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A THOUGHT TO CARRY INTO THE  
NEW YEAR...  
← Paraphrased from the  
Book of Acts 20:20

Please join the ChristAid Board of Directors in **FEARLESSLY** praying in 2023 for God's provision in working toward our **Mission Statement shown below:**

**"Putting God's love in action by providing relief, Christian care and education to children and families in Uganda, for the glory of God."**

## **\*\* ANNUAL FALL BANQUET- DATE SET FOR 2023 \*\***

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE **2023 FALL FUNDRAISER BANQUET** WILL BE HELD AT **WATERSTONE CHURCH** IN LITTLETON AGAIN IN 2023. THE RESERVED DATE IS **FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!!**

OUR AUTHENTIC AFRICAN CATERER WILL AGAIN BE SERVING A BUFFET OF OUR FAVORITE AFRICAN FOODS, AS WELL AS HOT CHAI TEA AND THOSE DELIGHTFULLY WARM DONUTS WHILE THE SILENT AUCTION IS GOING ON. (WE EVEN HAVE A NEW INTERESTING IDEA OF HOW TO HANDLE THE SILENT AUCTION IN A SIMPLER WAY!)

**YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!**

The all-volunteer ChristAid Board will be heading into our annual day-long planning retreat in February to schedule the year's other fun events like the zoom sessions with Uganda in the spring! Keep watch for more dates and big plans! Join us in praying for inspiration and God's guidance as we move forward.

THOUGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PASTOR BRUCE  
MISSION TRIPS 2023....



Pastor Bruce and Maggie with their sponsored student, Jovan, on the August 2022 mission trip.

After three years of not being able to travel to Uganda because of Covid-related travel restrictions, it is once again possible for us to plan mission trips. Have you been feeling the urge to become more hands-on in your support of the work of ChristAid? **Perhaps 2023 is your year.**

Possible plans for a July/August trip are being considered. Final plans are, of course, dependent upon a few things including safety of travel and interested persons. Nonetheless, if you have an interest in being part of a mission trip to see, experience and help with the ChristAid ministry in Uganda, please contact me (Bruce Van Dusseldorp) as soon as possible. I may be reached at:

[vandussel@comcast.net](mailto:vandussel@comcast.net)

It is not necessary that you are certain you want to be part of a trip to contact me. If you need more information before deciding, that is completely understandable. When I hear from you, I will be in touch to answer questions and help you make a good decision. **I look forward to hearing from you.**



For example -First evening in Uganda - dinner at Resty's home with the Board and all Uganda staff members. Worshipping at the Cathedral in Fort Portal. (You might enjoy the dancing...)

**PROPOSED INCREASE TO SUPPORT A "GRANDMA FOR JESUS" STARTING IN JANUARY**

For several months the Board has thoughtfully debated the growing need for our "Grandmas for Jesus" to receive more support each month than the current sponsorship amount of \$35 provides. **We are proposing an increase of \$5 per month, bringing the Grandma sponsorship amount to \$40 beginning in January.**

There are two reasons why the Grandmas need this additional help. As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, the cost of food is astronomical in Uganda right now. The Grandmas are seriously struggling to take care of their basic needs. Also, the cost of their health care insurance is not covering the actual costs of their medical care, so we are needing to increase the amount of money available to continue this important benefit as well.

If increasing the cost of sponsorship is a hardship on anyone who is currently sponsoring a Grandma, please contact the ChristAid office. If you are comfortable to begin sending \$40 per month beginning in January, please make arrangements to add the extra \$5 to your monthly gift. **God bless you for your love of our sometimes weak and vulnerable Grandmas.**



## SPONSORSHIPS OF GRANDMAS AND SCHOOL STUDENTS (AHADI KIDS) ARE THE BACKBONE OF CHRISTAID



**Esther Kyamagero**, whose birthdate is not known for sure, is about five years old and is in the Preschool "middle" class. This sweet girl lives with her three brothers and her mother who has been left to provide for her family by herself. Her mother does peasant farming to raise food for the kids and to earn money for only their most basic needs.

