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Dear friends of Orphans Light,

We are also always thankful for your continued support and partnership. We continue to bring education, hope, faith, and economic solutions to orphans and widows in Uganda because you decided to walk alongside us. Thank you and may God bless you.

There are so many stories of hope and transformation! This July, we would like to share with you one of those stories with hope that it will be an encouragement to you, all our dear sponsors and partners. This is evidence that *your support is impacting lives. One child at a time.*

Please take a minute to watch Cathy's Story

<https://youtu.be/OkMdRUqJy3E>

Blessings to you and your loved ones.

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Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world ~ James 1:27

Meet Cathy Namugumya

Cathy lives with her grandmother, Joelia. Joelia cares for six other orphans from her small land where she grows seasonal mixed food crops for food, but confesses that ***"some seasons are very hard...we are unable to get even a single meal a day"***.

She remembers well how she almost lost Cathy to severe malnutrition at the age of 3. Four of her grandchildren had been severely malnourished but Cathy was worse. At almost three years, she weighed less than 11 pounds. She had no hair and could hardly stand on her legs. Joelia had done everything she could to save Cathy but her condition became worse every day. Every part of her little body pained! Every morning, Joelia wrapped her into pieces of clothes and placed her into one corner of their little sitting room, near the fireplace, to keep her warm.



One of the women that makes Jewelry and baskets that we sell and a member of the Hope Again Women, got to know of Cathy's situation. She visited them and told Joelia about our organization and work in the Rakai community. The

next day Joelia walked over 10 miles from her home to our office, carrying Cathy on her painful back, all to see if she could save her life.

Upon arrival, it was hard to believe Cathy was still alive! That afternoon, our team returned with Joelia to her home to do a full assessment. One of our staff, Eve, remembers, ***"the experience was painful. There were three other children who were just a little better than Cathy!"*** They were almost lifeless and it was clearly a huge task for Joelia.

We embarked on the effort to support Joelia and save her grandchildren. We started by prayer and then provided the required food and medicine. **This was only possible because of you our dear partners and supporters.** No life was lost and today, the story of this family is very different. They are all healthy and are a testimony of God's love. Cathy is now sponsored by one of our friends and attends Act Junior School. She is a source of hope for the entire family. The entire family has hope for a better future. We made it together with Joelia!



And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ~ Hebrews 13:16

Prayer Requests

Yes, Prayer is a key part of our work! Please pray that:

- God continues to provide so that we are able to continue with furnishing our new dormitories. There are so many children waiting for an opportunity to study at our Junior and High schools. A total of \$300 is required for the furnishings of one student. Glory be to God, your generosity has allowed us to bring in 181 children this year already! Our goal is to furnish for 200 more students - 100 at the Junior School and 100 at the High School by year-end.
- God provides funds to complete the construction of the wall fence at the High School. There was a recent attack on one of the schools by rebels and over 40 students were killed. There was also poisoning at a school last week, which left over 200 children hospitalized. Government has advised that schools construct wall fences and employ trained security teams around the school. We need \$43,000 to complete the fence.
- Children and our staff remain in good health. Pray against Malaria in the approaching rainy season.
- God brings more children sponsors. There are more children and families needing a helping hand, to give them hope for a better future.
- God opens more doors for funding. We need to construct a new house for staff. A good number of our staff share a single room but this comes with several challenges. We need \$52,000 for this project. The new staff house will house 16 members of staff.



Donations are gratefully accepted through the web page, Zelle, PayPal, Venmo or by mail to: PO Box 1967, Auburndale, FL 33823.

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