



# Bushikori

Christian Centre Orphan Support (Aust.) Inc

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*Welcome Kemba*

*Anne's Grand Daughter*

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress

**AUSTRALIANS SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN UGANDA**

## BCC Staff Uganda



### JANE OJOK | Librarian.

#### Qualifications:

Christian Childcare Project (CCP). | Secretary – Secondary School (2 yrs) Child Care @ BCC from 2007. | Secretary – children's files, directing etc. Working with Dan.

She transferred to the library when it began in 2009. Starting with approx 1000 books, the library now has 5000. Something which Jane is absolutely delighted about! She would like to include ICT (Computer Information & Technology) in the library building in the future.

#### Family:

Husband Mark Peter teaches at Busiu Secondary School.  
Has 5 children – 3 girls, Sharon (29), Sandra (27), Matilda (16) and 2 boys, Francis (23), Arlander (9).

#### Interests:

- Singing gospel music.
- Reading
- Cooking - chapati, meat/beef
- Travel - to church meetings (up to 6 hrs!!)
- Work. She loves the children.
- Playing Church music at Gospel Assembly Church, Mbale (200 strong congregation). She plays the saxophone in the 26 piece band.

## Save the Date // October 10th



Friends of Bushikori invite all children aged between 4yrs & 12yrs old to a Party!! Featuring all your old favourite party games.



## Make a Difference fundraising dinner in aid of the Bushikori Christian Centre, Uganda.

Friday 17th July, 2015 || 7.00pm for 7.30pm || \$75.00 per person  
Truffleduck Function Centre, 66 Hyland Street, Fyansford

The evening will include a brief presentation of the work of Bushikori, an interview of a Ugandan woman who received support and sponsorship from Bushikori as a child, and a silent auction of a select range of items such as holiday accommodation, catered meals, handcrafted items, paintings, etc.

For further details contact | Meredith Kennedy 0408 127 551



Grace and Jerome Olowo were guests of honour at the last Make a Difference function 2013. Pictured here with some of our Australian Support committee.

## Kemba

Anne Wandendeya (the director of BCC)'s daughter Grace, married Jerome Olowo in 2011. Grace and Jerome just had a little girl on June 13th. They have called her Kemba, which in Japadhola means "His reward." Japadhola is spoken around Tororo (just down the road from Bushikori towards Kenyan border) where Jerome grew up.

When I congratulated Anne she wrote back that she had been reflecting on Psalm 126.

# Bushikori Month

The first Bible I remember is The Bible in Pictures published by the Sunday Sun Sydney, given to my Mum by her parents in 1953. The Widows Mite is one of the stories that had impact and I recall using it lately to teach a group of small children about the concept of generosity. It now reminds me of Bushikori - where many widows give all they can to keep the children alive.

Last November the Bushikori Australian committee celebrated twenty years of God's grace, and our supporters generosity, with a Thanksgiving service. In preparing for that event I read all the minutes of committee meetings, from the inaugural on July 1994. In essence July is our birthday! I like birthdays as I see them as your unique day given by God, and I think they are a day to especially remember His joy

that you exist. In honour of our beginnings we would like to celebrate every July every year as "Bushikori Month". A month where we all give a little bit extra consideration to what we can do for Bushikori. A supporter suggested a coin box collection. She felt she could take it along to a non church group she belongs to and it would help her bring up the topic of Bushikori. Interestingly another supporter shared she finds the "coinbox" idea distressing as she sees mission as God's work, and feels deeply that God deserves our "first fruits" not our scraps. Another supporter told me sometimes he puts coins in, sometimes he puts notes in, depending on who its for. All points have logic. I like to think of this as the "Infinite variety of humanity and its perspectives".

However the perspective I would like you to have on Bushikori month is Prayer, Provision, Personalise.

To me, prayer and personalise are as equally important as provision. Without prayer we have no strength, no life, and without talking about Bushikori (personalise) we have no legs, no growth. There are many ways to help - consider sharing why you sponsor with someone new, ask for some pamphlets to leave somewhere different, ask to join the prayer email... think of a new way to raise funds, spread the word.

