

# ANNUAL REPORT



*Bushikori*  
CHRISTIAN CENTRE

# 2024



Bushikori Christian Centre



Bushikori Christian Centre is a registered non-government organization (S.591/250) located along Mbale - Tororo road, Mbale Uganda that cares for orphans, widows and vulnerable children through child educational sponsorship program to help build a sustainable community.

### **Vision**

*People Living Dignified and Sustainable Livelihoods.*

### **Mission**

*To Fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ in word and deed by empowering orphans, Vulnerable Children, widows and needy persons in different communities.*

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# **Message from the Director**

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## Our unwavering support in holistic development

Bushikori Christian Centre is dedicated to supporting the most vulnerable children, widows, and individuals in various communities. We are truly privileged to carry out this mission each year, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and friends. Through their help, we have been able to fulfil the great commission of Jesus Christ, both in word and deed. Together, we've made a tangible impact by providing access to quality education, healthcare, and addressing the spiritual and psychological needs of children and other vulnerable individuals.

God has been amazing to us this year, we did celebrate 30 years of existence, to God be the glory and honor for his unfailing love, provision and grace to keep moving on. A special thank you goes to the Australian Support Committee for their ongoing support of the Child Care Department, Joshua Primary School, and the Bushikori Medical Centre. We are also deeply grateful to the O'Neil Family, the Pink Umbrella Foundation, Covenant College, and all our sponsors and friends for their continued contributions.

We look forward to further expanding our reach and transforming more lives across different communities.

Thank you.

Mary Wanendeya

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# Who we are

Amazing year with growth for Bushikori

## Vision

People living dignified and sustainable livelihoods

## Mission

To fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ in word and deed by empowering Orphans, Vulnerable Children, Widows and Needy Persons in different communities

## Goals

- Quality health Care Services to the community
- Quality Education and training for children
- Improved incomes and Entrepreneurship skills for the poor families
- Spiritual and Psychological needs of Children and Vulnerable communities met

## Values

- Teamwork
- Mutual Respect
- Commitment
- Empathy
- Result Oriented
- Christian Principles
- Excellence
- Servant hood

## Where we serve

We work and serve the vulnerable communities in the areas of Bugisu regions, and we are located along Mbale, Tororo road in Uganda

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

## 1. Quality Health Care Services to the Community

Bushikori Medical Centre has been committed to providing comprehensive healthcare services to the community, offering general medicine, surgical services, immunization, maternal and child healthcare, laboratory services, HIV testing and care, TB screening and treatment, ultrasound services, and blood transfusion services.

Our dedicated medical team includes three medical officers, one clinical officer, five midwives, four enrolled nurses, three laboratory assistants, one mother mentor, one case manager, two nursing assistants, along with non-medical staff members including three cleaners, one cashier, and one records and stores assistant.

## THE ANNE LEAH SURGICAL SERVICES

In loving memory of the beloved late Anne Leah Wanendeya, Bushikori Christian Centre established the Surgical Services Wing at the Medical Centre. On August 14, 2024, we were honored to officially open the wing with the presence of Her Excellency, the President of the Australian Support Committee, along with a distinguished team from Australia. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Barry and all the friends who made this milestone possible.

This new facility houses surgical services, sterilization spaces, a private area, and specialized care. We are pleased to report that 45 successful surgical procedures have been performed in 2024, including cesarean sections, hernia repairs, excisions, exploratory laparotomies, and various minor surgeries. These operations have saved lives, and we remain dedicated to serving our community by sharing the love of Jesus in every way we can.

The private wing has been completed and features fully renovated rooms designed for the comfort and convenience of our surgical patients and their attendants.



## **Bushikori Medical Centre Staff Join Mbale District to Combat Blood Shortages**

In May 2024, Mbale District faced a critical blood shortage, affecting several medical facilities, including Bushikori Medical Centre. On June 4, 2024, in partnership with the blood bank, Bushikori Medical Centre organized a static blood donation outreach, where 16 of our dedicated staff members donated blood. Their contributions helped save numerous lives.

Thanks to these efforts, Bushikori Medical Centre has been able to maintain a steady blood supply, and to date, we have successfully transfused blood to 32 patients this year. We remain committed to addressing the healthcare needs of our community.



## **2. Quality Education and Training for Children**

Joshua Primary School is a Christian-founded institution dedicated to nurturing God-fearing students. This year, we have seen God's guiding hand in everything we do at the school.

Our commitment has always been to create an environment where young minds can thrive, fostering individual thinking and the holistic development of each child's personality. We set high standards and goals for ourselves, and we strive to achieve them in areas such as academics, sports, discipline, leadership, and beyond.

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## ACADEMICS

*"Learning fosters creativity, creativity leads to thinking, thinking provides knowledge, and knowledge makes you great."*

The year 2024 began on a high note with the release of our Primary 7 results. We are thrilled to share the impressive academic achievements of our students, which reflect our dedication to excellence. Academic success is the hallmark of any great institution, and we take immense pride in our students' outstanding performances.



None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering commitment and care of our teachers. We are also deeply grateful for the continuous encouragement from parents and well-wishers who have placed their trust in us and provided their full support. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the invaluable guidance and contributions of our management team, whose collaboration has truly made a difference. While we celebrate these results, we remain determined to aim even higher, and we are striving for the very best.



## SPORTS

*"To be a great champion, you must believe you are the best. If you are not, keep trying."*

Sports competitions teach students the value of positive challenges and sportsmanship, preparing them for life beyond the classroom. Physical fitness, games, and sports hold an important place in our curriculum. This year, our students participated in various sports competitions, bringing home multiple trophies. We have four houses: Margery, Richardstone, Duffield, and Wanendeya. Students competed in activities such as football, foot racing, food peeling, balloon bursting, tyre racing, sack racing, and more. We are proud to announce that Wanendeya House secured first place, winning the gold medal, while earned second place and took home the silver medal.



