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Ivan Katenya with Chairman Thomas Odoi and Director Mary Wanendeya



Over 25 years of Australians supporting children at Bushikori in Uganda

About us

The Bushikori Christian Centre (BCC) is located in a rural village near Mbale, Uganda, East Africa. The centre is not an orphanage but a registered non-government organisation.

Bushikori is a child sponsorship program, empowering children in poverty to be educated, growing up to become an agent of change in their own community. Care is taken that the sponsored children live with suitable guardians.

Bushikori's Director is Mary Wanendeya, the daughter of the late Pastor Sam and Mrs Anne Wandendeya, the founders of BCC. The main source of financial help comes from generous sponsors and supporters in Australia, facilitated by the Australian Support Committee, a Christian group of volunteers based in Geelong, Victoria.

Committee members are volunteers of all ages and denominations. We facilitate donations for child sponsorship, the Bushikori Health Centre, Joshua Primary School, the centre fund supporting the day to day running costs and special projects in Uganda. One hundred percent of specified donations are transferred to Bushikori Uganda.

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Spreading the News

We would be delighted to provide information and a speaker for any churches, small groups and schools who are interested in receiving updates or would like to find out more about our mission and child sponsorship in Uganda.

Contact: president@bushikori.org.au

DEAR LORD

*We lift our eyes up to the hills from where will our help
come?*

*Our help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and
earth... (Psalm 121:1)*

We give you thanks and praise that you are the Provider, the Saviour, the
Counsellor and our Comforter.

In our world today where we encounter so much sorrow and pain, help us
Lord to look to you knowing and trusting that our prayers are heard, that
you care, that nothing can separate us from you when we call on you,
Jesus, for help.

*Our hearts are steadfast O God, our hearts are steadfast.
We will give thanks to you O Lord, among the peoples, we
will sing praises to you among the nations, for your steadfast
love is as high as the heavens, your faithfulness extends to
the clouds...(Psalm 57:7-11)*

May we, your children, remember this Eastertide, may we recall again what
you have done for us, for humankind, rescuing us in this sinful world and
giving us hope and freedom through your sacrifice. We rejoice in the
knowledge of your resurrection, death is defeated and your Light shines
forever.

We praise and honour you for the blessing of the Bushikori Christian
Centre that offers help and assistance to their community in so many ways.
Sustain and inspire us all as we are blessed by you and bring your blessing
to those around us.

AMEN

My Story

IVAN KATENYA

My name is Ivan Katonya. I am the first born in a family of four children, three boys and one girl. I live with my father and mother who are both peasant farmers. I was born on 20th December 2001, in Bumasule village, Mbale district.

In 2007, I started my studies from Bukhumwa Primary School in Primary One where I studied for two years. While there, God blessed me with a sponsor through the Bushikori Christian Centre (BCC) in 2008. When I learnt that I had to move to Joshua Primary School, I was filled with joy as my peers had told me about how at this school, there was free breakfast and lunch. Meals were unheard of, we spent the entire day at school on empty stomachs.

The most unfortunate thing is that when I went to Joshua Primary School I was to be interviewed, and I failed simply because the interview was in English, yet we were taught in our local language in my former school. So instead of going to Primary 3 I had to catch up a lot. Over the next several years, I studied very well without failing any class and I sat for my Primary Leaving Exams (PLE) in 2015 where I excelled in Division One with eight aggregates.

While at Joshua Primary School, I learnt Christian values which included praying, praising and worshipping God as well as hearing the preaching of the word of God during the Chapel time every Thursday. In 2012 through an increased desire to visit the library and read story books, I gained the passion of writing story books and one of my story books was presented at a celebration day in 2013 at BCC.

Having excelled very well in PLE, I joined senior one in 2016 at Mbale Senior Secondary School. Here the story of my life started changing as I went through many challenges. I used to ride my bicycle seven kilometers to school daily. When it got damaged it meant staying home until it was repaired. I used to get my lunch from one of the kiosks at a nearby market on the days that Mum could afford to give me 500 Uganda shillings (/=). Since I had come from a Christian founded school, I really wanted to join the prayers in Scripture Union but unfortunately the time for prayers was at lunch time. This was when I had to go to the Bugwere market to have lunch because the food in the school canteen was too expensive starting from 1000/= (42 cents) and I was only given 500/= (22 cents) at home, so I only attended prayers the days I had no money to get lunch.