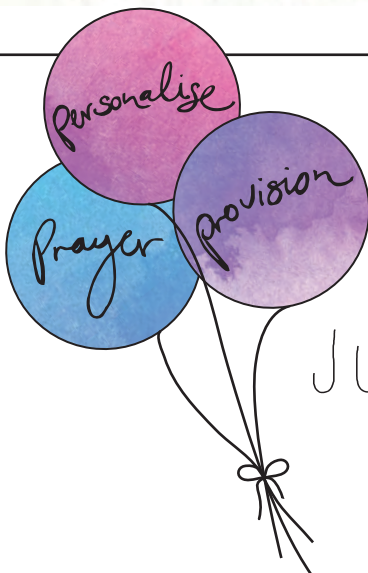
This Pentecost I spent time pondering the relationship of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit whispers to us on the wind with a touch so light that most times we feel inclined to believe we came up with that good idea all on our own! I think the Holy Spirit can help us be creative and help us learn about generosity. Talk to any of the Trinity about Bushikori Month and your thoughts and feelings on it. By doing this you will have a peace about what you decide to do - and that way all of us will be blessed.

Bushikori continually shows me that no matter what we do, big or small, physical or spiritual, if you have kindness and love in it, God can create something that astounds you. May we always be astounded and thank you for all you have contributed - 20 years, Praise God!

- Kerry Peacock | President



2. She threw into the chest two mites (which make a farthing). "You see," said Jesus, "that poor widow gave more to the treasury than all the others; for they threw in some of their abundance, but she, though in need herself, gave all that she had."



## Introducing July as Bushikori Month

## LAYLA PEACOCK | Post Secondary Coordinator

Hi everyone! The rest of Australian Support Committee wanted me to introduce myself to you all. Some of you would have already received emails from me regarding your sponsored children stepping into Vocational or Tertiary Training, and for the rest of you, I guess that's something to look forward to!

I've grown up surrounded by the work of the Australian committee. From a young age I've been dragged along to many fundraisers, because mum was on the committee and dad was often performing. Although we were 'dragged along' my sisters and I went willing, sticking our hands up and offering to help where we could - from serving afternoon tea, selling honey or mum's favourite, the all too often; 'just stand over there and look cute' job.

Although I too am young, I have a passion for encouraging and caring for our young people. One of the very cool things about Bushikori, (well at least I think so) and something that makes us unique is that each sponsored child has the opportunity to further their education beyond high school. Whether they finish their schooling at the end of S6, or S4 they have an opportunity to study for a certificate, diploma or degree.

In Uganda you have to pay for your course up front - there is no HECS, no welfare payments, no Youth allowance, and no way to get a loan unless you own a block of land.

The young people desperately want the chance to become qualified in something, (Eg. nursing, social work, hairdressing, motor mechanics, accounting, teaching, engineering, plumbing etc) because to have an education means that they can help end the poverty cycle..

And even if "life happens", as it does, and for whatever reason they don't finish their course, (something which happens often here in Australia) or they finish schooling at the end of secondary or even primary; sharing God's love and through our support we must have surely made a difference in their lives and have given them skills they would have not otherwise had.

## Child Sponsorship



#1427 **Medrine**  
Wanambisi is in P5 at Joshua PS. She lives with both parents who have 6 other children. She is 15 years old. Her parents are peasant farmers who are struggling to meet the basic needs of the children.



#1223 **Johnstone**  
Bukuwa is in P7 at Joshua PS. His father died of tuberculosis. He is 15 years old and lives with his uncle who finds it hard to just meet Johnstone's basic needs.

*Please contact Liane Foord if you would like more information about sponsorship.*

### Prayer Point | BUS

A bus is needed to transport patients to hospital, pick up children and transport staff to work and home. The cost for a Second hand Matatu is approx 45 million shillings, which on the current exchange rates is approx \$20,000 Aust.

Currently BCC Australian Committee has raised \$8,600 for the bus. We still have to raise another \$12,400. We're nearly half way!

### FUN FACTS about Bushikori

Christian College has been printing our newsletters since 2001. It has also been in colour since 2007. Thank you Christian College for this outstanding achievement and support.

