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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK TO YOUR "GRANDMA" OR "AHADI KID" IN PERSON??  
MAY 13, 2023 IS THE BIG DAY - OUR ANNUAL ZOOM TO UGANDA!!**

If you would like to talk to your Ugandan family members at our May 13<sup>th</sup> Zoom session, **now is the time to sign up!** We have a limited number of spots available and we do reserve them on a first-come, first-served basis. You have the choice of coming to CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH at 8085 EAST HAMPDEN AVENUE, DENVER for this event, or zooming from the COMFORT OF YOUR HOME!

The zoom starts early at 7:15 AM which is afternoon in Uganda. It is a large effort to gather our Grandmas and kids together in Uganda for this event as they do not have transportation of their own. For this reason, the cut-off for reserving a time to talk is **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, giving Grace and Kent time to build out the schedule of five-minute visits.



The sessions have been extremely well received in prior years. One of the Board members will be present at each zoom session to make introductions and answer questions. If you sponsor more than one Ugandan family member, we make every effort to schedule them together.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to participate and if you will be coming to Christ Community Church (continental breakfast provided) or you prefer to zoom from home. Our Programs Manager, Kent Stannard, will help you do a practice session from home if you want to try that method. **You can reach ChristAid at the email or the phone number listed in the contact box above.**

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Did you know that ChristAid International is on social media?? WE ARE AND WE ARE TRYING TO GROW OUR FOLLOWING to share our unique story.

Find us on **Facebook** at ChristAid International and "follow" our page. Feel free to comment on the posts and "share" the posts with others to help us get more exposure.

On **Instagram**, look for ChristAid International and click "Follow". Also, please share our Instagram page with your friends! These are great ways for you to declare God's glory and the ChristAid story to people who have never heard about our exciting mission effort in Uganda.



**SPRING INTERNET FUNDRAISER!!**  
**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Last spring, our internet fundraiser allowed us to build new residences for the Headmasters of our Primary and Secondary schools. This was much needed as a benefit to our excellent school administrators and made it possible for us to use their former residences for expansion of the new Secondary School. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THAT AWESOME GOAL!!** The house keys were recently handed over to the Headmasters and their families are settled in! *God is so Good!!*

**Now it is time to take on a new spring fundraising project which is to help our ChristAid Preschool, Primary and Secondary schools manage their way through a food shortage crisis. Food scarcity and skyrocketing prices are devastating not only in local schools but to the entire population of Uganda.**



Our goal is to raise \$52,000 to be distributed to the three schools on a greatest need basis. The enrollment of the three schools together is about 1,100 kids. You can imagine the cost of feeding them on a daily basis... without the additional stress of current shortages and economic conditions in Uganda.



**Additional information on Page Four about current conditions in Uganda...**

FUNDS CAN BE DONATED TO THIS PROJECT BY **MAILING A CHECK** TO THE CHRISTAID OFFICES AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON PAGE ONE. ( Please put a notation on the check "for the Spring Fundraiser".)

ALSO, FUNDS CAN BE DONATED BY **ACCESSING THE CHRISTAID WEBSITE** AT [ChristAidIntl.org](http://ChristAidIntl.org) PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO "SPRING FUNDRAISER" to give toward this important cause. Remember the collection dates are April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please give generously to sustain our kids!

There are a lot of "fun things" that it would have been easier for the ChristAid Board to fundraise for like new playground equipment or an alphabet mural on the outer wall of the preschool that are also wished for. **But this year we are faced with the sobering truth that we can't feed our kids.** We need to support our kids and teachers through real famine conditions - something that it is hard for us to even wrap our heads around.

Please join us in keeping our school population fed and encouraged throughout the rest of this school year. Your gift will be cherished in Uganda.



This is the endearing smile of Martha Kyanzi who turns eight on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She is still in preschool as her parents have abandoned her (along with her sisters) and the Aunt who cares for them is unable to pay the school fees to keep her enrolled consistently.