## CET PROGRAMME

*"For nothing will be impossible for God." — Luke 1:37*

Our key scripture has been a constant reminder that with God, nothing is impossible. Throughout this year, we held weekly chapel sessions every Thursday and Friday, where students participated in singing, instrument playing, preaching, memorizing scriptures, and building leadership skills. These gatherings have been a source of spiritual growth and development for our students. A new curriculum was introduced this year, making the learning experience smoother for both students and facilitators. We've seen significant improvements in student discipline, as the children have learned to love, share, care for one another, and give generously. This shift has had a positive impact on the overall behavior of everyone in our school community.



### **3. Improved Incomes and Entrepreneurship Skills for Poor Families; Spiritual and Psychological Needs of Children and Vulnerable Communities Met**

Since the introduction of the Sponsorship Program in 1981, it has supported countless girls and boys—many of whom are orphans or come from families living in extreme poverty, unable to afford school fees. This program has provided opportunities for children to attend nursery, primary, secondary, and further education at universities, colleges, and technical schools.

The sponsorship program has significantly impacted on the lives of many families, helping them improve their livelihoods. We are deeply grateful to all our sponsors and friends for their unwavering support and generosity.

#### **Update on Progress**

In 2024, we were proud to sponsor 242 students across various levels of education, including nursery, primary, secondary, universities, colleges, and vocational training programs throughout the country. Each year, we celebrate the success of many of our students as they graduate from college, marking a significant milestone in their lives.

In 2024, we were excited to share that 17 students successfully graduated with degrees and certificates from various institutions. Among them, nine (9) students received certificates, and eight (8) students earned bachelor's degrees in various fields of study.

We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for these students, empowering them to achieve their dreams and contribute to their communities. Thank you again to everyone who has supported this life-changing initiative.

#### **Graduated Students**

##### **Graduates at NILE Vocational Institute**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Course</b>                          |
|-------------------------|--|
| Sylvia Kakayi           | Certificate in Fashion and Design      |
| Brenda Kakayi<br>Musuya | Certificate in Fashion and Design      |
| Rebecca Nabalayo        | Certificate in Fashion and Design      |
| Ibrahim Gizamba         | Certificate in Plumbing                |
| Alex John Mukuwa        | Certificate Motor Vehicle<br>Mechanics |
| Eric Malema             | Skills in Motor Vehicle Mechanics      |

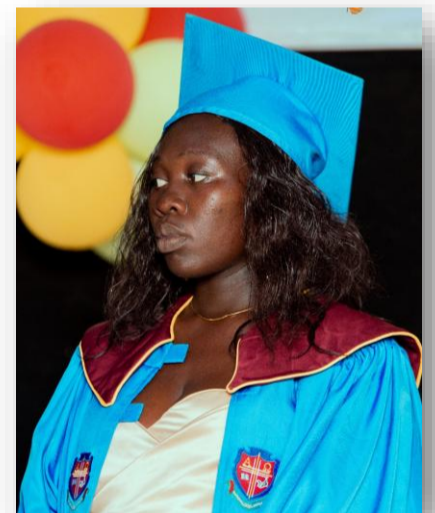
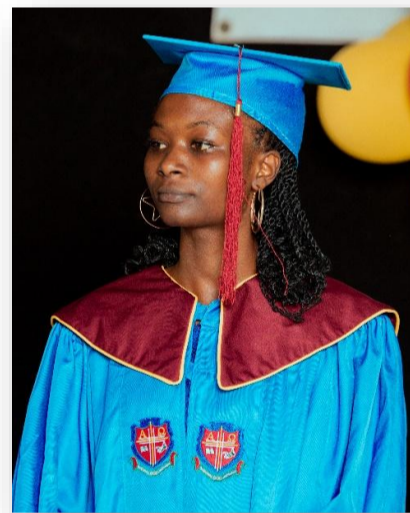
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|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Damali Khaita  | Skills in Catering                |
| Phylis Mutonyi | Certificate in Cosmetology        |
| Shiela Kitogo  | Certificate in Fashion and Design |

### Graduates at Uganda Christian University

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Luke Wamandu       | Bachelor Business Administration |
| Daniel Amanyire    | Bachelor Arts with Education     |
| Jonah Luke Wangasa | Bachelor Business Administration |
| Lynn Adikini       | Bachelor Arts with Education     |
| Rita Nasike        | Bachelor Arts with Education     |
| Deborah Namasaba   | Bachelor of science Education    |

### Graduates at Kyambogo University

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Trevor Wanyama | Bachelor of Science in Accounting |
| Shedrck Kuloba | Bachelor of Social Science        |





### New Sponsorships

We are grateful to God for the eight new sponsorships received this year, out of the 18 children on our waiting list. We humbly ask for your prayers that the remaining 10 children on our list will soon find support. We also pray for the opportunity to expand our efforts, reaching even more vulnerable families in need.



## CCD CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING 2024

We had an amazing Christmas gathering with the children. Thank you for your giving, love and support towards this day.

Each child received:

- 5kgs of rice
- 1 bar of soap
- 1kg of sugar
- Half liter of cooking oil
- 1 Packet of wheat flour



## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Please pray that more children will receive sponsorship to meet their diverse needs in education, health, psychosocial support, and overall welfare. There are still many families in our community facing extreme poverty.
- Pray for God's provision for the upcoming projects at Bushikori. We are planning to build a new kitchen for the Centre.
- Pray that we can repair the Margery Hobbs structure. Our goal is to fix the roof and, if possible, construct a better facility to serve the children.
- Pray that God will retain the right people to work in the mission here in Mbale