# Welfare Gifts

## *Individual Welfare Gifts*

Often sponsors ask if something extra can be organised for their child. You can do this by asking us to organise for a welfare gift to be purchased. I usually ask the staff at Bushikori to investigate what your child needs and get back to you with the cost. Many of our sponsored children are found to be sleeping on papyrus reed mats and use old clothes for covering so welfare items are usually bedding - foam mattresses, sheets, blankets and mosquito nets.

Sometimes children receive shoes and clothes. In fact many children received shoes this year as their Christmas gift from you! In the Bushikori area many children live in houses constructed of mud and wattle. Heavy rains can easily wash a wall away so sponsors have been able to contribute to a new home or renovations such as a tin roof for the house or even a window.

Some children have received animals such as chickens or goats. These are usually distributed once the hot dry season is over and the animals have a better chance of survival.

When children reach secondary school there are often extra school expenses such as excursions, text books and sometimes laptops. At times, these are also paid for by money a sponsor has sent as a welfare gift.

Christmas is a time when many sponsors think of their sponsored child and wish to organise a gift but please remember that you can do this at any time! Christmas time in Uganda focuses on the birth of our saviour and spending time together as a family rather than the sharing of gifts. Your gifts are usually distributed in January as the staff at Bushikori have a well-earned break for a few days after the BCC Christmas Party in early December. Processing a large amount of deposits and writing receipts is also a strain for us in Australia at that time of year. So we ask that you are mindful of us and the staff in Uganda when timing the sending your welfare payments.

Occasionally I am asked if a toy could be purchased for a child. It is not common for the children in this area to have toys and sadly we have found that toys are easily stolen. While the Ugandan staff will make an effort to meet your request it is probably better to consider the culture of the area. I assure you your child would be equally happy with a

new pair of shoes or a food parcel for their family!

WE sincerely thank you all for your loving generosity towards your sponsored child. Of course we recognise that not all sponsors are in a position to send extra for their child and we certainly value your faithfulness in meeting the sponsorship costs each year. Letters are always welcome by the children as it makes the sponsorship connection more real for them so can I encourage you to put pen to paper and send a small encouraging message to your sponsor child.

## *Gift & Welfare Pool*

This fund was set up to provide welfare to those children who require support when they may not receive extra from their sponsors. Children moving into secondary school and hostel require a large case where they can keep their belongings. They may also receive a new mattress and mosquito net. Sometimes this fund provides emergency accommodation for a family, food parcels or medical assistance for a parent or guardian. The goat project is funded from money donated to this fund from schools or individuals. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

- Liane Foord | Sponsorship Coordinator





Photos of the 'handover' ceremony, including thankful prayers for such a gift. || The balls, goal posts, monkey bars and the swings, oh my! You need to be at Joshua Primary School to see how the children are excited about these play tools. How they go in turns swinging on the monkey bars and the swings. The children jump around and shout for joy every games time .I am happy to report to you that this has greatly improved on our co-curricular activities at school. We appreciate the visitors and Helen's gifts so much. (2014 Mission Visit took balls and paid for goal posts, Helen donated the cost of swings/monkey bars). May the good Lord bless you all.