**Her mom has failed to raise school fees, so Esther has had to leave school, which she loves so much.** She is broken hearted as she wants to be a nurse someday! She loves the "story-telling" at school and is a good student. Her job at home is to carry water in jugs from the nearby spring. Her school fees are \$40 per month. If this situation tugs at your heart, read the details below about how to be a loving sponsor to Esther!

**Ivory Tumusiime** is a Preschool student who is in serious need of love and sponsorship! His single mother is often at the school pleading for a grace period to keep him in school even though she is unable to pay the fees. **She understands that without an education his life will be a difficult struggle.**

Ivory has managed to progress from the "baby class" at the Preschool into the "middle" class but will not be able to continue his learning without help from a sponsor. Please read below how a \$40 a month sponsorship can transform his life. (He also loves the story telling at the Preschool.)

To sponsor the needy children or the Grandma below, please call the office or go to our website for sponsoring instructions. [ChristAidIntl.org/sponsorships](http://ChristAidIntl.org/sponsorships)



At left - Mercy, the Director of the Preschool, and Marcee Martin from the ChristAid Board met during the August mission trip to discuss issues and opportunities at the ChristAid Preschool. Apparently, there is some great storytelling going on there as both students shown above think it is the best part of the school day!! Besides having the loving support of a Christian teacher, the sponsored students receive a uniform, a daily lunch, and their learning materials. Access to the playground is also a big hit!

**Grandma Zoromina Kabasomi** shown at right, is 81 years old and lives near the new "Grandma Village" in the district called Gweri. She is weak and struggling to feed herself and her 12-year-old grandson who lives with her. They try to find work digging in other people's gardens in the hope that they will receive payment in food, so they can survive. It is not surprising that Grandma has ulcers and high blood pressure. **A sponsorship would mean the world to her!**

The cost of sponsorship \$40 per month would provide her with healthcare and money to purchase food staples and other basic needs.

Please see the ChristAid website for details on sponsoring her and to see other Grandmas and Ahadi kids who also need assistance. God bless you for caring about God's people in Uganda! [ChristAidIntl.org/sponsorships](http://ChristAidIntl.org/sponsorships)





Left to right -  
Lisa Balstad shown with  
Board member, Dr. Kathy  
Hassell, on the August  
2022 mission trip to  
Uganda.

## A NEW BOARD MEMBER FOR CHRISTAID

Announcing the addition of Lisa Balstad to the ChristAid Board of Directors for 2023. Lisa hails from Parkman, Wyoming, and has been serving ChristAid as a social media specialist for many months. You may have seen her interesting posts on our Facebook page. She will be attending our meetings by zoom and/or in person.

Lisa went on the recent mission trip to Kicuna where she visited the ChristAid schools, office project and attended Grandma House dedications. Her excellent photography skills documented the trip and provided many of the great photographs we showed at the Fall Banquet this year.

We are pleased to have Lisa on the Board and look forward to her thoughtful contributions to our work in Uganda.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR 2022 FALL FUNDRAISER BANQUET LAST SEPTEMBER

Our Fall Fundraiser banquet was very successful in raising funds for the Secondary School including the funds to complete the new housing units for our headmasters (Richard and William), and to secure funds to remodel their current living spaces into additional classrooms for the new Secondary school. These two construction projects are well underway and will be functional when the new school term starts, approximately February 6<sup>TH</sup>.

We also raised the funds to send over teacher salaries for the Secondary school for a four-month period while the school adjusted its budget to compensate for devastatingly high food costs to feed our boarding students. The cost of food in Uganda is an extremely serious problem throughout the country, with the war in Ukraine affecting the ability to import needed food items. It has been a huge blessing to the school to have this additional salary support in its first year of operation. Like in any other "business", the first year is tough going!

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED CHRISTAID IN ANY WAY LAST YEAR!

Together we have assisted approximately 145 Grandmas with daily living expenses and health care. We have blessed 160 school kids to a better life through Christian education and have continued to build Grandma houses, complete the Grandma Village, and made notable progress on the Office Project to provide self-sustainability for ChristAid. **God bless you all for the love and concern you display by helping ChristAid be God's hands and feet in Uganda.**