



“We’re building a school in Africa”

Christ Community Lutheran School, St. Louis, Missouri, is taking on an ambitious, knock-your-socks-off project: forming a partnership with the St. Paul Lutheran Orphanage Centre in Bulumwaki-Kawete, Uganda, East Africa. Mr. Rob Cooksey, Executive Director of CCLS, sees three parts to the partnership:

- Constructing classroom facilities (two buildings, four rooms each). Total cost of about \$60,000.
- Teacher development through sharing and service.
- Preparing and educating the larger community for self-sufficiency.

The kids at the CCLS elementary campus simply assert: “*We’re building a school in Africa.*”



At this point, the Kawete kids have no inkling of the good, sweet things in store for them. They can’t imagine classrooms with cement floors, windows with shutters to keep out the rain, real benches and tables, chalkboards and teaching aids. To help make this good, sweet thing a reality, see the “Donation Possibilities” sheet for ideas.

Raising the Roof at Kawete Building Dedication

Kawete rocked last October 4. In preparation for the dedication of their new multi-purpose building, the men strung a ribbon of white bandage tape across the entrance, and the women festooned the place with bougainvillea. After the cutting of the ribbon and at the end of the worship service, young and old burst into ecstatic dancing, singing, and yodeling (no other way to describe it).

To the visitor’s eye, it’s just a simple, three-room, plastered brick building. But to caretaker, Sarah Kisakye, it’s her family’s living



quarters. To Fred Kadama, the middle room is a place to store medicines, and to headmaster, Godfrey Kiirya, it’s a school office. To the local women, the largest room is a place where they can sew dresses and uniforms, providing them valuable income. To the 17 students in the Primary 7 class, it’s a night spot—a place to gather around a kerosene lantern to prepare for exams and a clean floor to sleep on (we didn’t know we were a “boarding school”). To the larger community, it’s a gathering place for meetings and worship. To everyone involved, it’s a gift from God.

PROJECT UPDATES



Cambodia

Trinity-Lansing, Illinois, continues to faithfully support the teachers and children at Emanuel Christian school in Broyouk. Southern Copper of Birmingham, AL, continues its support of Center of Peace Orphanage in Phnom Penh. Other WGLO partners are funding sewing projects in Kratie and Kampong Chhang provinces. Just weeks ago, partner Sochenda Srey rushed emergency supplies to flood victims in Kampong Thom province. Chenda also continues to oversee assistance to the adults and children of Steng Mean Chey who scavenge at the nearby garbage dump.



Rancheria, Nicaragua

Little round faces in the community of Rancheria will attest to the effectiveness of the Carita Feliz (“happy face”) child development and nutrition program. Lutheran deaconess Milagros Martinez oversees the program of tutoring, Christian education, and feeding. With a sense of ownership, mamas and grandmas help prepare the Monday to Friday meals.

While the kids and their mamas look healthier, they’ve recently suffered a setback.

An area seafood processing plant, which provided meager income to the working mothers, was completely destroyed by fire. While no one was hurt, some estimate that it will be two years before the factory is back in operation. We have decided to postpone a plan to decrease funding for the Rancheria nutrition program.



Wakiso, Uganda

Derrick Luwaga reports that KACCAD (Kyosiga Community Christian Association for Development) in Wakiso District (northeast of Kampala) is going through some tough economic times. However, Constance Bukirwa is gaining practical experience in community health and our four sponsored students are doing well in school. Poultry and piggery projects are progressing. KACCAD’s impact upon the area continues.

Community members have joined hands to develop almost 20 spring wells.

Volunteers—including U.S. Peace Corps—provide HIV counseling and conduct systematic testing. Derrick proudly relates how, a few months ago, Mr. Ron Schetter, Director of the U.S. Peace Corps, personally visited the various KACCAD projects.

Madagascar

Teaming up with Jaona and Yvonne Andrianasolo and Richard Andreas, WGLO brought aid to Toby Ankaramalaza, where 2 1/2 tons of rice was distributed to older folks, six public latrines were installed, and a “Work for Food” program begun in which younger men repaired village paths in exchange for rice. For the past year, Madagascar has been caught up in political unrest and economic crisis. We intend to stay in close touch.

Kawete, Uganda

WGLO coordinator, Violet Nanono, has spent the last three months surveying households in the Bulumwaki-Kawete area. Using a baseline survey instrument provided by Derrick Luwaga of KACCAD, Violet has come upon some startling facts about poverty in that place. There are households raised by children. Theft of cattle, poultry and vegetables is not uncommon. Some see \$4.00 per month cash income. Some see \$2.00 each month. Imagine that.

