



# Living Hope

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Dear Sponsors,

Enclosed you will find a letter and picture from your sponsored child, as well as a note about your child from their social worker. I had the privilege of traveling to Uganda this summer as part of a team from my church, and wanted to share some key takeaways from our trip with you:



Village Bible Church  
2022 Mission Team

**1) The children are thriving.** God used our social workers during the 2-year COVID lockdown to maintain close contact with our children, to keep them engaged in learning and to keep them healthy and safe. The fruit is that the Living Hope children are now back to school, they are learning, they are playing sports and they are praising God. Wow!

**2) YOU are SO appreciated.** The children and their parents or guardians are SO SO thankful for you – their sponsor. They are amazed that someone on the other side of the world cares so much about them to provide such an opportunity. They have a deep longing to know about you and to pray for you. (So if you haven't been sending them letters – know that your letters are worth their weight in gold to your child!)

**3) Our Hope Partners Africa teachers and staff are outstanding.** Their love for God and for the children is contagious. It is so wonderful to spend time getting to know them.

I serve at a mid-sized church in the Chicago area. Over the past 12 years, people in our church have seen the life-changing impact that can be made through sponsoring a child with Living Hope for Children. Every year more people decide to sponsor a child and today our church families are blessed to partner with Living Hope to sponsor 129 children ranging in age from nursery school through medical school. Wow!



For us, this involves four components.

1. Financial support
2. Consistent prayer
3. Personal letters and pictures sent 3-4x year
4. Personal visits by a team from our church yearly

This summer we took a team of 5 from our church to visit our 129 children. We so much enjoy spending time with the children

**Our Hope Kids are so encouraged by sponsor letters.**



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one-on-one and in smaller groups. We attend classes with them and join them for sports like soccer, volleyball, netball. We share letters, video greetings and care packages from their sponsors. 129 is a lot of children to meet with, so our schedule is very full - but it is SO SO much FUN and such an encouragement. We also often have the opportunity to meet with many of the parents or guardians of our children, which always includes singing, dancing and praising God.



The two weeks we spent in Uganda were a massive highlight for our team. It was WONDERFUL to spend time with our own sponsored children and was so great to be a connection between the other sponsors in our church and their children in Uganda.

Hey - maybe your church would be interested in a direct one-on-one ministry partnership like this. It's a great way to engage your church community in missions, in orphan care and in serving! If you or one of your pastors would like to learn more, I'm available to share our experience!



Keith and Kate with their sponsored kids in 2015/2022

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p.s. Let me conclude with one point of prayer. In Uganda, basic food costs have quadrupled over the last 12 months. Food is one of the biggest expenses for most family budgets, and that is also true for the Living Hope for Children ministry budget. Please pray for the ministry as we navigate these challenges, this is a very difficult weight to bear.

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