Mum Anne Leah Wanendeya (RIP) called me to her office when she had heard that things were not going on well with me, she asked me what the cause could have been and I explained. She played parent and helped me get into a hostel near the school, I was very happy and I promised her that I would work hard to improve in my studies.

When I went and settled at school, I made sure that I revised those notes like never before. That year (2018), I emerged among the best students in Senior3. My academic excellence started showing up and when I sat for my UCE examination in 2019, I excelled very well scoring twenty three aggregates. This was one of the best results of the Senior school students at Mbale Secondary that year. I was very happy and so was everyone else.

At A-level, BCC switched us to a better school, a boarding school. I went there and studied mathematics, economics, entrepreneurship, and ICT (MEE/ICT) simply because since my childhood, I had wanted to become an accountant/auditor/statistician and when I sought advice from the head teacher, he said that MEE/ICT was the best combination for this career. When it came to A-level, I doubled my effort

because nothing was stressing me at all apart from pocket money which was a tug of war to get. Nevertheless, I survived on school meals and life moved on.

When the Headteacher saw that my performance was outstanding, he started facilitating my welfare at school. He bought me sugar, soap, toothpaste and gave me money regularly for my welfare, I was really very pleased for that and I doubled my efforts the more because I didn't want to disappoint my Headteacher as well as BCC who paid my school fees.

The staff of BCC were there for me as they checked on us regularly at school. When I sat for my UACE exams in 2022 and results were released, I emerged the second best in my school with 19 points and I was also among the best students in the entire Mbale City. I was very happy with what God had done in my life. I am hoping to pursue a Bachelor of Statistics at university.

Above all, it's God who has been in this story for me to succeed up to this level that I have achieved. He has fought for me battles that I even don't know existed, I have loved referring to Jeremiah 29:11, (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.) Matthew 7:7 ("Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.) and Jeremiah 1:5 ("Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.") in my prayers.

I also thank BCC in partnership with Australian Support Committee for changing our lives because without this help we can't tell where we would be right now. Great thanks go to Mum Anne Leah Wanendeya (RIP) because she was the reason behind my revival, otherwise, I would have dropped out of school in O'level because my life was becoming more and more difficult. I also thank our new Director Aunty Mary Wanendeya together with the Child Care Department (CCD) staff for making sure that they make a follow up on us even when we are at school.

May the Almighty God bless you and reward you abundantly.



Ivan Katenya in school library



Ivan receiving a printed copy of his story book in 2013

POVERTY to POTENTIAL

Pamela Ferrar

We would like to share this photo with you as it illustrates the real possibility that education can lift a poor person from poverty to potential. This photo and the information is from "Factfulness", a book by Dr. Hans Rosling (2019; Sceptre). The figures at the bottom of the picture indicate population in billions. This book is about the world and the potential and achievements of humankind, stats and facts and the fact that things are in a much better state than we think.

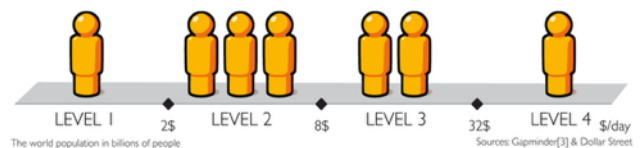
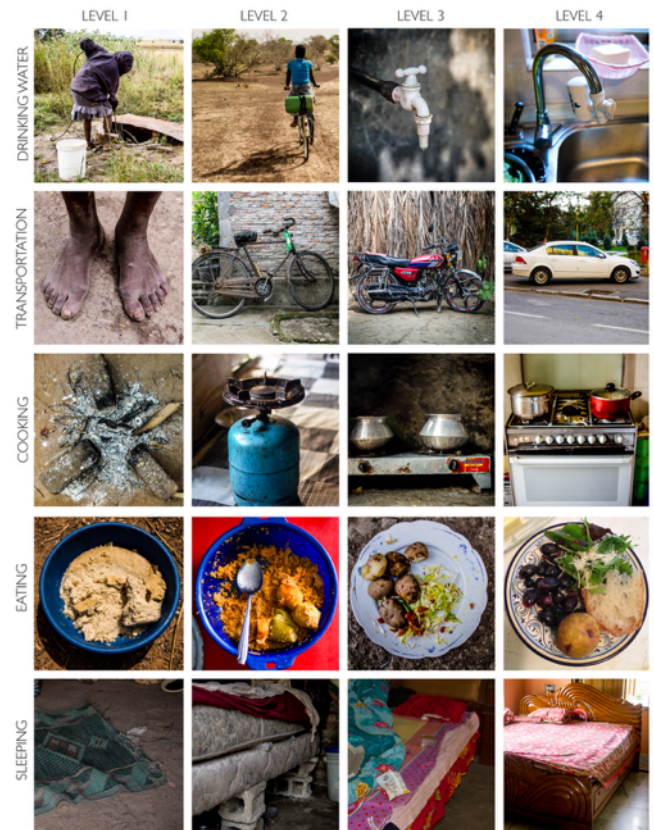
The photo illustrates the progress from dire poverty at level 1, through to prosperity at levels 3 and 4 according to a person/family's income. You may ask, what has this information got to do with Bushikori? Well everything as it happens.

