. This model ensures they never have to choose between their education and their loved ones.

While construction is underway, our work is far from finished. We now need to raise funds to fully furnish these new spaces with chairs, tables, and essential learning resources. Your support will directly transform these empty rooms into thriving spaces of opportunity.



New Junior school building under construction

God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful. ~ Mother Teresa



A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination ~ Nelson Mandela

The Rolling Digest

This is a special section that is very dear to our hearts. We are profoundly grateful to everyone who continuously supports our work. Each of us is uniquely blessed to contribute to God's Kingdom, carrying our own special gifts and abilities. Our prayer is that you discover and embrace the unique talents God has placed within you. ***Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)***



Johnny Worker: Learning how to Learn

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who acquired a copy of Johnny Worker: Learning How to Learn for yourself or your loved ones!

Watch out for our upcoming publications: Johnny Worker: Learning How to Fish and Johnny Worker: Learning How to Tell the Difference. We will announce as soon as they are available. Until then, why not grab another copy of Learning How to Learn to bless someone you care for?

All proceeds from sales and purchases made by OL friends and partners will directly benefit **Orphans Light** to support vulnerable children.

For more information or to support the ministry, please contact Kathi at kathi@orphanslight.net or call +1 863-660-2262.

Standing Together in Prayer

Your faithful support keeps this ministry moving forward every day. Yet, we know that behind every financial gift and encouraging word is a person facing real-life challenges. We want to carry those burdens with you.

The Bible reminds us of the power of community in Galatians 6:2: **"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."**

No request is too small or too heavy for God. Whether you need healing, financial breakthrough, or peace of mind, we want to lift your name in prayer. We handle every request with strict confidentiality. Please remember we are a family!

Please send your specific prayer needs to our prayer coordinator Jaime Utz at jama623@aol.com.



Partner with Orphans Light This Year

Every day, we see God's faithful provision in the lives of our children. This life-changing work is only possible because of dedicated partners like you. As you plan your year-end giving, please consider making a gift to Orphans Light. Your support directly funds our daily programs, providing vital care to children who need it most. Whether you give via credit card, PayPal, or check. Every dollar makes a lasting difference.

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