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Building Hope Project-Uganda: Student Sponsorship

**"Building Lives, Building Communities,
Building Hope for a Better Tomorrow."**

"When a tree is chopped down, there is always the hope that it will sprout again." Job 14:7



Kirra Primary School - Jinja, Uganda (East Africa)

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Dear Patron (s),

Greeting! It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our Student Sponsorship Program entitled “**Building Hope Project**” Building Hope Project- Uganda is a ministry to children and youth through **United Gospel Outreach** and the partnership of **Agape Global Missions**, which are both registered non-profit tax exempt organizations based in California (USA) as well as Agape Global Missions being a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in Uganda. Building Hope Project designs projects to build hope and a future for the thousands of orphaned, disadvantaged and vulnerable children in Uganda.

Because of extreme poverty, internal conflicts and wars, HIV/AIDS and other diseases there is a great population of children and youth who are orphaned, do not receive the basic necessities of life and are unable to go to school.

Through our student sponsorship program we seek to:

- Help alleviate illiteracy, unemployment, and poverty as a whole that plagues the communities in Uganda by providing free tuition, uniforms, and a meal per school day to select students.
- Be a wholesome presence in the lives of families whose children receive sponsorship to offer holistic ministry that will build strong families to transform communities.
- Identify emerging leaders for mentorship, spiritual and personal development that will enhance leadership development for the next generation.

As you read the following pages of this project, it is my prayer that you will be led to join us in giving the many needy people of Uganda hope so that together, we can build up Uganda. **We believe that building hope is the best way for building a future!**

Respectfully,

David Curtiss Founder/President

Building Hope Project: Uganda

Introduction: Our Partners

Agape Global Missions, Inc is a 501(c) (3) federal tax exempt mission organization based in Inglewood, California, USA and is also registered in Uganda, East Africa as a Non Governmental Organization. The organization was founded in May, 2002 by Dr. Linda F. Marcell and is governed by a board of directors both in USA and in Uganda.



Their Mission is to obey and fulfill the Great Commission, Go into all the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). They seek to share the love of God through word and deed to bring hope, healing and restoration to those who are lost, wounded and impoverished. They serve as the field workers and overseers of the Building Hope Project. AGM has brought numerous short-term mission teams to various places in Uganda offering such outreaches as Bible studies, counseling and personal ministry with the children. Through these ministry outreaches, hearts of the young children, adolescents, and teens were touched and many have given their lives to Christ. For the Word of God to remain within these children's environment, they presented their partners with Bibles so that the children could continue to read, study, and grow in the knowledge of God. AGM has also periodically supplied toiletries for personal and dental hygiene, blankets, foods such as beans, rice, sugar, flour, various vegetables and fruits to meet the ongoing nutritional needs of the children and youth.

United Gospel Outreach is a faith-based, non-profit organization whose project and message is geared to building hope and changing lives. We are based in Los Angeles, CA and our goal is to fulfill Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) by accessing and combining resources and needs. UGO provides leadership training, job referrals, educational and community awareness



projects, demographics and missions. The vision of UGO in expanding the faith based ministry in the changing community include programs such as Children Education Workshops, Nutrition and Health Education seminars, Family and Parenting Living skills workshops, Computer Literacy Classes, ESL Classes, and many more programs. The UGO Center is a catalyst for economic development, providing information for employment and financial support for the community at large. These services are designed to assist, stabilize, and encourage children, youth, adults, and families in the community that create an environment conducive to economical and spiritual growth.

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Preamble of Need

There is a great population of children and youth who are orphaned or in vulnerable situations due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, internal conflicts and extreme poverty. It is noted that there are between 12 and 14 million children in Africa who have been orphaned by AIDS.

Many children are carrying a burden of heading families and have grown up without the faintest idea of what their parents looked like due to HIV/AIDS scourge and war in Uganda. They continuously suffer behind the scenes and are deprived from getting basic needs such as education, shelter, food and clothing. Attending school is a dream to many and the children have no hope of going to school or ever learning how to read and write.

If you ask the average child in Uganda what his greatest desires are, immediately that child will say that his greatest desire is to go to school. Only 57% of African children are enrolled in primary schools and two of three that were enrolled do not complete full primary education. For every 100 boys there are only 83 girls enrolled in primary school. Census data reveal that more than 700,000 children aged six to twelve have never attended school.

Roughly two out of three Ugandan children fail to complete their primary education. This is because of high poverty levels that parents cannot afford to provide school fees for their children. Therefore school is a luxury many parents cannot afford. Begging in the streets is a full-time job for many children. School fees are a major obstacle for children in poverty in Uganda.

Uganda has the highest school dropout rate in East Africa, according to a report released by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The “drop out” rate is higher for primary school than for secondary school. Most of the households with children who have dropped out of schools cite lack of money for school fees as the main problem.

School is essential for literacy, empowerment and economic growth. It is also a key to child survival and the healthy development of the next generation. In Uganda, and around the world, every child has the right to learn. However, many stay at home because they cannot afford school fees.

The School system in Uganda runs as follows:

- 7 years of Primary Education
- 4 years of Lower Secondary
- 2 years of Upper Secondary Education known as High School
- University depends on the type of course that is being taken by the student

The school academic calendar year is divided into three quarters (terms- After every three months).

- The first quarter begins in February and ends early May.
- The second quarter starts mid May and ends mid August.
- The third quarter begins mid September and ends early December

Education is one of the best ways of helping children grow up safe, healthy and prepared to help lift their communities out of poverty. An estimated **700,000** cases of HIV could be prevented each year in Africa alone if all children received a primary education.

Building Hope Project desires to give children hope that will be nurtured, fostered, and grown to spark ongoing personal and community development.

Extreme Poverty in Uganda is a Reality



In Kakuto Rakaii district of Uganda, a 90 year of age widow looks after two of her grand children, 12 and 7 years old. On the left she shows her little kitchen are in the corner of her one roomed mud plastered, tin roof shelter.

These two boys are an example of what Building Hope Project is targeting.

Statement of Need

Currently, we have **forty six** students attending **Kirra Primary School in Jinja, Uganda** that are in dire need of sponsors in order for them to stay in school. These children aspire to be doctors, lawyers, politicians, and various other leaders in their community and their nation and they need your help. We refuse to allow these bright and brilliant young visionaries to become a part of another tragic statistic.



We seek to find partners and donors who will be willing to sponsor one of our children through the payment of school fees. We are currently seeking sponsorship for forty five children and youth. For a small donation of **\$180**, you can send a child to school for a **YEAR**. Your \$180 donation entails tuition, uniforms, a meal per day, outreach activities and supplies, administration fees, and spiritual counseling for the child and their family. As you can see, your small gift will go a very long way. Also, if you cannot sponsor a child, a financial gift of any size would be greatly appreciated. You can make your tax- deductible checks out to **United Gospel Outreach** and reference **Building Hope Project** and send them to **7223 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90003**. Or you can sponsor a child or give on our website: www.buildinghopeproject.org .For more payment options, you can visit our website or email us at hope@ugoutreach.org.

The total cost of the overall project to serve these forty six students including administration fees is \$11,270 per year. **Please join us today in building hope for Uganda's tomorrow.**

