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CHRISTAID ANNUAL (FUN)DRAISER BANQUET ... will be FUN !! October 15, 2021

We are fast approaching our annual ChristAid Fundraiser Banquet, where we hope to receive funds to "Cross the Finish Line" on three projects that are nearing completion - YES - even in this year of covid difficulties God has blessed us and powered us through major project work in Uganda!! The banquet and "silent auction" will be held at **WaterStone Community Church** again this year at **5890 South Alkire Street, Littleton, CO 80127.** Join us for delicious African food and to hear some great news about ChristAid accomplishments this year.



Schedule for the event:

(Online Auction bidding begins October 12th - 3 days prior to the live event !!)

On OCTOBER 15th

- 5:30 - Meet & Greet - silent auction phone bidding continues until the program begins
- 6:30 - Banquet meal begins - you will be served at your table this year (no buffet line)
- 7:45 - Program starts - all Auction bidding closes
- 8:50 - Closing remarks/ claim your auction purchases

BANQUET UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PASTOR BRUCE

After missing last year's banquet because of Covid-19, it will be FUN to be able to celebrate what God is doing through ChristAid again in person - or online if you are unable to join with us on Friday, October 15th. We plan to livestream the program, so for those who are too far away to be with us or cannot be for other reasons, you don't have to miss out on the fun.

We will be bringing back many activities from former years like great African food, information tables, a photo booth and letter writing station for letters to your Ahadi Kids or Grandmas, and a program which will include video greetings from our Uganda Director, Grace.

Also included will be a silent auction, although with a twist. This year, all bidding will be done by cell phone. **That should be fun**, especially for those of us who are technologically challenged. Trust me, clear instructions (and people to help when needed) will be made available at the banquet. Bidding by phone on the items should make the process easier at check-out and provide lots of competitive fun while bidding.

All auction items will be available at the banquet to see and touch, but pictures of the items will also be online so even if you're not present you can bid and put a little pressure on others who may be interested in the same items as you are.

The highest bidder wins and all proceeds from the auction will go towards the projects described in this newsletter. Bidding wars are fun but providing funds that make a difference for those desperately in need in Uganda is even more rewarding than winning a bidding war.

REMEMBER - ONLINE BIDDING STARTS TUESDAY OCTOBER 12TH

(Bidding instructions will be available at ChristAidIntl.org and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ChristAidIntl.org) and by an email from ChristAid)



Come prepared to have a great time, to bring home some wonderful auction items and to know that you are making a difference in Uganda. Help ChristAid cross the finish line on some worthwhile projects.

Pictures of auction items like the 16" by 20" autographed John Elway photograph shown at left and other sports memorabilia, will be posted on the website (Christaidintl.org) and bidding will start Tuesday October 12th. Maybe some local honey made by busy little bees right here in Littleton is more to your liking, or a "Patriotic Collection" in appreciation of the country where we live that protects our freedom of worship. Perhaps you just want to gorge on some air popped corn by purchasing this popcorn goodie basket complete with electric popper.

Get ahead and use your cell phone to put in a few early bids starting October 12th. To make this fun, once you are signed up for the auction, your phone will notify you if you have been outbid.



We will, of course, enjoy a great African meal at the banquet. This year, because of Covid and a concern for safety, the meal will be delivered to you by the ChristAid Board members and other table hosts, rather than the normal buffet style meal. Seconds will still be available so come with a healthy appetite and be prepared for some delicious food! It may not be as fun as being in Uganda for a meal, but it sure beats doing your own cooking!



We can't wait to see everyone again and celebrate African style. Well, maybe not... since we tend to do a little less singing and dancing with our "hands in the air-like we just don't care" than our African friends do. Still, we will have a fun evening. Sign up now to be present (\$40 per plate) or better yet, purchase a table for eight for you and your family or friends for \$300.00. (Christaidintl.org)

PROJECT FUNDING GOALS FOR THE 2021 FUNDRAISER BANQUET

Our fundraising goals for this year's banquet are to raise funds to fulfill a particular need for each of the three major projects currently underway. At the Grandma Village, we are making great progress having completed four of six duplexes for homeless Grandmas to move into. Within the next few weeks, several of those destitute Grandmas will move into a home that is beautiful, spacious and beyond their wildest dreams for themselves. The fundraising goal in this area is to build them a gazebo for a gathering place and to complete the planting of a garden area for them with such crops as potatoes, corn, cassava, tomatoes and banana trees. The amount needed is about \$5,000.

