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## LET'S OPEN THE SCHOOL !! - (Online)-FUNDRAISING EVENT-MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

The purpose of our May 18<sup>th</sup> **30-minute Online Fundraiser** called "Let's Open the School" is to secure funds to furnish the school, including the purchase of textbooks, equipping the science labs, securing computers, hiring teachers and marketing the school to attract both "day students" from Kicuna and boarding students from greater distances. We also need kitchen equipment, and a "government required" block fence to surround the entire school for security purposes. This must ALL be in place for the January 2022 grand opening date. It's a tall order but it will be an **EXCITING** and **LIFE CHANGING** gift to the children of Kicuna, Uganda!

**PLEASE JOIN US from 7:00 TO 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**for this brief and highly focused fundraising event for the new secondary school!!**

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Our newly hired Headmaster for the Secondary School, Martin Sanyu, (pictured on page 2) comes to us with extensive experience and great energy. He has already established enrollment procedures, early recruitment of students and bringing technology into the beautiful building which was built for ChristAid by our international partner-in-ministry, called Cunina. ChristAid's promise is to FURNISH and OVERSEE MANAGEMENT of the school and with God's help (and yours) we will do that in GRAND STYLE.

This building has captured the imagination of the entire region. The Ugandan national "District Education Department" requires a security wall be built for the safety of the students (some of whom will be boarding there at night). This is a **LARGE** and unexpected expense, but we are fully on board with the requirement.

Building the wall will require around 18,000 blocks which can be purchased during the event for \$.55 each. (or buy 200 - for \$110 or 2,000 for \$1,100.). Including the foundation and labor costs, the fence will cost us about \$28,000 total. **THINK BIG!!** Your help will be greatly appreciated!! Watch our live 30-minute event on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the cost breakdown on other important things we need. (like textbooks for each student - \$100)

Below - see a sample of our **awesome but very empty rooms**, and the outside view of the finished Secondary School. The trees which have been planted for future shade have been protected by wooden cages, to fend off the hungry goat population in the neighborhood! (We need the security fence to control them, too! Ha.) The students will be planting gardens for food and a large required recreation area for the kids is planned.



During our virtual event, you can enjoy a short video tour of the new school led by **Martin** (our new **Headmaster**, formerly of Kampala, Uganda), shown at right. Cunina did a remarkable job (in the middle of the Covid crisis) of creating a wonderful learning environment for our kids, as you will see in the video. The building looks **first-class inside and out**, but the need to fully equip the school... is painfully obvious. Another big requirement, (not funded by Cunina) is the need for a dining hall and library area for the high school kids. A number of options were considered, the best being a remodel of the current teacher housing facility for Primary school teachers, which is right next door to the new school. (Approximately - 10 feet away!) The cost of this will be discussed at the virtual event, as well as plans to build a new teacher's housing unit near-by, on land we have very recently acquired for this purpose.



A thought for today: A well-known Bible scholar, Robert Pierce, who lived his life deeply affected by poverty and human suffering, authored this moving prayer, "GOD, LET MY HEART BE BROKEN BY THE THINGS THAT BREAK YOUR HEART". The reverse is also true.... that we should rejoice in the things that God rejoices in. The opening of this Christian High School deep in the Ugandan back country must surely please His heart!

**Please pray for and give generously toward... the complete equipping of the school, the remodel necessary for the dining hall, the all-important fence to keep the kids safe and the capital to get the teachers hired, school uniforms sewn, and the textbooks stacked on the bookshelves! Please help us to do God's work!**

Notice the new sign for the Secondary School, with the motto - "IN CHRIST ALL IS POSSIBLE". Let's prove that we believe that, too, by preparing the school for all the smiling faces who will attend here during the years ahead!! The virtual event will be posted on our website after it is over. Please tell your friends to take a look there and give us a hand!



At left, please study the "Google Earth" image of the ChristAid schools!! The new **Secondary School** is at the top and the ChristAid Primary and Preschools are below. In the bottom section, the **Preschool** is the dark blue-roofed building and the **Primary School** classrooms are the eight lighter blue buildings in two rows with the paved courtyard between. Isn't this amazing? God always knew this technology would be possible, but we didn't!! Enjoy this sneak peek of ChristAid from about 8500 miles away!

**ARE YOU AS EXCITED AS WE ARE???** The opening of this school allows our Ahadi kids to attend Preschool, Primary School and now Secondary School in their tropical "jungle" neighborhood! It is difficult to imagine that ChristAid schools have grown from "three little kids sitting under a tree with one teacher" to our Preschool and our Primary school.... and now Secondary school with possibly 1200 total children at all three educational levels in just a few years. PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS POSSIBLE BY DONATING YOUR BEST GIFT TO HELP WITH THE SCHOOL - by watching our virtual event and praying for its success, calling in your pledge, donating on the ChristAid website or sending a check to the office at the address shown in the information at the top of the newsletter.

**Thank you and God bless you as together we sacrifice for the kids!!**