



November 30, 2021

Dear friends of ChristAid International:

On behalf of the ChristAid International Board of Directors, I send you our wishes for a blessed holiday season and our sincere appreciation for your support throughout 2021.

While our world continues to be challenged by the pandemic, the ministry of ChristAid has been blessed beyond our expectations because of your faithful support and prayers. It is truly impossible to adequately express our appreciation to you. Your compassion for your Grandmas, your Ahadi Kids, and for all the people of Uganda is inspiring.

Because the schools in Uganda were closed for a significant portion of 2021, we again used the Ahadi Kid sponsorship funds to provide financial relief to the families of the Ahadi Kids and to provide our primary school and preschool teachers with half salaries. While many teachers throughout Uganda have left the profession and many schools have closed permanently, we have been able to retain our excellent staff and will be prepared to reopen our school as soon as they are permitted to do so. Presently, it appears the schools will reopen in January 2022.

When schools do reopen, we are excited to announce that the ChristAid Secondary School will also open. As you can imagine, opening a secondary school is a monumental task, but the preparations are progressing nicely. As of the middle of November, we had 120 students registered of an expected first year student body of 214, the dining hall is nearly complete, and the wall around the compound will be started soon. Science labs are equipped, funds are available for computers for the teachers and the computer lab, and textbooks will be purchased as soon as the national curriculum is set. The secondary school is a huge step forward in the mission of ChristAid.

The Grandmas have also received extra Covid relief funds throughout the last 18 months. Those extra funds have helped them immensely as prices of food and other goods have risen. Numerous Grandmas have received treatment for Covid-19 or other illnesses which was made possible by the health care that is a part of your sponsorships. That health care has literally saved many of their lives.

The Grandma Village is now open and the first Grandmas to move in are very excited to have a place to call home. The Grandma Village is another remarkable step forward in the on-going ministry of ChristAid.

Construction at the office building continues. Excellent progress is being made as the outside structure of all three floors will be completed sometime in early 2022. When finished, the office building will provide income for the ministry of ChristAid from Uganda itself helping to insure its future.

Of course, the heart of the ministry remains the Ahadi Kids and Grandmas for Jesus sponsorship programs. I am pleased to report that there have been 30 new sponsorships this year. Each one provides a child or a Grandma with new hope and touches the lives of countless other family members and friends with the love of God. Thank you to all of the sponsors, old and new, for your gifts of compassion and hope.

As the year draws to a close, many of us will be making year-end donations. Please remember ChristAid in your year-end giving. Your gifts, designated or un-designated, will be used to further the ministry of ChristAid as it seeks to positively affect the lives of the desperately poor people of Uganda. If you give through Colorado Gives, know that ChristAid is one of the organizations approved to receive funds. Colorado Gives Day is December 7 and is an excellent way to support the on-going work ChristAid.

Peace,

Bruce Van Dusseldorp
Executive Director, Christ Aid International