Biggest expressed needs:

- a nearby safe water source
- land for cultivation
- access to medical care
- support for kids' schooling



Kids Against Hunger Hits the Road

Although somewhat labor-intensive, our KAH mobile unit operation has led to opportunities we would not have otherwise seen. While we're delighted to see kids "there" wolf down the high-nutrition casserole, we're uplifted to see both young and old "here" taking part in such a good thing. A sampling of past packaging event locations:

- St. Joseph Girls Academy, Frontenac, MO
- DCE conference, St. Louis metropolitan area
- Lutheran schools in Sedalia, MO, Blackjack, MO
- Theotokos Center, House of Prayer, St. Louis, MO
- St. Peters Catholic School, Kirkwood, MO
- Youth in Action, Kirkwood
- Missouri District High School Youth Gathering, Springfield, MO
- A variety of Lutheran Sunday Schools, Bible Study groups, Vacation Bible Schools, confirmation classes, congregations
- a 12 year-old's birthday party

Among the children and adults savoring this life-saving foodstuff:

- Navajo Nation, New Mexico and Arizona
- Anapra (adjacent to Juarez garbage dump), Mexico
- Rosebud, SD, (native Americans)
- St. Louis homeless
- Uganda (our Kawete kids received a ten-month supply)
- Liberia



IT'S ABOUT THE KIDS



Almost daily, we struggle to draw some sort of balance between bringing emergency aid to the little ones and trying to help the larger community gain the skills to take care of themselves. What should we do while the local people are trying to learn by experience? Do we, for example, stop the children's feeding program in Bulumwaki-Kawete in order to spur on the adults to produce more corn and vegetables in the community gardens (never mind that, this year, the rains didn't come)?

Here's where we depart from abstractions: We know the kids by name and face. And they know us. Which means, we at WGLO will do everything in our power to keep Martha and Marjeel, Missy and Joshua, Matayo and alive.

Grandson Tyler has lettered a little reminder which hangs in front of my desk:

IT'S ABOUT THE KIDS

Nothing is more important than the kids' health and wellbeing. Nothing distresses us more than sensing they are in danger. Nothing will stop us from working for their survival. For they are sons and daughters of the King. They are engraved in our minds and embedded in our souls. Which means that just about everything else is secondary.

WGLO

WGLO Restructuring in Uganda

For some months now, WGLO and its partners have been doing ministry differently. The partnership includes:

- Friends Serving Uganda, Minneapolis, MN
- Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills, Birmingham, AL
- Messiah Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO
- Friends of Bulumwaki

With restructuring, the partners function independently while maintaining systematic communication with one another. Each partner is now responsible for:

- working with local leaders in determining project priorities in the villages they serve
- maintaining their own fund-raising efforts, forming separate Uganda bank accounts and systems for reporting
- informing other partners of activities, developments and strategies

This new arrangement has freed us from the previous functions of connecting and coordinating and has allowed us more time for focusing on Bulumwaki-Kawete concerns (as well as other parts of the world).

Support for WGLO

If you are willing to kick in to support WGLO ministries, it's simple (and tax deductible). Because of a generous grant, all overhead expenses are paid, so every dollar of your donation will go directly to projects.

Just indicate on the enclosed form which specific cause you wish to support. Enclose the form along with your check payable to *With God's Little Ones*.

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If you are on Facebook, you can view some of our amateur videos by going to *With God's Little Ones* and becoming a "fan" (not friend).

DONATION POSSIBILITIES

Since WGLO's overhead and travel expenses are covered by a grant, we can assure you that every dollar you give will go directly for projects that serve God's little ones.

Donations made for "wherever needed" will be used for the most urgent needs at the current time.

_____ Wherever needed Name _____

You can also designate your support in the following ways:

Uganda

You can provide **safe sleep** for one to four Ugandan children.

_____ \$45 will purchase

- a foam mattress (sure beats lying on a cold mat)
- an insecticide-treated mosquito net (malaria is Africa's biggest killer)
- a blanket (some widows cover children with their dress)
- sheets (something we take for granted)

Here are some items to help provide **food security and education**

_____ \$35 will buy a goat (provides milk, food, and offspring to another widow)

_____ \$9 will buy a school uniform (government-required)

_____ \$13 will buy a pair of shoes (also required)

_____ \$800 will help train a community nursing student for one year.

_____ \$50 will provide a teacher at the St. Paul Orphanage Center with salary and support for one month

Help **build the school**

_____ \$10 buys a brick

_____ \$45 buys a table and bench that will seat three kids

_____ \$100 buys classroom teaching aids

_____ \$6500 will build an entire room

_____ \$1000 furnishes an entire room

Cambodia

_____ \$35 will buy locally a bottle of 300 children's chewable vitamins

_____ \$12 buys a water filter

_____ \$25 will buy an emergency food basket

_____ \$55 will provide monthly stipend to teacher in the Kandas school

Madagascar

_____ \$25 will purchase an emergency food basket

Nicaragua

("Happy Face" child nutrition & development program, Rancheria, Chinandega)

_____ \$25 will provide food and lice shampoo for one child for a month

_____ \$85 will provide monthly WGLO portion of salary for the Lutheran deaconess in charge of the nutrition & development program

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