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Meet Brenda Bisatu

We wanted to share more about the ACT schools with you, our valued sponsors and faithful supporters, so we interviewed one of the teachers at the High School ... and here is what we learned.

Brenda Bisatu grew up in Eastern Uganda, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Chemistry and Mathematics from Kyambogo University. Currently, Brenda is teaching Mathematics and Chemistry to 212 students a day at the ACT High School in Rakai. She is one of 25 Teachers and 11 Support Staff at the High School. There are another 47 teachers and 20 Support Staff at the ACT Junior (elementary) School.



Brenda is honored and excited to be teaching STEM classes (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) at the ACT high School. When asked why it's important to emphasize STEM courses, she said “[STEM subjects give children the opportunity to acquire practical skills which are crucial in today's life. Students are able to quickly think and come up with possible solutions to solve day-to-day problems.](#)”



her classes have as many girls as boys, and actually, some classes have more girls than boys. Specifically regarding the STEM classes, Brenda said, *“There are more girls doing STEM subjects at ACT High School than in any high school I know of.”*

She related that in her high school a few years ago, only 7 of the 45 children did STEM subjects. And she enthusiastically added, *“The focus on STEM subjects at ACT High School will give both girls and boys the same career opportunities. I have no doubt Rakai and Uganda will have more female doctors and engineers. ACT High School is promoting gender equality in professions related to STEM subjects, which is something new in Uganda.”*

Another favorite part of teaching for Brenda is the “character development” of students. She sincerely shared, *“I love the focus of the entire team on both academic excellence and character values, which make our students hardworking and disciplined. I think we have the most well-behaved teens in the entire world!”*





Agatha and her two siblings live with their mother, Noeline. She separated with her husband after discovering he was HIV/AIDs positive while she was negative. He was also polygamous and abusive. Noeline is the sole provider; struggling and unable to send her children to school. **Sponsorship would mean Agatha could go to school and would give hope to the entire family.**

There are many other children living in similar conditions as Agatha and her family!

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Join us on the 2024 Rakai Trip

hand at weaving a basket with the Hope Again Women? Please consider joining us on a trip to Uganda in February 2024. The total cost will be somewhere around \$3,000 per person.

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Thank you for your Generosity

Thank you for your generosity! The year-end matching challenge was met and we raised enough funds to build 4 new dormitories: 2 at the ACT Junior School and 2 at the ACT High School. Currently, the existing dormitories are near capacity. Your support will mean that 400 children will now be able to join the ACT schools.

We are raising funds to equip the schools for the additional students. A donation of \$300 will provide a student with a bed and bedding, mosquito net, a desk, chair and needed textbooks. Your donation will continue to give into the future as new students enter the schools.



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

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The Rakai district of Uganda is ground zero of AIDS. Since the disease was discovered in Rakai in 1982, more than a million people have died, leaving behind more than 1.2 million orphans. In Uganda, HIV/AIDS has significantly reduced life expectancy, depleted the labor force and reduced food security. Many children are being raised by elderly relatives and these children often have no choice but to work as laborers, rather than attend school. We need your help to change the lives of these children.

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