- *Jalia Namarome* | Deputy Head teacher Joshua Primary School

## BCC History Highlights

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1979 - Sam Wandendeya escaped from Idi Amin.</li> <li>1980 - Sam founds an Orphanage. Begins Christian Fellowship Outreach</li> <li>1983 - 60 Orphans are transferred to BCC site. Sam starts a school for 150 children under the mango tree and in old church building.</li> <li>1984 - Clinic is established to meet the health needs of orphans and surrounding community.</li> <li>1985 - CFO dissolved</li> <li>1989 - Bushikori Christian Centre begins</li> <li>Geelong Couple, Margery and Rex Hobbs meet Pastor Sam during a visit to Uganda.</li> <li>1994 - Pastor Sam Wandendeya visits Australia. Geelong support committee formed. President Margery Hobbs</li> <li>1996 - Decision to have a more formal committee structure.</li> <li>1997 - Margery Hobbs and Pamela Bregman visit B.C.C. Margery officially opens the new two room school building. We begin praying for electricity and a security fence for the centre.</li> <li>1998 - In January, our first container load of</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goods arrives at B.C.C and tragically Pastor Sam Wandendeya is killed in a Bus accident the same day. Sam's school closed down by Govt. due to cholera epidemic in area. Sam's wife, Anne takes over as Director of B.C.C.</li> <li>Anne undertakes six month course in Project Planning &amp; Management. We begin praying for a house for Anne and toilets for the clinic.</li> <li>1999 - BCC website begins. Communication by email starts. BCC Australia becomes an Incorporated body . We begin praying for a midwife's house.</li> <li>2000 - Anne and Pastor Samwiri visit Australia. BCC church moves across the road. Midwives house begins. The first annual report and AGM of BCC Australia.</li> <li>2001 - John and Lyn Duffield move to Uganda to work with B.C.C. BCC sponsorship fees rise to \$320. Direct deposits are possible.</li> <li>2002 - The second Container arrives in Uganda. Electricity comes to the centre for the first time. A house is bought for Anne. The first O Neil foundation donation</li> </ul> |
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- 2003 - Second Container unloaded and Work party from Australia and England visit B.C.C. Joshua Primary begins with two completed rooms. Church hall turned into a ward, drug store & lab. Security fence erected and a Midwife building completed.
- 2004 - Third classroom built. Hiace bus purchased for centre.
- 2005 - Fourth classroom built
- 2006 - Fifth classroom built. Work party from Geelong, Australia visit Uganda. Administration building opening. Richard Stone Memorial Tertiary Fund begins. BCC financial database is built. Anne begins Bachelors degree in Developmental Studies.
- 2007 - John, Lyn Emma & Annie Duffield come back to Australia to live. Rex & Liane Foord visit BCC. They are special guests at the first graduation ceremony held at BCC for Tertiary/Vocation students. New BCC Australia website launched. Engineering Ministries International provide BCC Uganda with a Master plan.
- 2008 - Gift /welfare pool is set up so BCC Uganda can respond to immediate need for aid. Classrooms 6 & 7 completed and in use. The school is completed. After 14 years as Orphan Administrators Ella & Lance Matheson hand over the role to Pamela. Database of sponsored children set up, tertiary cap begins
- 2009 - Library is built. Clinic gets own toilet block. Extensions begin. Generator purchased.
- 2010 - CD of BCC children singing produced. Land purchased. Mini van purchased. Scholarships provided by Rotary Highton Kardinia, another by Church by the Bay
- 2011 - Maternity extension. Staffroom begins. Motorbike purchased. Liane Foord becomes Child Sponsorship Coord.
- 2012 - On 24th April the Friends of Bushikori begins as a fundraising and support group. Staff room is completed. Pink Umbrella partners to provide health support. Information booklet on BCC Australia designed and printed, including new logo. Commissioning Day held at BCC Uganda.
- 2013 - Ivan's book published (picture book written by sponsored child). Alumni Group of past students begins in BCC Uganda. Hall attached to staffroom begins construction.
- 2014 - Sponsorship fee rises to \$360. Mission group from Geelong visits BCC Uganda. New constitution begins, which allows for General members of the Association from which Committee members are elected. Margery Hobbs receives the title of Patron, as President role must be an annually elected. President- Kerry Peacock. 25 years since Margery Hobbs began sending support to Pastor Samuel. 20 years of the Australian Support Committee.



## Bushikori Coin Boxes

As part of Bushikori Month (page 2) we have 50 coinboxes to help you start thinking about Bushikori, reflecting on Provision, Prayer and Personalise. If you would like one please contact: Matt Sayle: 0449 981 486

### BUSHIKORI is:

- A Child Sponsorship Program
- Prep to Primary 7 Schooling
- Health Centre - Specialising in Maternal & Child Health
- Community Library

Bushikori is run by a committee of volunteers in Australia, assisting the Ugandan staff who run Bushikori.

**Empowerment  
through Education**



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- James 1:27



*"Nigdy Marny Tine"*  
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