The Bushikori Christian Centre cares for the most vulnerable in the community, these are people surviving at level 1. Sponsorship means that all school costs are met as well as extra welfare, health support through the Health Clinic, and the family is monitored for any special assistance. Welfare gift funds are used to buy the student a mattress and bedding, shoes and clothing. The staff at Joshua Primary School donate funds for income generating projects such as chooks, a pig or a cow. Donations from Australia are also appreciated to support needy families with income generating projects. Occasionally a sponsored student will write that they would like to start a poultry farm for example. An income generating project can lift a family from level 1 to level 2 when successful.

Sponsoring a child starts the process of lifting a family out of poverty, it gives them hope and importantly the student receives an education which is life transforming. After 29 years of partnership between Australia and BCC Uganda, the evidence is clear, 312 students have graduated at various levels and found secure employment. They earn an income that helps the whole family achieve level 2, or even level 3. Those of us who have had the privilege of visiting Uganda have been blessed to see this transformation at first hand.

We thank God for his love for his people, for his ongoing provision, and for the sponsors and supporters who make it all happen.

LIFE ON THE FOUR INCOME LEVELS



Level 1

Rosling describes a family who live on \$1 a day; the children spend hours walking barefoot with a single plastic bucket to fetch water from a dirty mud hole an hour's walk away, this needs to happen multiple times in the day. Firewood is gathered on the way home to cook the same bowl of cheap rice or maize meal porridge that is eaten everyday, twice a day in good times. This food may occasionally be supplemented by meagre crops gleaned from the ground in a good season. Smoke from the indoor fire affects the children's lungs and health care is too expensive so a child may die of a treatable lung infection. The family sleep on a papyrus mat on the floor with a thin cloth for covering. One billion people live this way in our world.

Level 2

The family is managing to earn \$4 a day, there is money to buy some food, and an income generating source such as chooks that lay eggs that can be sold. Money can be saved for cheap plastic shoes, to buy more buckets for water reducing the number of visits to the well, a gas stove and possibly even a bicycle for transport. They may also be able to save for a mattress to put on the floor, and a blanket. The children will be able to attend school as the number of essential chores for survival are reduced. Three billion people live this way in our world.



Children's Church

Here at the Bushikori Christian Centre (BCC), we have the wonderful opportunity to tell our children about Jesus. This means that we take on an active role with the Children's Church, telling the children about Jesus and what He means to us, and hopefully to them.

We, the staff introduce the word of God to their hearts, reaching out to sow a seed that hopefully many years from now will become an important reference point when the boys and girls will have to make very many important decisions regarding their own lives.

Over the past 3-4 years we have worked through the teaching resources we received from our local Scripture Union from cover to cover, and exhausted the content. At BCC we are able to print or photocopy where there are no restrictions of copyright. We also have some audio-visual capabilities in our Geelong Hall where the children gather.

We have about six members on staff who come along to volunteer their time to run our weekly activities. We usually have chapel time every Thursday afternoon (500 students) and then on Sunday morning (300 children) between 8-9am.

