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SECURE YOUR "TICKET-TO-RIDE" TO THE CHRISTAID FALL FUNDRAISER

The ChristAid Fall Fundraiser will be held on Friday evening, October 6, 2023, at Waterstone Community Church in Littleton, CO. Just like the train tracks, ChristAid is focused on travelling straight ahead to meet the needs of many "Ahadi" kids and "Grandmas for Jesus" in Uganda.



So "All-Aboard" for authentic African cuisine, a brief update of ChristAid news and the opportunity to help our Ugandan friends and sponsored family members feel the hand of God providing for them. Please save the date! (That was October 6th). More specific details to follow in the next newsletter. We'll save you a seat on the train!

Individual ticket prices for the buffet-style banquet will be \$45 each, with a table of eight priced at \$350. Please consider "buying a table" and finding seven hungry friends or neighbors who might be moved by the ChristAid story!!

See page four for more on the Banquet from Pastor Bruce.)

Thank you for your generous support for the needs of the ChristAid schools. Inflation, especially for food, created major challenges and you responded generously to the need. Now we would like to inform you about our plans to help the situation for the long term. ChristAid has always owned land below the primary school but has never really used it. We are presently fencing that and will be planting banana trees and vegetables to provide food for the students. Interestingly, the fences are required to keep animals out, so they do not eat the plants!

We also have a small parcel near the secondary school that will be used to graze six dairy cows. The cows will produce milk for the students and some income through the selling of their calves. These two projects will provide hands on training for your students as well. Thanks to the generosity of a couple of the Board members, the cost of the fencing is covered, and we have a start on the cost of the dairy cows and a shelter for them. If you would like to help, please go to the website where you will find a link to do so. The cost of a cow is \$800 but feel free to help at whatever level you are able.

Thank you again for your compassion for the people of southwest Uganda.



**SAYING GOOD-BYE AND THANK YOU FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE...
TO MICHELLE CHAFFIN, OUR CHRISTAID BOOKKEEPER**

The Board has accepted the resignation of Michelle from our ChristAid bookkeeping position effective in June. Michelle has done amazing work over the last 11 years keeping accurate records of our sponsorship system and the accounting for our many construction projects in Uganda. Her technical expertise in helping with our fall fundraiser auctions, annual budgets and updating the ChristAid website will be missed.

Michelle has been on two mission trips to Uganda during her tenure, and while there, she assisted with the hiring of Emmanuel Isagara, our accountant in Uganda. This has been very helpful in facilitating communication and good record keeping between continents!! We will miss her enthusiasm and historical knowledge of ChristAid. (Also, she has brought a lot of bagels to Board meetings!!) 😞



Michelle continues to sponsor her Ugandan University student, Lydia Kawino, and will be around for ChristAid banquets and other events. When you see her, please thank her for wonderful service to the Board and to God's people in Uganda.

**SAYING HELLO AND WELCOME TO TAMMY MEUNIER
CHRISTAID'S NEW BOOKKEEPER**

The ChristAid Board is pleased to welcome Tammy to the ChristAid staff here on the USA side. She is married to Brian, her high school sweetheart and she is the mother of two daughters, Morgan and Sammy. Morgan graduated from Chatfield High School in Littleton this spring and Sammy graduates next year.

Tammy has many years of experience in bookkeeping, office management and tax return preparation. We are confident that she will be a great addition to the ChristAid staff.

Tammy is familiar with the ministry and is excited to see how God will use her in service to ChristAid in the years to come! Look forward to meeting her at the registration table at the October 6th banquet.

WELCOME TAMMY !!

Tammy Meunier
(Pronounced "Mun-yeah")



NEW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - THE HEARTBEAT OF CHRISTAID

This little "tiger" named Lucky Birungi is four years old and ready to spring into the ChristAid Preschool "Baby class", where he can learn the colors and shapes of life, in a loving Christian setting. His father died in a terrible accident at work and his mother who was born with HIV is very weak and disfigured at this time in her life, and unable to be employed. Their situation is dire... and still he smiles.

