



FAMILY CARE UGANDA APRIL 2022



IMPACT REPORT

SURPRISING TERM 1 RESULTS!

Hi there. Well, we have so many cool things that have been happening, we really had to stop to get the news to you. Uganda was the country with the longest school lock-down in the world! It was pitiful since so few could do effective home-schooling or on-line school like other countries. In a land where most parents are illiterate, and where most have neither electricity nor internet access, we faced a huge challenge. You'll remember, because you were with us, we were able to print out many self-study packs for each of our young ones, throughout the age-range of Primary and Secondary students. Then our teachers traveled to distant villages,



to the refugee camp and up the distant mountains to sit with our children and teach them. In between their visits, they organized times where the young ones would sit with their papers and were connecting with our teachers on the phone, to get the help with what they were stuck on, and didn't understand well. Well ... it all

paid off! We just had our District exams at the end of term 1 and while the newspapers are decrying the fact that most children nation-wide had forgotten everything during lockdown, because we'd kept ours alert and studying and with specific projects and goals, we got GREAT grades!



KOREAN SPONSORING OUR IK COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



You may remember, when we were struggling and actually really praying about the costs of our secondary students we sponsor, a wonderful team of Korean missionaries drove to the remote Ik mountains on the Kenya/Uganda border, saying they had recognized that the Ik were the most marginalised community in Uganda. The Seo Hyun Foundation had decided they wanted to give to them and support them—through education! It was a HUGE answer to prayer for us and

effectively paid the secondary school fees of scores of our young Ik people. Well this month, our Korean friends came to our school again and Dr. Seung Il Shin most generously donated another large amount to pay for all our Ik high school students! May the Lord bless them!

MATCHING CYBER GRANT FROM PETER STORY-STATE FARM



We are extremely grateful for Peter and Marie Story's efforts. They are already generous supporters of our project, but this time Peter worked it out with State Farm Insurance to give a matching grant! This sort of initiative is a massive help to our young people and we are extremely grateful! We pray for the Lord's blessings on them and their beautiful family.

A FEW OF OUR STAFF



One thing about building a long-term work is ... the team! Here are a few of our folk, most of whom have been with us for years. Above some of our teachers. Since we bring in extremely disadvantaged children and even older ones who struggle with having never had a chance to be in school, our staff need to be unusually skilled, uplifting, helpful and steady. They have managed, ever since we sat National exams in 2013, to bring these dear young people to get top results year after year! Top Right teacher Stephen, below teacher Venance, our wonderful matrons and our hard-working non-teaching staff.



SPORTS! – WINNERS AGAIN!



Term 1 is when the inter-school sports are held. It's a really bright point for our young ones as traditionally, we have always been very good in the competitions and this year, our under 16s won the District Trophy! We are so proud of them. The photos tell the story! It's so cool with our young people from different tribes and linguistic backgrounds, easily come into one united team.



OUR REFUGEE CAMP YOUNG ONES



You can see in the photo on the left, some of our South Sudan refugee young ones have really shot up. Here pictured with teacher Aaron, they are looming above him in height and in fact we've needed to build special desks for them.

One really good thing we did during the lockdown, was hiring teachers in the camp to train our kids. The taller ones had come from war-torn areas where schools had not functioned or even been open for years.

That meant that when they joined us, they had almost zero English skills, and they tested academically at grade 2 level, even though they were 15 or 16 years old. Our teachers are used to dealing with extremely disadvantaged youth, so rather than ever put them with the young ones, they've been tutored. Lockdown though, helped us greatly, as we hired an English teacher and when they came back, those who hardly understood a word, are now scoring 4th and 5th in class! It's a real credit to their energetic passion to try to learn!



Some of our refugee students at school



In the camp receiving more study packs



Where there's a will there's a way. On the left some of our dear South Sudanese young ones during lockdown were on a phone-follow up class with their teacher at our school, helping them with difficult items in their study packs. Because of this persistence, they are now scoring very well in the Ugandan national exams. We are so proud of them! So bright—if only given a chance!



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Jer 29:11

GLIMPSES AROUND SCHOOL AFTER THEY SO HAPPILY RETURNED TO STUDIES



Our Debate Champion top left, a few teachers and kids enjoying being back!



TERM HOLIDAYS – HEADED HOME FOR 3 WEEKS

Well just before Easter, all exams are done and corrected, young ones are encouraged by their report cards and we spent a lot of time and detail in arranging the safe transportation back to the refugee camp, back to the Ik mountain escarpment on the Kenya border, and those who are in high school in Kaabong, transport back up their mountains by motorbike.



We hired a mini-taxi from our school to the refugee camp. Photos are of a few of the dear mommies, thrilled to see their young ones back home (and in many cases, even taller still!) ha! Some of our young ones from the refugee camp are pure orphans having lost both mother and father, while most others only have a mommy.

The member of parliament for the Ik community, Honorable Lokwang Hilary generously pays for the transport of the Ik young people to bus them Gulu and back each term. We are extremely grateful for that!

Then our Korean colleagues generously pay



the fees for many Ik young people in high school, and we help them all get home at the end of term, back up the mountains. Here public transport is never seen, so motorbike or walking are the only options.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF AID RELIEF



I would like to mention a special word of thanks to each of you who have stuck with us through thick and thin, giving steadily, and helping these young children, and teens continue their studies until they are becoming a real asset to their communities. Aid

takes 2 main forms—immediate emergency aid, Short Term Aid, where food, water, medical, protection and immediate supplies are provided. Then the secondary type of Aid is often referred to as Long Term Aid which also functions in areas where huge damage has been caused. It almost always includes education and focuses on the long-term solutions to the problems caused by war or disaster. Both are very important! With all that's been happening in the world though, we can't say how extremely grateful we are, that you continue to choose to stick with our project, building long-term healing and solutions.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Not one of these young people would have a chance in life without your kind and sacrificial giving. We commit to you, that **any amount you give will be appreciated and used wisely** .



We post photos of the children and teens we are caring for now. You rarely see the photos and glimpses into the lives of their counterparts who didn't yet get this chance. This is the current world



they come from. The impact your giving is very measurable, as the young people passing through our training, are committed to give back to their communities. **The gift that keeps on giving!**

Prayer Requests:

- ✚ Community hall/dining room, finishing and furnishing it.
- ✚ For funds to build our last home for children
- ✚ For abundant supply so we can put furniture in the library and set up solar
- ✚ For protection from any accidents, snakes, robberies or fires.
- ✚ For health and against malaria, covid or other illnesses.

We pray the Lord blesses you a hundred fold as you help change these young lives.

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