It is generally easier to hold the attention of the teenagers as compared to the little ones. We engage them through praise and worship music, to which they love to dance to while it plays. We share from the Scriptures for about 15-20 minutes. We also encourage them to lead their own sessions as a way of building confidence and bringing a sense of ownership and belonging. This is the routine throughout our 13 week long school terms.

We are grateful to God that the team who volunteer are enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve and impact their lives in this way.

Please pray for:

- this ministry to our children and for the staff who volunteer
- for new resources for links to online, digital material that is suitable for children of all ages.

Editors note: forward any suggestions you may have regarding Sunday school resources to sponsorship@bushikori.org.au using 'Sunday School' in the subject



Health

CENTRE UPDATES



January

Construction commenced on the AnneLeah post-surgical wing. For now, we have built up the ground floor and will be using it as a post-surgical space, where our surgical patients can receive tailored care.

February

Twin babies were born normally at Bushikori. With joy for their safe delivery.

March

Saturday 18th March 2023 Bushikori Christian Centre in partnership with Rotary Kampala South held a medical camp clinic and the surrounding community were invited to attend. The day included also a welcome to the Honourable Women Member of Parliament for the Mbale district, the District Health Officer and the President of Rotary Kampala South. It was a very busy day!

- 600 people seen at the camp clinic
- 55 people received reading glasses
- 45 people had obstetric scans
- Everyone willing had an HIV/AIDS Test
- 100 Diabetic screenings
- Drugs and referrals made
- 600 people seen by a health worker

April

The roof has now been built on the AnneLeah Surgical Building!

Excerpts from the BCC Pink Umbrella Report 2022

The Pink Umbrella Foundation has been a consistent partner in Health care support and their funds have helped the following areas:



Traditional Birth Attendants

The Doulas (support people before and during birth) still play a very vital role in linking mothers to healthcare services and handling of emergency deliveries in their localities. In 2022 we continued to provide support in recognition of this service through the training of nine TBA's.

We also provided much needed supplies, including medical supplies, TBA kits and gumboots for use in the delivery room.

TBA's in 2022 assisted with 122 deliveries, made 178 antenatal support visits and 64 post-natal care surveillance visits. In total 230 healthcare support activities were conducted entirely by this group.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Support

The Pink Umbrella Support was directed towards activities in the Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Clinic. Cumulatively 423 clients have benefited from this service. We have 112 active clients on Antiretrovirals.

The Hope Club of 40 members is a group of HIV+ persons who pool their resources to support each other. Small scale enterprises and lending projects have been initiated. We provided agricultural seeds and implements to further support food production at the family level. We also provided support for the establishment of kitchen gardens to supplement nutrition and income needs.

To commemorate the World AIDS day 2022, we brought together club members for fellowship, training and support.

Community Health Support and Reproductive Health

Twenty-four Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) sensitization sessions were conducted at Joshua Primary school, and Social Workers conducted eight school visits to schools with higher concentration of sponsored female students to provide menstrual hygiene education and support. This intervention has seen increase in school attendance and completion rates among girls.

We supported vaccination campaigns at outreach level, our health workers administered vaccines for Polio, Tuberculosis, Diptheria, Haemophilus influenzae, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Measles and Pneumococcal infections to over 400 infants in 2022. This vital area supports the static clinic as well as mobilization efforts of the TBA's.

We committed 19% of Pink Umbrella Foundation support in 2022 towards patient care and support at the clinic. We noted increase in admissions as well as more Family Planning clients. From the Rotary club of Brisbane in partnership with Pink Umbrella Foundation we received a donation to procure a Refrigerator for blood products and a Haematology complete blood count machine.

BCC is privileged to continue with this partnership and looks towards even stronger cooperation to ensure sustainability of health services in this community.

BUILDING

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GIRLS' HOSTEL

This is an extract from the report sent by Acting Director Mary Wanendeya regarding the new Girls' Hostel that is being built at the Bushikori Christian Centre.



Necessity

Joshua Primary School (JPS) since its establishment has strived to provide access to quality education on for the most underprivileged children, many of them orphaned. A challenge for girl students is their struggle to fully focus on their studies due to the home situation that is frequently unsafe. They may not have enough to eat, there may be domestic violence and other deprivation that precludes them from getting the best out of their education. The student is at risk of dropping out of school which can have dire consequences such as being forced into a child marriage, they may experience violence and suffer from poor health. Girls who access education are more likely to be able to break free from the cycle of poverty, contribute to the country's economic growth and have a healthy family. The Bushikori Christian Centre is therefore enabling increased safety and education for the girl child by creating safe spaces and accessing high quality education.