By the grace of God, the mother's HIV was not transmitted to Lucky, but he needs a sponsor in the worst way to have any chance at a productive life. His job at home is to use a broom made of string and sticks to industriously sweep the compound! Please contact ChristAid if you are moved to change Lucky's life with a \$40 school sponsorship.



Meet Grandma Monica Ndyanabo, who at age 57, is widowed and the sole caretaker of two grandchildren and two nephews left in her care when her sister died. She suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes as many of our Grandmas do, but she goes out every day to try and find work digging in other people's gardens or working in their homes to earn food to feed herself and the kids for that day.

A \$40 per month sponsorship would give Monica cash for food supplies, essential healthcare coverage... and desperately needed security and dignity when her life is currently stressed by constant lack of the most basic necessities of life. Helping this Grandma also assists four little children to a much more secure existence.

Paul Stephen Agutamaba is an exceptional 13-year-old who is in the Primary 3 class at the ChristAid Academy. Getting this far in school has been a monumental struggle as he is part of a nine-member household where the mother is not present, and the father is 82 years old. Paul's jobs at home include fetching water from the nearest well, washing the family's clothes and helping with dishes. (One can only assume that most of the other kids in the family are out working in gardens to bring in food and basic essentials to support the family.)

While Paul's favorite subject is mathematics, his goal in life is to become a minister. If you are touched by this situation and able to help Paul with this amazing dream, or any other ChristAid student or Grandma, please see the sponsorship information below!!



Any student or Grandma can be sponsored by calling the ChristAid Office (1-866-933-7552) or by going to the ChristAid website (ChristAidIntl.org) and following the directions in the sponsorship section. God bless your big heart!!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRUCE...

It is sometimes helpful to personally or organizationally, review why we do what we do. Not so long ago, the ChristAid Board of Directors did exactly that, which led to a discussion out of which the theme for the 2023 Fall Fundraiser emerged... **"Ticket-to-Ride"**



In recent years, our services provided to the people of Uganda by ChristAid have expanded significantly. In just the past four years, ChristAid opened the Grandma Village, the preschool, and the new secondary school; as well as constructing the office and apartment building for ministry sustainability. Small parcels of land have been purchased to provide space for the office building, teacher housing and for agricultural purposes to help feed the students.

The focus of ChristAid is best pictured as railroad tracks. Railroad tracks consist of two parallel tracks that move forward into the distance. **Likewise, ChristAid is focused on helping two groups of people: children and Grandmas.** ChristAid supports children by providing them with the opportunity to receive an education through the Ahadi kids' sponsorship program. ChristAid also provides support for the caretakers of children through the "Grandmas for Jesus" sponsorships. **These programs are the two tracks on which the ChristAid train travels.**

Two parallel ministries of educating children and caring for Grandmas are really all that ChristAid does. Everything else is done in support of those two tracks. The establishment of ChristAid schools from preschool to secondary school is for the education and future well-being of the children. Building teacher housing is to ensure quality teachers so the children receive the best education possible. The purchase of agricultural land is both to provide agricultural education and food for the school children.

Likewise building houses and the Grandma Village for the Grandmas, as well as the health care program for them is important for the well-being of these caretakers of children. The staff in Uganda are hired to care for the Grandmas and children and to oversee the programs that benefit them. Even the office and apartment building is for sustainability of the programs that provide an education for the children and care for the Grandmas.

Thank you for considering buying a "Ticket to Ride" to attend the banquet. Your participation through prayers, sponsorships and financial support is what keeps this train moving forward down these parallel tracks. **When you provide support for the schools, the office building, or the cost of administration, you are supporting desperately needy children and Grandmas.** When you buy a ticket to the Fall Fundraiser Banquet (October 6, 2023) you'll be riding on the "ChristAid Express". **THANK YOU FOR BEING ON-BOARD!!**