



# FAMILY CARE UGANDA OCTOBER 2021



Greetings dear friends!

What an amazing time this is across the world. We have to testify though, that against all odds, our young people are thriving! In a country like Uganda only the wealthy in the city have access to internet and electricity, but our teachers have been so energetic and resourceful to bring study materials and explanations regularly to each child. Thank you with all our hearts for your prayers and for those of you who generously and kindly send gifts each month. We can't express what it means. It's the lifeline for these young people to get ahead! May the Lord bless you!

## GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR A DEGREE AND TOP SCORERS IN YEAR 10!

Winners! We just found out that Ocen, on the right, just won a very difficult to win government scholarship to do his degree in Biology and Education! So few scholarships are given every year and it's highly competitive to become one of the top in the country and we are so proud of him!

Below are some of our Ik-tribe boys who excelled in their year 10 exams and they are on the brink of deciding their next steps of training. They have many choices ahead because they each scored so well.

We really can't thank each of you enough for your very kind and generous support! None of this would be possible unless you cared. We all put a lot of effort and prayer into their training, they really love the Lord and work hard, but

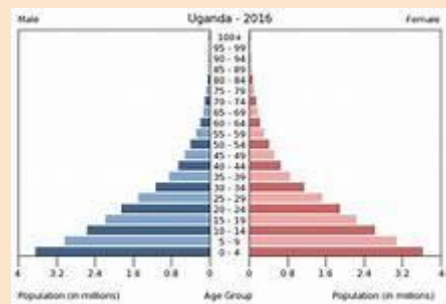


your part is absolutely essential. Thank you! And may the Lord bless you with a deep feeling of accomplishment for how you are helping some of the most disadvantaged young people in the world have a chance to become the solution to their broken world.

This population pyramid shows the challenge.

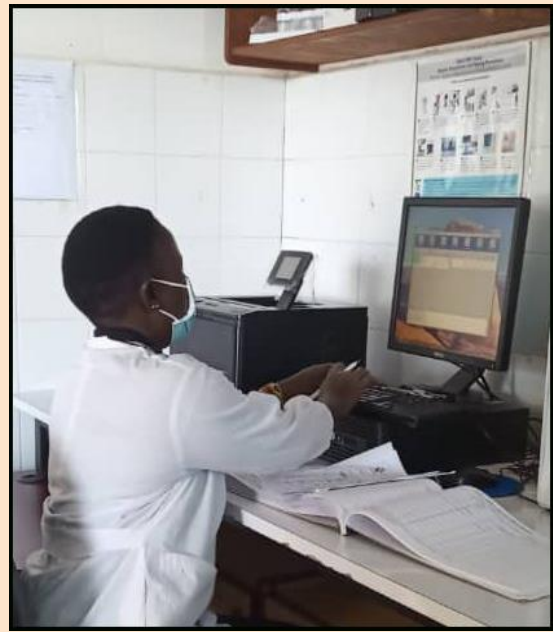
Countries like the US, UK, and Australia have

a balanced number of young people, income-earners and elderly. Japan is challenged since they have so few young ones supporting a very old population. But Uganda has 52% of its population aged 15 and under! The youth are the solution to our country, so raising up ethical, energetic, kind young people is our goal!



## MEDICAL TRAINEES

Scolastica has been pursuing her studies in lab techniques and she will be able to bring a clinic to her extremely remote Ik tribe in the mountains on the Kenyan border. She is very hard working and intent on giving it her best.



Gladys below on the left, joined us when she was only about 13. She was helping us make bricks and she came begging us to join us to resume her studies. The catch was—she already had a



baby! This is a huge challenge in the villages where we are. So, we counseled with her grandma and a cousin and they agreed to care for baby. Gladys schooled with us, then we sponsored her through secondary school and she's doing extremely well now studying nursing! ...and her little daughter? She's joined our school and is in grade 2. Here on the left, Gladys left yesterday with her colleagues to intern in Nebbi Hospital in the West of the country for a month. Girls and young women are extremely vulnerable in the villages so we are so thrilled that she fought so hard to get her education and the Lord is blessing her dear little girl!



Above Nancy and Omen start back to studies this weekend after a lockdown break. Nancy is regularly the coordinator for the WFP (World Food Program) donations to their obscure mountain tribe when they drive up the mountains. In blue, Fiona is learning so much of a really needed skill: midwifery! And Bill just left his Health and Sciences Academy today to start another month internship in a clinic where he is extremely needed and appreciated.

## REFUGEE CAMP TRAINING

We have such wonderful young ones in the refugee camp. These South Sudanese young people are so appreciative for this chance to learn and excel!