With the help of generous donors from Australia, the JPS hostel infrastructure has grown from self-help initiatives using converted private residences to a fully constructed and furnished 150- bed capacity hostel for the boys; and now construction is in progress for the 200 bed capacity girls'

hostel. These two projects will place over 50% of the students in a safer learning environment resulting in improvements in their grades and higher completion rates in their education.

New Girls' Hostel

A donation from a generous single donor has been given for the purpose of building the girls' hostel. The double storey building with a 200 bed-capacity is coordinated through the Australian Support Committee (ASC). Construction started 1 July 2022 and now at the completion stage. The hostel will not only provide accommodation for the poor girl child who resides awfully long miles away from the school but will also provide a sense of security to the children which will help them concentrate in their studies. The hostel will house 100-double decker bunks accommodating 200 students under the care of two Matrons.

The hostel will create a safe space for 200 girls to focus on their studies, unleashing the opportunity for them to reach their full potential, achieve their dreams, and become tomorrow's leaders.



By creating a safe space for the girls; the hostel will eliminate the need for daily walks between home and school (some students walk between 3-7 km to/from school each way), reducing exposure to unsafe conditions along the way; such as physical attacks and rape. If a girl becomes pregnant as a result of rape, she can no longer attend school and may be robbed of her education.

Residing at the dormitory will give girls more time to focus on their studies, they will have more time they no longer need to commute to school or help at home by collecting firewood and water, cooking, cleaning, taking care of younger siblings, and more. The boys are also enabled to focus on their studies instead of helping out with chores at home.

Consideration for disability has also been addressed with a ramp for disabled access. The opportunity for education is offered to all children.

Community Benefits

Employment opportunities have been created for skilled contractors three, unskilled labourers eight, these workers

have been on site since July 2022 except for a short Christmas holiday.

All construction materials have been sourced from local suppliers and hardware stores injecting financial support to local businesses.

The project provides an additional surface area for roof top water harvesting. This will significantly benefit JPS by providing a sustainable source of water and reducing the cost of water from mains supply.

The high roof will provide an adequate location for the development of a mini-solar plant to provide power to the entire BCC compound when developed. This will also save on utility costs towards electricity.

Additional Project Needs

Areas that require future support to maximize opportunity presented by the developed infrastructure include: Need for additional bunk beds and furnishing of the hostel.

Securing the hostel with a fence and security control including CCTV cameras and proper compound lighting.

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT COMMITTEE



What We Do

The Australian Support Committee (ASC) facilitates the financial support that comes from generous sponsors and supporters here in Australia. We are a Christian group based in Geelong, Victoria. Committee members are all volunteers, of all ages, from different denominations or churches and we all administer the work from our homes.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the home of one of the members. The meeting begins with prayer for the BCC Mission, then time is spent discussing issues and planning formal administrative tasks. Outside of these regular meetings work continues on sponsorship administration that includes communicating with sponsors, banking and finance management, fundraising opportunities and communication with the leadership team at the Bushikori Christian Centre (BCC).

We hope that you will be inspired and encouraged as you read reflections from Committee members regarding their experiences of membership of the ASC. Our work can only be sustained by the knowledge and trust we have in the One who transforms us by His compassion and care for the needy.

Our Team

Pamela Ferrar

Bushikori has been an important part of my life since 1994 when Pastor Sam Wandendeya visited Margery Hobbs in Geelong. How the Lord works in mysterious ways! Sam was the most humble, yet charismatic Christian who touched people's hearts wherever he went. I thank God for the opportunity not only to be on the Australian Support Committee but also to visit BCC Uganda, and East Africa where I lived as a child. It is always encouraging to see lives transformed through this mission and be a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ as we share 'the Gospel according to Bushikori' with others.

Lucy Stone

I have been involved with Bushikori since about 2000 when my late husband Richard joined the committee and became treasurer. We also became sponsors. After my husband died I joined the committee as I appreciated greatly the wonderful difference Bushikori could make to a child's life.