At the Rwengoma Office Sustainability Project, we moved the ChristAid Uganda staff into the left side of the ground floor of the new building in June of 2020 just as the serious lockdowns got even tighter in Uganda. Our current goal for this project is to finish the banquet room on the ground floor across from the employee offices.

The rentable "Banquet Hall" and adjacent bathrooms will cost about \$12,400 to complete which includes lighting, wall finish, cabinets, plumbing and bathroom fixtures. This will allow for the first potential income producing event for this project. **What a celebration that will be!!**

Additionally, we hope to raise another \$6,350 to finish the "common area" between the employee offices and the banquet hall. This will require ceiling finish, paint, glass entrance doors and flooring for the area leading to the banquet hall from the front door of the building.

The third major project underway at ChristAid is outfitting the new Secondary School for a May 2022 grand opening date. (Subject to Covid regulations by the Ugandan government at that time.) Currently, an existing nearby building is being modified for a student dining hall and library. Also, a required security fence will soon be constructed with funds on hand.

The fundraising goal for this project is to fill the library with exciting books and great literature for the hungry minds of our secondary students. We need an additional \$11,500 to prepare the library. (See below...new pictures **just received** of school furnishings in place.)



If you passed math class in YOUR school (or even if you didn't), you might have added the total for our various project fundraising goals to be \$35,250. We are believing God's hand is on each of these projects to move it forward and make it happen. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help when attending the Banquet or sending in a gift to the office.



Would you like to help a student attend the new ChristAid Secondary School (being opened in her backyard) who will otherwise not have the slightest chance to do so? Sofiati Mohamad is 14 years old and has somehow managed to attend school reaching the S2 level (second year of Secondary school) despite a desperate living situation at home. She is one of six siblings who stay with their aunt after losing her mother to Cancer and HIV in 2020. Their father has abandoned them.

Sofiati loves biology and dreams of being a doctor to help people and make a good living to support others in her family. She enjoys Biology and works very hard at school. She is praying for help from God and a supporter to help her get back to school. To inquire about sponsoring her or other students, please call the CA office (1-866-933-7552) or go to the ChristAid website for details.

Meet Grandma Edith Nyindo Murungi, who at the age of 77 finds herself as the only bread winner for four of her grandchildren and one daughter who is mentally and physically incapable of caring for the kids. The family survives by eating "matooke" (banana mash) and selling the excess bananas from their banana plantation to buy other food staples. Grandma Edith has health issues including high blood pressure, varicose veins, joint pain and general weakness. Sponsoring Grandma Edith for \$35 a



month would provide her with health care and necessary medications, as well as funds for better nutrition for herself and the family. Please consider checking out the ChristAid website to sponsor Grandma Edith or one of several other Grandmas and kids featured on the website.

ChristAidintl.org/sponsorships

At the banquet there will be a sponsorship table with materials to sponsor Edith and other Grandmas. They are patiently waiting for rescue!

While many of the ChristAid Primary School students have not been able to attend class during this covid year, the "Primary 7" classes were allowed to return to the Uganda schools near the end of the term, to prepare for the "PLE - Primary Leaving Exam". This testing ranks the scholastic achievement of our P7 students against all others in Uganda.

As is usually the case, **our kids have shown like the sun on these tests!!** Of the 54 who participated in the week-long testing, 28 scored at the highest level and 26 in the second level. (This might not sound like a big deal unless you know that there **are** levels 3 and 4... and none of our kids scored in those categories!!). WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THEM and pleased for what it means for our school.

Our teachers worked very hard to achieve this end. It was a blessing that ChristAid was able to send them partial salaries some months and full salaries other months during the covid shut down of the school, to help them survive the lock down situation. We also sent what would usually be considered "tuition" money for the kids, directly to the families of all our sponsored students for life support during this time of critical need.



Smiling teachers and staff of ChristAid Academy following a seminar given earlier by Pastor Bruce

Great things are happening at ChristAid despite the challenges of Covid! Please plan to join us at the October 15th banquet to learn more exciting details and to help us finalize the three important goals for this year discussed above. Contact Pastor Bruce at ChristAid.Bruce@gmail.com to make your reservation for some tasty African cuisine. Face masks will be optional at the event unless state requirements change requiring them to be worn indoors. (Bring one just in case.) **PLEASE RSVP BY - OCTOBER 8TH**