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December 2023

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year 2024

Dear friends of Orphans Light,

It has been a special blessing having you as a part of the Orphans Light family in 2023. Your generosity has continued to impact more lives and households in Uganda.

We are so thankful for all the child sponsors, prayer team, and all special donors. Thank you for trusting us and for choosing to serve with us. We never take you for granted.

We hope that our 2023 achievements will be an encouragement for you as they are for all our teams. We are praying for a continued partnership with you in 2024 and the years ahead.

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul (3 John 1:2).

We wish you a Merry Christmas and 2024 filled with peace, joy and happiness in the Lord.

Please enjoy this video from the children <https://youtu.be/ZOX-Qd9QiG4>.

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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

100% of your sponsorship donation directly benefits your sponsored child. Your sponsorship dollars are used to provide your sponsored child with quality education, food, clothing and medical requirements. There are 138 children who are sponsored through Orphans Light at different education levels, including 2 at the university! 16 of these signed up in 2023! Sponsored children are able dream, like many children in our circles here in USA. Let us double that number in 2024 through your effort to spread the news about this amazing ministry.



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Meet Allan's Sponsor!

"I have had the opportunity to sponsor Allan for the past 10 years. It has been a blessing to me to watch him grow and to attend the University. He is such a bright young man and I am proud of how hard that he works. Not only does he work hard at school but he also works hard at home. I love getting letters from him. He updates me on his studies and his family as well. Allan has a heart to follow Jesus and to work hard. I am thankful to be just a small part to help him achieve his goals in life and I pray that he will continue to be a blessing to others as he continues to trust God and follow the path set before him."



2014: Allan writing a letter to his sponsor

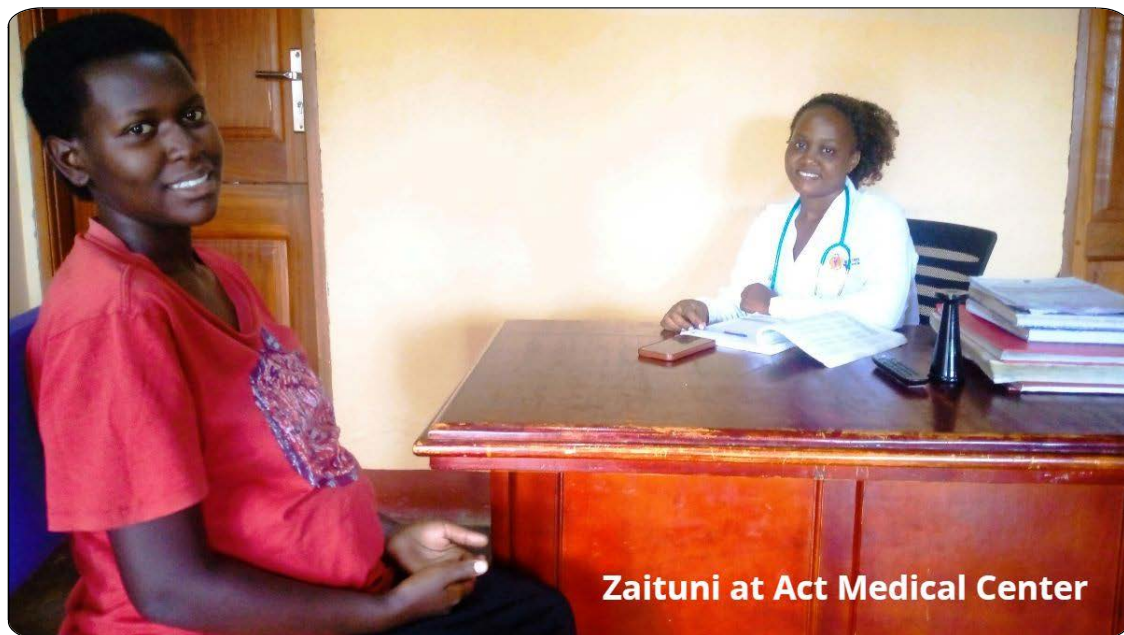


2023: Allan during his final Internship at Act High School

Act Medical Center

In addition to the Pregnancy Center Ministry, the facility continues to provide crucial medical services to our schools and the entire community. These include immunization, antenatal, maternity, laboratory, Ultra-sound, in-patient and outpatient. For just 2023, some numbers are amazing! Laboratory tests - 3,328 tests, Immunizations - 286 children, Maternity and Antenatal - 143 ladies, In-patients - 176 patients, Out-Patient - 2,145 patients, Pregnancy Center - 562 clients and Malaria treatment - 365 patients.

We are very thankful for all our donors for the medical center that enable us to provide critical medical services to people that cannot afford them especially the elderly and those involved in accidents. You are certainly saving lives!



Zaituni at Act Medical Center

Pregnancy Center Ministry

We continue to save more lives in Uganda. Our community team continues to

Most community schools welcomed the initiative and already testify that this has already reduced the dropout rates for especially girls who now know that abortion is not a good alternative.

Please pray that this effort continues to be embraced by other ministries and community groups.

Meet Resty and Matilda

Resty was in Grade 9 when she became pregnant early this year. The person she thought was helping her provide school fees and her other needs took advantage of her and eventually made her pregnant. Fearing the consequences, he denied being responsible and even warned her to never tell anyone about it. His only help was to advise her to carry out an abortion. Fortunately, she did not know what to do and in her effort to find help she met one of our Pregnancy Center community representatives. Today, baby Matilda is 3 months and Resty dreams going back to school.