I decided to visit Bushikori to see for myself and was taken out on field trips to visit children in remote areas, and families in need of attention. It was quite confronting as I had never seen such poverty. However the joy on the faces of those receiving help will stay with me forever. Such beautiful big smiles! It confirmed to me that there is so much need and still much to be done.

Now that we have a school and a medical centre we are already making a change for the better. I hope we can keep on improving living conditions. One very strong impression was that everything done at Bushikori was very much Christian based and that Christianity is paramount in their lives. I started "The Friends of Bushikori," a group of people who could run functions to raise money for various needs at Bushikori, and to inform people of the work already being done there. Over the years we have held many successful events.

Roger White

I heard about the committee from John Watts who was a member of our (church) small group for years and I was inspired to join. I am interested in all aspects of Bushikori, especially the Medical Centre.

Althea Abraham

One of my connections with Bushikori came when I was teaching Prep at Campbell House (The Geelong College) when Helen McLean introduced the staff and students to the concept of sponsoring a child in the early 2000s. As a Christian, I felt a strong interest and connection then but further contact came through the Late John Watts and the Late Richard Stone who introduced Bushikori and sponsorship to the Rotary Club of Highton Kardinia of which Gordon and I are members.

Lucy and Richard, John and Meryl and Helen and John continued to invite Gordon and I to support Bushikori events. Through coming along and through these Christian friends, we came to understand something of the purpose of the wonderful Christian Mission that is Bushikori, Uganda. John supported my interest in joining the Committee some three years ago and I pray that I can serve in useful and positive ways.

Cecilia Bell

My husband and I have sponsored a child through Bushikori since his Primary school years, and now he is half-way through a tertiary degree in Forestry. It is so good to see a child grow and develop over a longer term, and to know they have been cared for not only in their education and the provision of meals and essential practical items, but also in their spiritual development as Christians. I joined the Bushikori Committee at the end of 2022 and was surprised at the small size of the Committee. It is amazing what God does through few people, all volunteers. God's heart is for the poor - and for us who have been given much, to share with those in need.

Kerry Peacock

Bushikori is interwoven into my daily life. Some days I spend hours on it, some only half an hour but it is part of every day I wake.

I have been on committee since 1998, and Chairperson/President since 2003. My three girls do not remember a time without Bushikori.

Bushikori has given me a faith in God. So many Biblical phrases come to life by the "doing" of Bushikori, you can see how you are being part of a "body", see how you can be God's hands in a situation, looking back you can see how God had the big picture when we did not.

I find the Alumni inspiring – Bushikori is unique in that you can witness how those who have been helped come back to say thank you by helping Bushikori if they can. Many of the Alumni have skills that are useful resources to which Bushikori can turn to. The whole mission is miraculous! So many times a thought has come to mind, - often huge, expensive, almost impossible ideas. We respond; "ok, lets pray". Some ideas bear no fruit, others the fruit came quickly. Sometimes the evidence of the fruit of these ideas take years and years.

Bushikori is a partnership – I have seen Australia give many physical resources to Bushikori Uganda. What Uganda has given us in return is the gift of Living water. Uganda shows us how to have a living faith.

Bushikori started with love, it continues with love. To me, we are children of God who when brought together like this have become a family, we are the Bushikori family. We are

trying to support each other and carry out a shared vision. The Australian Support Committee of Bushikori started with a prompt from God to Margery to sew clothes for children in need, it continues with all that the Bushikori centre is today, standing by the grace of God.

Rick Peacock

Being involved with the ASC has reinforced my faith in the Christian faith. The non-denominational aspect of the sponsors and the committee, and their commitment to the work at BCC meets the two great commandments. ASC is here to support BCC's agenda in helping the people through to adulthood and equipping them for their future

Esther Cohen

I first visited Uganda in 1986, while travelling with a team from Youth With A Mission UK. I witnessed firsthand the vast wave of human need and horrific suffering after years of political instability and brutal regimes. I have often recalled the images of child soldiers at road blocks and the many orphans on the streets who were displaced and in need of care. One story I won't forget was from a young girl who told me of her extreme destitution after seeing all her family members killed in front of her. This experience caused me to write in my journal, "one day I hope to return to Uganda and help orphans". It took another 14 years for this thought to be revisited and rekindled as a possibility.

