



Living Hope

FOR CHILDREN

Encourage. Equip. Give Hope.

December 2023

Dear Friends,

Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words.

This is the intake photo for R and L, who joined our program at the end of March. They lived in desperate poverty, with meager food, insufficient clothing, and inadequate shelter. They had serious health issues – they were undernourished and suffered from fungal infections and jiggers (parasites burrowed into their feet). Once sponsored, our loving staff tended to their needs and welcomed them into our schools. See the incredible transformation for yourself, in this picture taken in September:



What a difference six months of food, shelter, health care, love, education, and discipleship make!

This story of hope and transformation isn't limited to R and L, it's a story we see over and over with each child we bring into our ministry. **Thanks to you, this year was a record-breaking one for bringing hope to the hurting, as we added 136 new Hope Kids in 2023!** I can't stress enough how essential your gifts are to making a difference in the lives of the children.

These big smiles exemplify our vision for orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda. We long to see each helpless child in Uganda smiling, fed, and learning for a better future. We want every child to hear how precious they are in God's sight.

More and more children like R and L are in desperate need of support during these difficult times of global food crisis and high inflation in Uganda. **We are asking you to help us show God's love and provide His hope to orphans and vulnerable children in the communities we serve.**

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

Jeremiah 29:11



We celebrate these highlights of giving hope in 2023 made possible by your gifts:

- With the help of our fabulous staff in Uganda, our 948 sponsored children continue to perform well at our four highly acclaimed and fully accredited schools, three primary and one secondary. 10 students graduated from university and 33 graduated from vocational school, joining over 165 graduates from our program!
- Our brand-new discipleship program, Rooted, kicked off in January for our 21 students transitioning from high school to university. The program was so impactful that we are continuing it in 2024.
- Blessing hundreds! Our Health Outreach program provided children in our schools with access to dental, hearing, vision, nutrition, and mental health services. Guardians received health screening services, and health outreaches were performed in our communities.
- We've made even greater progress in financial accountability. Our partner in Uganda, Hope Partners Africa, received an unqualified opinion on their 2022 audit report. Living Hope for Children continues to receive exemplary ratings by charity assessment organizations.
- Plans are being finalized for construction to begin at our new high school in Rubanda for our 334 high schoolers! Stay tuned!

I have great news to share with you today! Once again, generous partners have stepped forward with **a matching gift of \$30,000!** Won't you help us match this amount with your continued support this season? **Your gift today will allow us to have TWICE the impact in supporting children in need.**



You can continue to provide hope to the children in our program by donating online at www.livinghopeforchildren.org or by responding with the reply card enclosed with this letter. **If you have appreciated stock and would like to donate it** to the ministry, we have a tax-advantaged way for you to do so, by December 20th. Email info@livinghopeforchildren.org for details.

We thank you in advance for partnering with us as we continue to reach even more orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda in the name of Jesus.

Peggy Walding

Chairman of the Board

P.S. Does your employer offer a match for charitable giving? If so, you can significantly increase your impact! Donate through your work's matching program to see your gift grow even larger.

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