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A Story of Hope: Bernard and Ivan

Dear Friends,

As we look back on this year, we are filled with gratitude for the lives that have been touched through your generosity. One of the most beautiful stories of transformation comes from a new community recently welcomed into our sponsorship program, Tommy's Village in Bugamba.

When our social workers first visited the village to identify children in need, one mother immediately caught their attention. Her pain and exhaustion were unmistakable. Her husband, trapped in alcoholism, had abandoned the family and was later imprisoned for theft. Left to fend for herself and her two young sons, Bernard and Ivan, she did everything she could to keep them alive.

Day after day, she walked from home to home, asking for food or any small job—pulling weeds, fetching water, or washing clothes. With no home of their own, she and her boys relied on the kindness of neighbors for shelter. Yet even in her struggle, her determination stood out. She worked tirelessly, clinging to hope that somehow, life could be different for her children.

It was into this hardship that God brought hope. When Bernard and Ivan were sponsored, everything began to change. Their mother, once weary and discouraged, began to smile again. The boys were enrolled in school, where they received not only an education but also nourishment, stability, and care.

In June, Ivan's sponsor, Linda, traveled to Uganda and met the boys for the first time. It was a moment none of them will ever forget. The faces of Bernard and Ivan beamed with joy as they returned to their village—well-fed, full of laughter, and proudly wearing their school uniforms. For many in the community, it was the first time



they had witnessed such transformation: two boys who once wandered in search of food now standing tall, radiating confidence and hope. Today, their mother continues to work hard and dreams of one day building a permanent home for her family. Her heart is light again. And her boys are thriving—their lives forever changed by the love and faithfulness of their sponsors.

As this year comes to a close, we are reminded that every story like that of Bernard and Ivan begins with someone choosing to say “yes.” Your generosity makes it possible for us to reach new villages, welcome more children into caring

schools, and share Christ's love in tangible ways. Together, we are not only meeting physical needs—we are transforming hearts and communities for generations to come.

Thank you for giving the gift of hope this year. As we look to 2026, we invite you to continue walking with us so that more children can experience the same joy, stability, and faith that now fill Bernard and Ivan's lives.

**“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”
Isaiah 66:13**



We celebrate these highlights of giving hope in 2025 made possible by your gifts:

- 1,000 sponsored children for the first time in our history—thank you for helping us reach this milestone goal!
- 84 university and 31 vocational students—another record high!
- 19 students graduated this year—joining the 263 program graduates.
- Hope High School grand opening celebration included community members, government officials, students and board members. What a glorious day!
- BUILD HOPE Campaign at the high school continues with a priority focus on building a library and two additional classrooms.
- Mary Cox Foundation School in Kagadi—groundbreaking for a fully funded new primary campus, scheduled to open in 2026 to accommodate the school's growth.
- 28 students completed our Rooted discipleship program as they transitioned from high school to university.
- All students and staff are involved in our discipleship and mentorship training.
- Health and wellness initiatives for students, including education and screenings.
- Strong financial accountability! Our partner in Uganda, Hope Partners Africa, once again received an unqualified opinion on their 2024 audit report. Living Hope for Children continues to receive exemplary ratings from charity assessment organizations.



I have great news to share with you today! Once again, generous partners have stepped forward with **a matching gift of \$40,000!** 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 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 please. 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
Board Chair

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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