It was in 2000 that Anne Wandendeya, the director of Bushikori, spoke at my church and there I heard about the Centre for the first time. By coincidence Bushikori was near where I had been working in 1986. Then in 2003 I was able to travel with a small workparty to Bushikori. There I found the Centre providing faith-filled loving care and service for the needy in their community including many vulnerable children. This trip confirmed to me that I wanted to be involved with this grass roots mission. And as the saying goes, "The rest is history"! Now I see faith in action and I am humbled by God's prompting and His guidance to help me join the committee in 2004.

Glenda Salmon

During 1994 I heard the late Pastor Sam Wandendeya preach at East Geelong. I was impressed by his words and humility, and led by the Holy Spirit to become a sponsor and later a Committee member of Bushikori.

In 2008 I went with a work party to Bushikori Uganda and met my sponsored child twice and her step-mother. It was an overwhelming experience being there in the country, seeing how they live, compared with our lifestyle. The women often had many children and worked so hard to make a home. I was also moved by the sincerity and enthusiasm of the worship in the Bushikori church.





SPONSORSHIP

Meet Our Students



Joy Kibone

Joy is eight years old and the family have no secure income and insufficient land to grow enough food.



Jonah Nabunda

Jonah is five years old and there is no secure source of income for his family.



Elizabeth Aidah Namee

Elizabeth is seven years old, the family live in a mud and wattle home with insufficient land to sustain them.



Jeremiah Wakinya

Jeremiah is six years old and there is no secure source of income for his family.

Monthly Sponsorship Rates

Options for three instalments yearly or once off annual payments

Primary Student **\$30**

Secondary Student **\$53**

Tertiary Student **TBA**

Want to sponsor a student?

Fill out the form on the next page

OUR WORK

Bushikori is a Child Sponsorship Program, empowering children in poverty to be educated, growing up to become an agent of change in their own country. Care is taken to ensure sponsored children live with suitable guardians. The committed Ugandan staff at Bushikori provide a much-needed service to the impoverished farming community; particularly the vulnerable children (regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, tribe). From nursery to tertiary/vocational, sponsorship covers school fees, uniform, scholastic materials, medical care and welfare. All of the sponsorship fees go directly to Uganda.

Bushikori is Joshua Primary School, providing quality education to students from Nursery to Primary Seven. Classes are taught in English. Every Student at Joshua Primary receives two meals a day, which for some is the only food that they eat each day.

Bushikori is a Community Library, established through a support group from the United States of America providing much needed textbooks, recreational reading books and a space for training.

Bushikori is a Health Centre, providing a 24 hour service to a population of 23,000. The healthcare service includes maternal health, HIV/AIDS clinic, adolescent health, immunisations, diagnostic services and the training of traditional birth attendants.

Donate to a fund

Bushikori Centre Fund: Each month the Australian Support Committee must send funds to keep the Ugandan Centre running (i.e. power, fuel, Ugandan staff wages).

Joshua Primary School: Support for infrastructure and to employ teachers.

Health Centre Fund: Support to employ staff at the medical centre which serves the surrounding population of approximately 23,000 people.

AnneLeah Fund: Support the Surgical Services Operating Theatre project

Richard Stone Memorial Fund: Helps to support the payment of tertiary/vocational education of sponsored children. Funds are distributed at the Australian Support Committee's discretion.

Welfare Pool: Used at the discretion of Ugandan staff for children who have a special need (i.e. roofs, goats, bedding, seeds, food).

Christmas Fund: Helps to support the annual Christmas gathering and gifts of rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar for the sponsored children and families

If you would like to support Bushikori Christian Centre please fill out this form and mail to:

Bushikori Christian Centre, PO Box 42, Geelong, 3220

Or, email your interest to:

sponsorship@bushikori.org.au

For direct deposit: BSB 063858. Account No. 10077253.

Cheques made payable to Bushikori Christian Centre

Sponsorship Enquiry Form

Name: _____ Post Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

☐ I would like to commit to sponsoring a child

☐ I would like to make a once-off donation



PRIMARY



SECONDARY



TERTIARY



HEALTH

\$ _____

Clinic

\$ _____

AnneLeah Fund



WELFARE

\$ _____

Centre Fund

\$ _____

Christmas Fund

\$ _____

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