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CHRISTAID IN 2021 - GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL !!

The ChristAid Board of Directors is looking ahead with great enthusiasm for what will be accomplished this year, as you will read in the pages that follow. Please pray with us for the health of Director Grace in Uganda who is recovering from a second bout of malaria! At left... is her son, Joshua, the unofficial mascot of ChristAid, who at age two speaks both Rutooro and English! May God bless our US and Ugandan ChristAid communities in 2021!!

CHRISTAID BRINGS "I-BEAM CONSTRUCTION" TO FORT PORTAL

Work is progressing well on the ChristAid office building, designed to bring self-sustainability to ChristAid. The first floor is nearing completion. It currently houses the ChristAid Uganda staff and a large banquet room which will soon be rentable to the public. The remaining two floors will have I-Beam construction which is a very new concept to the town of Fort Portal.

This choice will save approximately 20% on construction costs and make for a lighter building. Our ChristAid workers are scheduled to train with the I-Beam Contractor we are bringing in from Kampala, so that they can learn and be proficient at this construction themselves. These higher floors will have apartments for rent, bringing long term income to ChristAid. We welcome donations to help us finish this amazing project.



Here are two of the numerous Grandmas featured on our CA website who are in great need of sponsorship. At left, **Seperanza Bonabana** has five people to provide for (at age 69). She does this by doing gardening on her knees for other people, hoping to be paid in food. **Tereza Kabanyoro** (78) in much the same distress, has three dependents relying on her. Their struggles are great but their faith in God to sustain them is strong. If God so touches your heart, please consider sponsoring one of them for \$35 per month which provides medical care, food, medicines and **most of all hope!!** Email or go to: ChristAidIntl.org/Grandmas-for-Jesus





GRAB YOUR SHADES AND PANAMA HAT ...TAKE A SEAT IN THE CHRISTAID TOUR BUS ... AND LET'S CHECK OUT THE "GRANDMA VILLAGE" TOGETHER !!

Travelling south from Fort Portal, Uganda (population 42,500) on the road toward Kampala, you will see on the right-hand side of the road, the new "ChristAid Grandma's Village" .

As we enter the Grandma's compound, you will observe the front of the first **Grandma duplex** being built. Notice the wide front veranda which features two front doors opening in opposite directions for private entrances for each Grandma. The building is three feet wider than a regular Grandma house and has two additional windows.



Now that we have driven around to the back side, you will see that there are two separate back doors, which lead to the community garden and the latrine areas. The rebar protruding above the building is ready to receive the "ring beam" which is a concrete ledge which will later stabilize the roof. The Shelters in the Storm crew are currently building the roof trusses.

Just around the corner we can take a peek at the foundation being started for the third duplex (of six) and the all- important **LATRINE** facilities. There are latrines planned for two corners of the complex, and they are 4-seaters!! The bus will stop for **ONLY** ten minutes, so please return to the bus in a timely manner. Please take special care to secure your cameras and other valuables while using the facilities, as the pit below the latrine is more than 45 feet deep. You will be responsible for any retrievals that are necessary. 😊



In two short miles, we conclude our tour back at the newly occupied ChristAid Offices on your left. On the right side of the building you see work is in progress to complete the banquet facilities. If you would like to leave a tip for your tour guide, you may do so in shillings or send a check to ChristAid with the memo line "Finish that Grandma Village!!" We are fundraising for one more duplex (\$8,500) , water tanks and 12 rocking chairs!! 😊

PASTOR BRUCE - ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW CHRISTAID SECONDARY SCHOOL

When Grace became our Uganda Director in 2017, she talked about taking ChristAid to "the next level". The fruition of that can be seen in a number of ways, but none more clearly than in the opening of a ChristAid Secondary School. While our Primary School has been providing a Christian education for the children of Kicuna for over 20 years, the students have been required to attend boarding schools far outside of the area for their secondary education.

That is about to change....

The ChristAid Secondary School is scheduled to open in January of 2022. The Ugandan school year begins in January, unlike in the US where it begins in September, so the next school year will see the opening of the only Secondary School in the Kicuna area. The opportunity to provide the students in the area with a secondary education is truly taking ChristAid to the next level !!



Director Grace and
Headmaster, Martin Sanyu

We are pleased to announce the hiring of our Headmaster for the new Secondary school, Mr. Martin Sanyu. He has significant experience as a secondary school headmaster. Martin is married with two small children and is a committed Christian. We are blessed to have him leading the way in the preparations for opening the school.

Martin's time between now and January, will be consumed with hiring quality teachers, recruiting students, establishing curriculum, and purchasing materials. He will also be involved in setting up the science labs, computer room and library.

Cunina, our partner who built the secondary school, has also committed to provide the school with desks, chairs, and bunk beds for our boarding school dormitories. (Some students live in the immediate area and others will be coming in from Fort Portal or other near-by villages and will need boarding facilities.) We continue to work with Cunina and appreciate their contributions.

We are presently working on providing enough clean water for use at the school. We have permission to tap into a water supply that provides irrigation water to the area, but the water is not potable. We will be required to purchase a large purification system to make it clean enough for our use. If you would be interested in contributing to the cost of the purification system, we would be very appreciative. Contact me (Bruce) at vandussel@comcast.net with questions.

Opening a secondary school is a huge challenge, but such a great blessing towards the education of the children in the Kicuna area. Thank you for your past support, and we look forward to your continued support as we move forward with the opening of the school.

Peace, Pastor Bruce

KEEP THE LOVE AND THE LETTERS FLOWING TO UGANDA!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
Maggie Van Dusseldorp, Sponsor Communications

Springtime is on the way! I think we are all looking forward to the hope and renewal that Spring brings! We are also thankful for the help and presence of our loving Father through the past year. We thank Him for taking care of our ChristAid family in the US and overseas. There have been many changes and many prayers offered from all -both those stateside and people in Uganda.

The relationships that we have with the Grandmas and the Ahadi kids are so important. We have all been very concerned about the other. Please take time to write and let your Grandma or Ahadi kid know how you are doing and to encourage them also, during this time.

Vaccines are getting close for us, but it may be a while before they will be available in Uganda. There are still many questions, but we trust our merciful Lord to be our help. May the promise of Psalms 46 give us hope for now and always:

Psalms 46:1. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Please write a letter to share your faith, hope, love and encouragement. Thank you for being a ChristAid sponsor. You are making a life-changing difference.

You may send a physical letter to the ChristAid offices, send one through the website, email a letter to the CA office or send one to me at (vandussel@comcast.net). We will be sure to get them to Uganda for delivery. Again, thank you for your sponsorship, love and help! Thank you for caring.

God bless you! Maggie

Meet little Miss Shukran Kabajunga

SHUKRAN is almost seven and lives in a household where her mother stays home with her, as well as two other daughters and a son. Her father is a day laborer at a construction site who can't always find work to feed the family or to pay her school tuition.

SHUKRAN is enrolled in our Pre-School but is unable to attend on a regular basis because of the lack of funds. If you feel led to help her and her family by providing sponsorship it would be a great joy to the family and a chance at a meaningful life for this sweet girl.

The fees to sponsor a student are \$40 per month which provides the uniform, daily lunch and learning materials. To sponsor her or another student, call the office at 1-866-933-7552 or go to the CA website ChristAidIntl.org/ahadi-kids God Bless!