Martha especially loves reading and being at school where she enjoys the colorful classroom environment and access to the playground. She is an industrious firewood gatherer and fetches water from the nearest spring for the family's cooking and bathing.

Having a reliable sponsor to keep Martha in school would be a life changing blessing for her. The \$40 sponsorship fee covers tuition, daily lunch and staff support. (also, those breathtaking spins on the merry-go-round). If you are led to assist Martha in getting a Christian education and change her life forever - please contact ChristAid!

Grandma Zoromina Kaiso is 78 years old. Her humble home is in the tropical district of Rutoorwa where she is responsible for two of her grandchildren even though she has failing eyesight and hearing loss.

Grandma and the children do gardening for the nearby land owners in exchange for food to sustain themselves. Grandma also suffers from ulcers making this kind of work difficult and painful for her.

A sponsorship for Grandma Zoromina for \$40 per month would be an amazing blessing for her. She would receive health care benefits and monthly income to assist her with her medications and other basic needs.

As a member of the "Grandmas for Jesus" group she would receive care and attention from the ChristAid staff which includes pastoral care and access to a Christian social network which is inclusive and supportive.

If you are moved to reach out with love to sponsor Zoromina (or any of the other Grandmas highlighted on our website) please contact the office at 1-866-933-7552 or choose the "Grandmas for Jesus" link on our ChristAid website. [ChristAidIntl.org/grandmas-for-jesus](http://ChristAidIntl.org/grandmas-for-jesus)



Meet Peter Ssempija who has struggled for years to get as far as the Second grade in the ChristAid Primary school. He is in and out of class because his father is deceased and his mother struggles to support a family of six by cooking and taking food to the village to sell. She is often chased away from the market as she can't afford a proper "rental booth" to sell from. She can't afford to pay the school fees for Peter under these conditions.

Peter's jobs are to carry water to their home in plastic jugs and he helps to cook and clean the kitchen utensils. His family is desperate for help!

If God calls you to be "His hands and feet" to help Peter in this situation, please contact ChristAid to sponsor him and give him hope for a happy and fulfilling life. After all, we know that "Jesus Loves the Little Children"!

## "HELP WANTED"... Thoughts from Pastor Bruce - Life in Uganda

You see the "Help Wanted" signs in many businesses these days. We are posting one also, but not for additional staff. Rather, we are claiming the phrase because we need your help to address the emergency situation in Uganda right now.



We all know that Uganda is a nation filled with desperately poor people. It is those families and individuals that ChristAid has served for nearly 30 years. As hard as it is to believe, the situation has gotten much, MUCH worse in the last year or two. It is our mission to share the blessings we have with those who are struggling to simply survive.

For example, I recently received an email informing me that one of our Ahadi kids was forced to leave the sponsorship program because his mother could no longer afford to meet his most basic needs at home. She sent him away to live with a relative, meaning his opportunity to attend school is lost. It is hard to imagine the heartache felt in this situation.

Because of the desperate situation in Uganda, parents are finding it impossible to pay the modest school fees at ChristAid Academy and Secondary School. Numerous self-pay students have been forced to drop out of school. With parents struggling to pay school fees and with dramatically increased commodity prices, the operational budgets of the schools have become a significant problem.

Balancing the budget of the secondary school was already difficult because it is in only the second year of operation, but now the primary school and preschool that have operated in the black for years are also presenting a budget with red figures!

### THE WAY FORWARD!!

The Board is working diligently to meet the budgetary challenges outlined above. In consultation with our Ugandan Director, Grace, and our two Headmasters, we are assessing the distribution of Ahadi Kid funds and working hard to stretch each sponsorship dollar to go as far as possible.

We are seeking your help with the spring fundraiser. Watch for our emails, newsletters and ChristAid's Facebook page. Help us spread the word. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT DATES:** (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

**ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 6, 2023  
AT WATERSTONE CHURCH, LITTLETON COLORADO**

**SPRING "ZOOM" WITH UGANDA - SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH  
AND TAKING PLACE ON MAY 13, 2023**