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WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON



December 2020 --

The ChristAid Board of Directors and Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish each of our supporters a personal and meaningful celebration of Christmas in your heart this year. To all of you who have lovingly provided the gift of sponsorship to a struggling Grandma or made school attendance possible for a desperately poor child, we send you these words of truth from the Lord: **"For whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine - you did for Me."** Matthew 25:40

The Board is sadly aware that 2020 was a painful year for many due to the Covid pandemic bringing unexpected health concerns, financial stress, severe restrictions on our personal freedoms and even loss of life. We are so grateful that ChristAid International has been able to send a great amount of Covid assistance to Uganda in these troubled times, through the generous gifts you have still managed to provide. We are literally keeping people in the Uganda ChristAid community alive by your gifts and love. Both the givers and the receivers should take courage in remembering that **"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."** Deuteronomy 31:8. Thank you for your gifts of love, your big hearts and for your prayers for God's people that we care for and serve, many thousands of miles away.

Meet Grandma Tereza Mwamba, a widow and resident of the Kisomoro township, who is 86 years old. Sadly, Grandma Tereza has lived long enough to see seven of her eight children pass away leaving one daughter who lives far away. Grandma lives with two of her ten grandchildren (ages 8 and 16) whom she sends out to garden for other people, in the hopes they will receive food in payment so the three of them are able to eat for another day. Praise God for Uganda's many sunny days and fertile volcanic soil!!

Grandma Tereza has high blood pressure and joint pain from her own life of gardening on her knees these many long years. If you are moved to support this Grandma with \$35 per month, it would give her security and dignity which she has not experienced for a long time. Also, this entitles her to medical care at the MK Hospital which she badly needs. Please consider helping this Grandma or others on the ChristAid website, also with profound needs.



CHRISTAID VIRTUAL BANQUET

On October 2nd, ChristAid held its first ever "virtual event" - switching from our usual fall Fundraiser Banquet to an on-line giving event (masked and socially distanced wherever possible) where we sponsored **FOUR** Grandmas and **EIGHT** new Ahadi kids to attend school!! Thank you Jesus for the new sponsors who stepped up to change lives forever!!

A BIG thank you to those of you who called in to assist us in reaching our goal of raising \$30,000 for our programs for 2021, and for a donor who gave \$8,500 for a fourth Grandma Duplex in the Grandma Village complex we are currently building. The Village will benefit the numerous homeless Grandmas on our sponsorship program. (see more below)

We greatly appreciate the help of Casey King and Pastor Brandon Goad who were our technical team during the event and many sponsors and Ugandan staff members who sent videos for us to share with you about projects and progress! A giant shout-out to Board members Rick and Nancy Hollis who spent many hours learning how ChristAid might take better advantage of social media to tell our ChristAid story!!

(Left to right)... Our Executive Director, Pastor Bruce and ChristAid President, Terry Oman, were the hosts for our three-hour live event on the ChristAid Website. **(The event in its entirety may still be viewed on our website.)** If you missed it please take time to drop in and see what's new at ChristAid!! Director Grace and others sent awesome videos revealing what God is doing in Uganda!! **You will be amazed!**

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THOUGHTS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PASTOR BRUCE.....

ChristAid was established in 1995 to meet the needs of the desperately poor of southwest Uganda, and that ministry continues to expand as we announce the construction of the "Grandma Village" to meet the needs of the homeless Grandmas on our sponsorship program.

Through the "Shelters in the Storm" program, thirty homes have been built for Grandmas whose houses were in serious disrepair, but what do you do when you have no home and no property? For the Grandmas experiencing that reality, they feel only fear, hopelessness and desperation. Now that will change as the Grandma Village will provide them with a safe and permanent place to live.

Six duplexes will eventually be built providing living space for 12 Grandmas. Presently four duplexes are funded with construction slated to start immediately!! An outdoor kitchen for the residents of the Grandma Village to use and a gazebo to provide them with a place to congregate in the shade will be built. The land purchased for the Grandma Village is large enough to provide each grandma with a garden plot so they can raise vegetables for their own consumption.

Finally, there will be a cemetery area available for the residents. A place to be buried is very important to the people of Uganda, and this usually occurs at the property where they are living when they pass. It is a fear for our homeless Grandmas that they currently do not have property on which to be buried. They will find comfort and peace in knowing there is a place for them at the Grandma Village.

