

REPORT FROM UGANDA – May 2011

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I have just returned from my third mission trip to Uganda and wanted to give all the sponsors in Montana, Olympia, and Ocean Shores a quick report on the Restoration School. Dan Kibirige brought together all the sponsored kids from our three churches even though the school was on break. I had a chance to meet most of the children (left picture on next page) and tour the new facilities. I must emphasize that *your continued support is making a huge difference!*

These students cannot receive any education without this church. Their families cannot afford to send them to private boarding school and there is only one public school servicing 300,000 people in their area. Restoration Church gives these kids a chance to walk to a school and get an education while living at home in an extremely poor community.

I also want to emphasize the excellent financial integrity of this program. As you can see from the pictures below, your gifts have not only helped the students get an education, but have contributed towards the construction of a permanent facility (left) to replace the previous one (right). The students will begin classes in the new facility the end of May.



Dan Kibirige's primary task as the sponsorship coordinator is to ensure your student's educational needs are met...even if they have left Nakulabye. It is important to understand that most of these families are *extremely low-income*, which means your student might move out of the area because their family was forced to relocate. Dan is committed to try to keep contact with your student and continue their support in another part of Kampala if possible, or give you the option of sponsoring a new student in the local area.

I have two final requests to make on behalf of the sponsorship program:

Please be in prayer for God to provide funds to purchase an adjacent piece of property for the school. The land owned by the church is shaped like a rectangle with a small square cut out of the corner of it. That square is now available for purchase for about \$7000 USD. It is pictured below right – including the gray building on the left a few feet from the new construction. This piece of property is a key piece in the future growth of the school.



Please support A ONE-TIME INCREASE of \$5 per month to provide lunch for your students. Daniel and I spoke at length about this need and how to present it to all the sponsors in America. Ugandan costs for food and gas have greatly increased in the past year. While I was visiting Uganda, there were demonstrations by the public of the high costs of basic living needs.

Additionally, these children walk to school from the local slum area and *do not bring any food with them*. They physically are getting tired by the afternoon and the lack of nutrition is impacting their education. Restoration Assembly School wants to provide lunches for your child every school day but this will require a one-time increase in your support from \$20 per month to \$25 per month. I assured Dan that families in America would understand this need and support such an increase to provide 20 lunches for their students if they were able to do so.

I am available to be reached by phone (360-589-8132) or email if I can answer questions concerning the sponsorship program (fccpastor@coastaccess.com). Our goal is to begin the lunches as soon as possible so we ask that your next contribution would reflect the one-time increase of \$5 per month.

God Bless you and thank you for your support...!