Resty with baby Matilda on one of their visits to the Center

Meet Zaituni

She is 6 months pregnant and conceived while in school. This forced her to drop out of school. She was rejected by the family and had nowhere to go. After a few weeks of sleeping in the bushes she started looking out for a man that could take her for a wife. The man she found soon discovered that she was pregnant and demanded that she terminates the pregnancy. Zaituni accepted for fear of being sent away. She came to Act Medical Centre to be helped in the process. This is when she was referred to our Pregnancy Center team. Today,



Zaituni during one of her visits to the center

Our Schools

This was the 6th year for Act Junior School and only the second year for Act High School. The two schools are home for 1,286 children; 576 at the High School and 710 at the Junior school. After the all the disruption by Covid in 2020 and 2021, the schools were back to their normal this year; with all programs running smoothly. Both schools participated in community outreach programs where children visited and prayed with sick people at local community health centres and in various homes in the communities around the schools. 23 students and 17 community members accepted Christ. National tests at all levels were completed smoothly and test results will be released early next year. We believe our students will once again excel. The school year ended well and most of the children will spend the Christmas break with their guardians.



Act Junior School - Front View



Enjoying Act Junior School



Some High School Students enjoying their lunch in a shade



Special Projects

Security Wall

We are very thankful for all of you who have responded to our plea for support to be able to construct a wall fence around our Schools. We are already halfway the target. Please continue to pray with us for completion of this project by the start of the new school year. Construction will continue as God continues to provide from time to time. We are approaching our goals or \$10,000 matching funds. Thank you. Needing \$2,000 more.





Builders constructing the Security wall at Act High School.



We need the school safe for these young ladies; our future leaders.

New Dormitories

At the end of the year 2022, we were very limited on space in our dormitories. Painfully, we couldn't let in more children. God again surprised us by providing funds for 4 new dormitories - 2 at the Junior School and 2 at High School. We are again very grateful for all the people that send in gifts for this project. We are believing God for funds for furnishing so that we have space for more children at the start of the next school year.

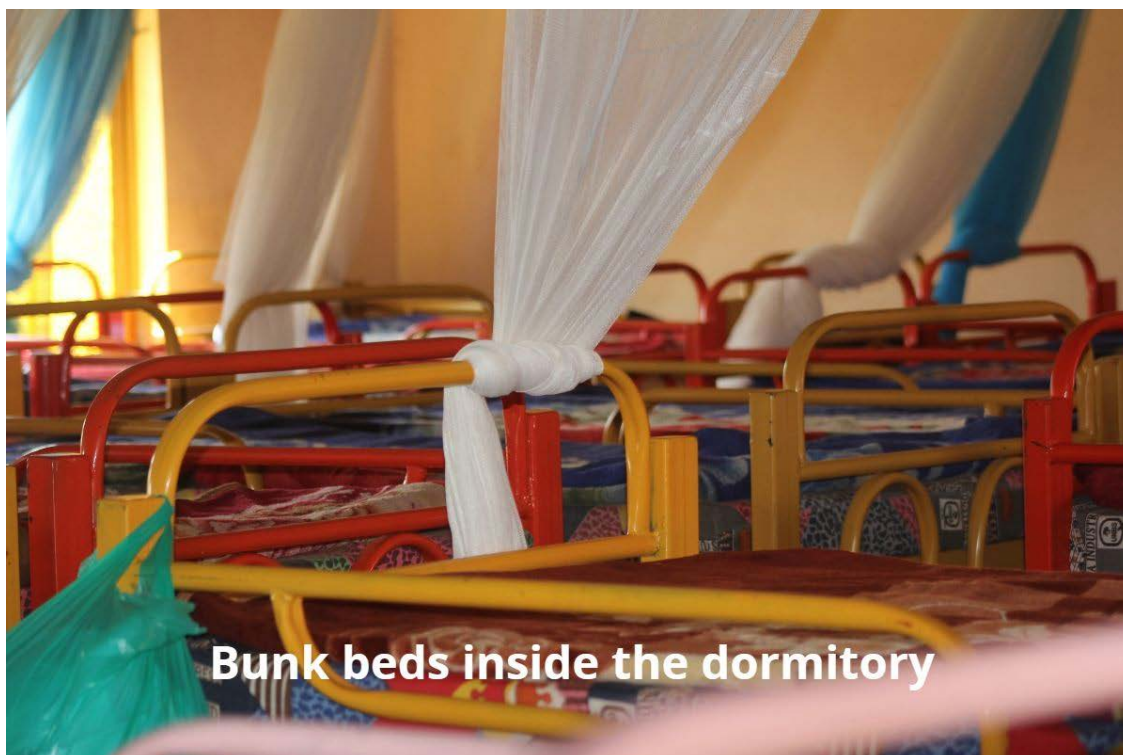


Continued Schools Furnishing

We are very thankful for all donations toward continued furnishings at both our Junior and High Schools. In 2023, we were able to welcome 186 new children into our schools. We are forever grateful to everyone who made donations toward this



Students of Act Junior School in their study room



Bunk beds inside the dormitory

Our Cows!

We now have 12 cows up from 7 in 2022. Our main goal is to get more milk for the children while teaching them how to look after these animals.



Please continue to pray for

- the safety of our children, especially during this long school break, as they live in their families.
- God's continued provision to enable us complete the construction of the School Security wall.
- God's continued provision and good health for all our dear sponsors and donors. Many children and programs still need their support.
- More child Sponsors and donors. There are many children needing a sponsor to have an opportunity for quality education.
- the security of schools in Uganda. There were deadly attacks on schools in 2023. We are thankful to God for protecting our schools.



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



Gilbert preparing a family meal

If you have question and/or suggestions.

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