We are giving steady classes by sending study packs to each young one and our teachers go through classes with them on the phone, helping them with areas they are stuck on. They also visit for classes in person. We also started paying for English classes again during this latest lockdown, as we did during the first one. Some of our dear South Sudanese young ones come from country areas that were really impacted by war and they'd hardly heard a word of English when they came. Many of our children hardly speak any English when they start,



but these refugee young ones are at times really tall, 14 years old and would test at a grade 2 level, only because of lack of opportunity to school. Our teachers never put them with young ones which would be so humbling, but they teach them at their own level of interest but with extremely limited vocabulary to help them step by step catch up. It's no small miracle that by the end of grade 7 all our young people score A's and B's in the national exam.



## PADS!



These dear young ladies who studied with us since they were young, are at the top of the Kenyan/Uganda escarpment. When they are with us, they are used to our help with all sanitary and other requirements, so even during lockdown, we were very happy to buy some more boxes of pads to keep them going. In fact, we just had some more boxes taken up the mountain to them where there is zero running water and the nearest well is very far away, many kilometers down the mountain--thanks to some specific gifts from you!

In Uganda a very high percentage of girls and young women drop out of school and don't manage to make it through high school because of a complete lack of sanitary care items. You can see how much it means by these smiles!

## AMAZING WE ARE DOING SO WELL!



Throughout the world, the Pandemic has caused huge problems—massive deaths, lockdowns, businesses closed and endless disruptions to life as we knew it. Uganda has handled it particularly poorly in that there have been 2 big lockdowns, but in both, they continued to keep schools closed.

There is zero logic to this, since markets have reopened, transport and city markets and shopping have all returned to normal, but STILL the schools remain closed! There have been months where some classes were allowed to resume for studies and to sit National exams so that the entire school wasn't too crowded.

For the wealthy in the city, the option of on-line schooling, even though the resources are very limited, they are at least a possibility. For 75% of the country's population which is rural though, it's been an absolute disaster with tens of thousands of young girls having been raped and abused and child pregnancies in shocking numbers! Please pray with us that something can get through the President to allow reopening soon!

On the right, one of our classes gathering on the remote mountains ready to study with teachers available by phone. We've established groups to meet 3 days a



week and they study at particular hours, and the different villages across the mountain tops, are in co-ordination to share and swap study books and text books each few weeks. Our older ones are coordinating all the study times and ensuring they are helping and working for the Community and their families in between.

Our efforts of printing thousands of pages of individual study packs, for each child then having our teachers visit the refugee camp, travel hours up to the remote mountains where the Iks live and distant villages where our most disadvantaged children live, may seem meagre. Perhaps they are, but we feel the Lord has been in it. The children feel so encouraged, their hunger to learn is retained and they are remembered and



challenged in each of those phone calls and visits. We are saving funds since we're not feeding them full-time but with all the travel and printing and all, and our dear staff going above and beyond, it's been only possible because you care! Thank you!! Wholeheartedly! There are thousands of non-government schools that have had to close, because they only receive their funding from expensive school fees when the children attend, whereas we are going strong!—because of the Lord never failing and because you care!



Above, after class, a phone catch-up with a group of our girls in the remote mountains, encouraging each of them to care for each other and to stay close to the Lord and to study hard and be a big blessing to all they live with.

**“As ye have done unto the least of these, My brethren,  
so have ye done it unto Me”**

## PRAYER REQUESTS



As you can see from what we've written above, our young girls are very vulnerable when they are stuck in the villages with drunkards and 'uncles' all around. A few weeks ago, a dad to one of our 7 year old grade 2 children ran to our school shouting! His little girl had been abducted by a man! Our team hopped on motorbikes and ran and went looking for her. Thanks to your constant prayers, she was heard several villages away being carried by this man and the surrounding men jumped him and the women grabbed her, taking her to safety. They had the police come and he was arrested and the Lord kept her safe before she came to any harm! Please keep those prayers for supply and protection coming our way. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests:



- ✚ Please pray against the Delta strain that has been hitting Uganda very hard in this second wave. For protection for each of our children, their families, our teachers and staff.
- ✚ Kindly pray we can have a financial boost to not only finish the floors of our Community hall/dining room, but that we'll have enough funding to fully furnish it!
- ✚ For funds to build our last home for children
- ✚ For abundant supply so we can put furniture in the library
- ✚ For protection from any accidents, snakes, robberies or fires.
- ✚ For health and against malaria, covid or other illnesses.
- ✚ For continued wisdom and teamworking of our team on-the-ground in Uganda and constant, daily WhatsApp

**We are incredibly grateful for your kind and generous giving! We could not do any of this without you. We pray the Lord blesses you "a hundred-fold" and more!!!**

School fees for a primary school child at our school for a year:	\$200
School fees for a secondary school child at one of our local best high schools /year:	\$500
School fees for a tertiary student for Agriculture/Business or Nursing /year:	1,300
Build the last home for children	\$9,000
Furniture for our Community Hall	\$2,500
Furniture for our Library	\$330
Fencing per 100m--we need a lot	\$136
Painting the Community Hall	\$400

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