

# Love a Child

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# Change the World

## UGANDA CHILD SPONSORSHIP



Thanks to all who sponsor a child in Uganda at Destineyville School!  
Below are the updates from Pastor James Luwaga.



## March 2021

Greetings from Uganda!

It's interesting how time passes very quickly. It indeed looks like ages ago when I last saw many of you face to face and yet it remains so fresh in my memory especially due to the frightful experience that I had while there. You remember it was during the early days of warnings concerning the Corona Virus and catching the deep flu, chest congestion and body pain all got me concerned and I know that a number of you were in the same state of concern together with me. The telephone exchanges, bountiful groceries and prayers all made it a reality for me to experience true love. I've told that story in many places here sharing about how we can practically demonstrate God's among the brethren.

Indeed God is amazing in how he accomplishes his plans of reaching the lost with the gospel. It's an incredible pastry when you look at the connections that God set up in partnering Barnabas and Paul, Philemon and Onesimus and many more. When we met it was indeed a divine arrangement for the result has seen more contribution to the work of the kingdom of God.

I am so delighted to see the impact that our partnership has had on the work of God and certainly I and my family are so amazed at the love and kindness we've experienced from you. We've found encouragement and acceptance not easily obtainable in today's competitive and self-interest society. And because of the love and support it's been very imperative that we do ministry with such interest and earnestness knowing that we are not alone.

In this episode I will share the bigger picture of what is happening and hopefully I will continue to share the related details in my future episodes.

Like I mentioned earlier, our partnership has provided support that has made it to continue in ministry in such a way:

*Picture of the school before and current*



- I have continued pastoring a vibrant church that has planted 5 (five) other churches. I am very proud to mention that 4 of the church plants are operating from permanent locations and are steadily growing, and the other is still looking for land that we can buy for the church. What is amazing is the opportunity to see how leaders have been raised who are now shouldering the responsibilities in these churches. I have had opportunities of baptizing a number of people from these church plants, what a joy to participate in the global movement of making God known and expanding His kingdom. Our prayer is that we continue to plant more churches that also plant other churches.
- Child education has always been a deep passion and a great area of need in Uganda. Over 24,000,000 (twenty four million) children have lost one or both parents and struggle to make it to school. Providing an opportunity for over 120 s needy children to go to school is a great honor. I have continued overseeing the establishment of a primary school that has progressed from pupils learning under tree shades to a modern school with proper buildings, desks, and professional teachers. We hope to build more schools as a way of sustainably supporting needy orphans.
- I have been able to inspire other Christian leaders to engage in the double-handed gospel (that is catering for the spiritual and physical needs of the people).
- My children have continued school with two of them now sitting final exams for the next level of learning.

I am so honored to be a part of the SF family and especially being the hands to many of you that can't come and touch the children and or do the work that you are a much part of through your prayer and giving. May God bless you for your faithfulness and continued support to the work we are doing here.

I continue to stand with all of you in prayer and please do remember us in your prayers as face these turbulent waters of uncertainty with the COVID19.

James Luwaga  
Pastor Jubilee Fellowship



## March 2021

Hey TSF, we are living in very exciting times. We are pushing on with our call to support children's learning. Our government has come up with a very prolonged and phased plan for schools opening. Higher classes are allowed in school and lower classes are encouraged to stay at home and find alternative means of learning. As a ministry we decided together with parents that since children come from same localities and have minimal interaction with people outside of the community, we can have the kids learning outside of school. Our experience is that as children stay out of school for a longer time, the interest in learning dwindles and they struggle in their learning. There are a number of pupils not only in our schools but also in others that we interact with, who have openly said they can't go back to class. The number of teenage pregnancies is growing, young people in petty jobs especially as hawkers for merchandise, and some loitering villages looking scrap to sell for quick money. We are grateful that the sponsorship program has kept many children in school. We stand to proclaim hope even in such confused moments even as we share the love of God with those supported. Thanks so much for all the hard work to make the sponsorship possible!

Blessings,

Pastor James Luwaga







## February 2021

Greetings from Uganda,

The education system has totally been altered and although schools are allowed to operate, they can only do so by allowing shifts of learners into the school premises. Right now the candidate classes are allowed in schools; in two weeks one additional class (P.6) will be allowed to join them. At the beginning of March we'll have the candidate classes do their final exams and leave the school creating room to two additional classes (P.5 and P.4) to join. As for the lower classes the directive is to provide them with home work. This regulation does not affect schools offering International education system of learning.

So basing on this new set up, our school has decided to conduct home schooling support for P. 1 to P.3. This will be done in clusters of 15 children gathering in identified homes where a teacher will visit for two hours a day to give guidance and additional homework. The goal is to provide opportunity for the children to continue getting guidance from a professional teacher since the majority of parents don't know how to read and write and therefore can not offer any form of support into the child's learning process.

In the meantime we are taking every chance and every available penny to continue improving our school facilities so as to offer a hygienic and conducive learning environment. We have completed putting concrete floors in all classrooms therefore eliminating the dust from the classrooms; and all classrooms have walls which makes learning easy in all weather. We have repaired all broken desks and plan to make a few new ones so that we can implement the So So distance as required by the standing regulations. The school is working on a better food storage and handling procedure as part of improving the general hygiene.

Our teachers have continued working under very uncertain conditions and yet they continue to be hopeful for a better future.

We continue to thank the TSF family for the love and support offered to make the dream of providing affordable quality primary education possible especially for the target needy children in our catchment area.

## February 2021

The schools are running okay in the current confusion especially that teachers are not allowed to have good contact with kids, and kids are not allowed any games where they can interact. We've not had any incident of COVID19 with either the teachers or kids.

For the lower classes, we have organized the kids to meet in homes gazetted through the Parents/Teachers meeting. Teachers rotate in the homes teaching one topic a day and giving homework. This is much better than learning on radio as recommended by government.

The church is doing okay, we are meeting in smaller numbers also keeping the social distance. We hope and pray that God will make us stronger even as we go through this period of uncertainty.





## **DECEMBER 2020**

2020 has been a year confused with the threats of COVID19 and government lockdowns that totally disoriented our academics, businesses, social life and religious functions. Many people were affected with especially the lockdowns to the extent that domestic violence, suicides and family breakdowns were rampant. Large populations of some urban dwellers were forced into hunger due to the closure of small businesses that account for their daily living.

This impacted on us with similar measures and we were forced to look for options of helping the needy households in our reach. The mercy of God unfolded when we received food support from the Sanctuary Fellowship that saw us distribute food to over 400 households. It was such a heavenly blessing as families received food portions to last them months while government food support was only for three days.

Later the schools were allowed partial opening and we tactfully allowed in three classes to attend school after a long strenuous assessment process. The teachers and the pupils have continued steadily with academics with no alarming incidents. Next week we close the school term with a lot of gratitude and thanks giving to God and the sponsors of needy children. The sponsorship funds have been the life line to keep us going as regular parents are still struggling to make ends meet. Operation requirements were that pupils had to stay in school once they arrived in the morning only to leave in the evenings. So we had to provide them with break porridge and lunch, we had to cater for the disinfectants, feed teachers, pay salaries, pay teachers rent and improve the security of the school premises. We trust that the good Lord who has brought us this far will see us through to a decent closure.