



2022 Key Milestones

Dear friends of Orphans Light,

We would like to honor all our family, friends, supporters and prayer partners for being with us on our journey of *"bringing education, hope, faith, and economic solutions to orphans and widows in Uganda"*.

2022 was another special year of God's continued providence for the community of Rakai because of your support and encouragement. We are so honored to be serving with you so many miles away. We never take your giving for granted. We look forward to a future of continued service with you.

Please take some time and look through the highlights below and share with us any questions or thoughts that you may have.

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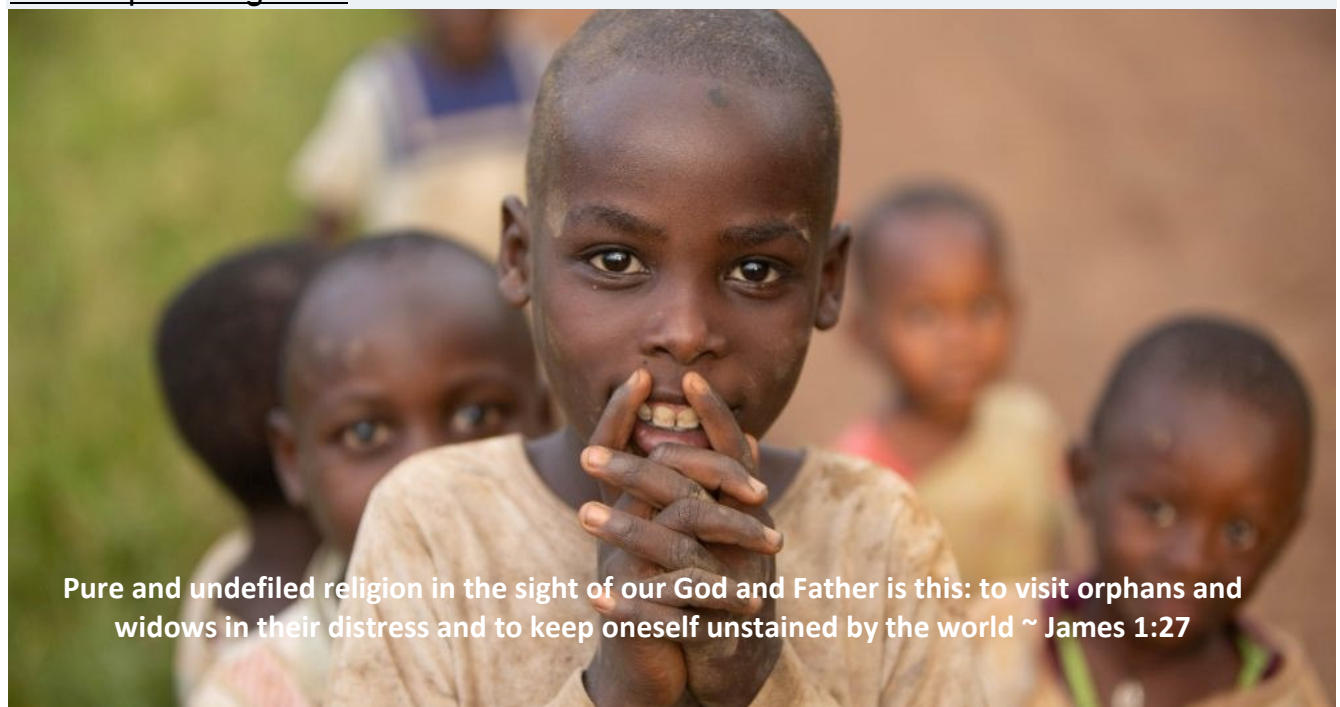
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Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world ~ James 1:27

Child Sponsorship Program

Our desire is for Child sponsorship to not only provide hope for a better future for the sponsored child and family but also impact to the sponsors' life and family.

It is a huge task-selecting children for sponsorship because so many families are in great need. As always, you can count on 100% of your sponsorship dollars being used to provide your sponsored child with education, food, clothing and medical requirements, but also gives us an opportunity to share the word of God, and His love with the rest of the family, to strengthen them amidst their many challenges.

There are more than 1200 Children benefitting from the sponsorship program! Orphans Light added 22 in 2022. We are so thankful for the new sponsors. Congratulations and welcome to the family. Let us add 44 in 2023. There are many more children waiting for a sponsor. Please share with someone you think may sponsor.



“Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.” ~ Anonymous

Junior School

812 children call this school HOME! 2022 was the fifth year of the school's existence and was another special year!

- Our staff continued to love and provide the children with high quality academic education embedded with values of humanity.
- All our children were in very good health, which enabled them to study well.
- Our children in Grade 7 excelled in their national tests - 47 in Division 1 (A*) and 23 in Division 2 (A). They all qualified to join High School.
- Our children reached out to the community to support the elderly by cleaning and weeding around their homes.
- Spiritual and Character development continued through our daily devotions and weekend fellowships.
- Our school participated in community sports competitions and emerged winners in Girls' netball and Boy's under 12 football.



“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” – Martin Luther King

This is exactly our dream for all the children for all the graduates of our school.



High School

Soon after opening our Junior school 2008, there was an obvious question! Where would the graduates of the Junior school attend their High school? The available community school was miles away and was very crowded. We needed a school with the same foundation as our Junior school. We could not find it in the community and knew only God could provide it. We took this need to God in prayer. Everyone was praying including the children at the Junior School. God started providing the funds through different people, item by item and by the start of 2022; we had enough facilities to start. More is needed as we grow, but we are amazed by God's provision through many of you.

The High School is an opportunity for both girls and boys to pursue dreams in STEM subjects and professions, something which is not common in Uganda. Because of the poverty, most girls usually won't make it to the high school. Like the Junior School, our staff is providing them with the highest academic education embedded with values of humanity. Today, 417 students call this place home; girls, like boys, are working very hard; pursuing their dreams of joining university.

At the start of 2023, we received funds from donors like you to construct 2 new dormitories, 1 for girls and another for boys. This will create space for more children.



Hope Again Women (HAW)

In all our programs in the Rakai community, we do recognize the extraordinary efforts made by women, often grandmothers and single mothers, to care for not only their young relatives but also many other orphans who have no one to turn to for assistance. We feel that supporting these women helps change a culture that is prone to marginalizing women. A total of 453 women were part of this program in 2022, up from 351 prior to the Covid outbreak.

These women make jewelry, baskets and other crafts that we sell in various places. We are so thankful to all of you that come and buy. Coming out of the Covid lockdown, 2022 incomes were so special for the women. Schools had restarted and these products were the only source of income for most women and their families in order to send their children back to school. Many HAW and their families depend on their incomes from the sale of their products for meals and other necessities of life. We welcome you back for another purchase or have a craft sale for us.



Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You do not have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some women have been able to start their own business such as a small store, a pineapple farm and a chicken-raising operation. They also contribute money to various AIM causes such as buying bedding for orphans.

Act Medical Center

With over 1,200 children in our schools, the Medical Center is such a great support for the schools and the entire community. We have been able to:

- Eliminate severe cases of Malaria - we never had a single case of severe malaria in 2022!
- Treat all skin infections
- Detect Chronic illnesses for early management.
- Support and treat people with HIV/AIDS, including children in our school.
- Reach out and provide free check-up services to the elderly.
- Provide pro-life counselling and support.
- Provide antenatal and maternity services in the community; helping 27 mothers deliver live babies in 2022 alone.
- Provide laboratory and scanning services.

At the end of 2022, we received a donation to add inpatient rooms to the facility. This will allow some patients to stay at the center (for some days) to receive treatment until they are stable.



Prayer Requests

Prayer is a key part of our work! Sometimes that all that we need and nothing else. Please pray that:

- God continues to protect and provide for all our sponsors, donors and prayer partners.
- God continues to move in the hearts and lives of all the children and adults under our care.
- God continues to provide for all the furnishings for our dormitories and classrooms, to create space for more children. Furnishings for one child cost a total of \$300 (including a bed, a mattress, a pair of bedsheets, a blanket, a mosquito net, and a classroom desk and chair). We would like to provide an opportunity to 100 children by the end of 2023 and 200 in 2024.
- God provides for the construction of two staff houses - one at the Junior school and another at the High School.
- God brings more child sponsors as many more children await having their dream come true of an education.



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

More 2022 Pictures

We are so thankful to God for everything. Looking forward to even a greater 2023 and the future ahead. One thing we know is that we need the support of each one of you and together we need other people. Please keep sharing with other people about what we are doing together.



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