Thank you to all who have contributed to make the Grandma Village a reality. Contributions are still needed to finish the entire project.

CHRISTAID SECONDARY SCHOOL - READY FOR STUDENTS - JANUARY 2022

The ChristAid Secondary School building construction is complete, thanks to the generous support of our partner in ministry, Cunina!! With their help, we have been able to realize the dream of having a secondary school campus adjacent to our ChristAid Primary School so that students can continue on with their Christian education in rural Kicuna. We will be taking the next year to navigate through the school's licensing requirements and the hiring of teachers and other staff in this restrictive "covid environment". Also, we will be fund raising for supplies like desks, chairs, books and equipment prior to the grand opening in January 2022. (As you can see, the building is quite empty!!) Also, we may need to dig a well for the school. Please consider donating to this exciting project on the ChristAid website: ChristAidintl.org



The Secondary School is anticipated to have 214 Secondary students at the beginning of the first year. They will be students coming in from our ChristAid Academy and the surrounding area. ChristAid is well known for running an education program which is highly ranked in the nation of Uganda and we expect to attract many students for this reason. We will, however, give priority to our own ChristAid Primary Academy P7 students!!



Left....Mary Agondeze is six years old and loves to sing and draw. She will not be able to remain in Preschool because of the financial hardship within her family. Her father drives a bodaboda (motorcycle taxi) for income but cannot support the fees for her and her three sisters and brother to remain in school. Her mother cares for two elderly neighbors for income, but it is not enough. Please consider keeping Mary in school for \$40 per month. Without education her future is bleak.

Right.... Patrick Muhereza is also six years old and needs a loving sponsor. His father is the night guard at the ChristAid Academy working to support his three children. They live on a very small plot where they grow crops to sustain themselves. There is also a high dependency of other people who stay with the family. It would be a huge blessing for Patrick to receive a sponsorship to stay in school. Please call the ChristAid office if you are moved to help one of these kids (or any others on our website) to a better life through Christian education in our ChristAid Preschool. Call, email, or use our email Contact Form at Christaidintl.org/contact



Estate Planning and Naming ChristAid as a Beneficiary

Recently, ChristAid received notice that a long-time sponsor had added ChristAid to their Estate plans to provide for their sponsorships to be covered after their death, for a certain number of years or in the case of a student, throughout their school career. What a thoughtful gift for the security of the sponsored family members in Uganda!

If you would like to provide for ChristAid in general, or for someone in the ChristAid community in Uganda to be a beneficiary in your will, first please include the following information:

ChristAid Inc. doing business as ChristAid International
PO Box 1374, Arvada, CO. 80001
Tax ID # 84-1296086

Next determine the type of gift you plan on leaving. You may choose to give:

- A specific dollar amount
- Specific assets (like a vehicle or stocks)
- Some percentage of the total estate

Thirdly, please be sure to note whether the gift is restricted or unrestricted in its use. Unrestricted gifts will be used by ChristAid where most needed at the time of the receipt of the gift.

To make a restricted gift, use the same language in your will as with an unrestricted gift, but add that the gift must be used for a specific purpose. Please itemize whatever conditions or restrictions you would like associated with the gift. Common restrictions could include limiting the gift to a particular project or program.... or continuing to pay for your Ugandan family member's sponsorship for a certain amount of time or until they are out of school.

Charitable bequests such as these, may reduce the amount of estate tax other beneficiaries may owe. To learn more about estate taxes and how to reduce them, see an estate tax professional. If you have other general questions about involving ChristAid in your estate planning, please contact our Executive Director, Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp, through the ChristAid office. **1-866-933-7552** or use our email

[Contact Form](https://www.christaidintl.org/contact) at [Christaidintl.org/contact](https://www.christaidintl.org/contact)

If you would like to send your sponsored Ugandan family member a Christmas gift, please refer to our website for gift ideas and cost estimates, or feel free to send a cash gift which ChristAid will help the recipient to spend wisely! These monetary gifts can be sent anytime, and the office will process and send them in mid-December for distribution.

MAKE 2021 A MEANINGFUL YEAR! APPRECIATE BEAUTY WHEREVER YOU CAN FIND IT!!
.....DANCE, SING AND PRAY..... AND HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. PEACE AND JOY TO ALL
IN THE COMING YEAR FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT CHRISTAID !!

