

CanHave Clarion

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News from Uganda

New Children

We have recently added two more children to our list of those being assisted by CanHave Children's Centre, to bring our current total to 17. They are:-

Isaac Jjingo, a boy who is under 5 years old, and has already completed Primary 1 (First Grade) at BBC Kindergarten / Primary School, in Kampala, finishing 3rd out of a class of 45, and

Sharifa Nazimuli, an eight-year-old girl doing very well (12th out of 70) at Nalinya Bright Future Nursery and Primary School, in Makindye.

More information on each child will be reported when received.

(For further details on the other fifteen children, see '**A Brief History of each Child** - Page 3.)

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Recent Events in Canada

Student fund-raising exceeds wildest dreams

Some children at **St. Augustine Primary School**, in Ottawa, decided to sponsor a fundraising drive, with the intent of raising enough money to sponsor a child in the **Canhave Special Child Program** - a sum of \$360.00. In fact, they have raised **\$1,204.32**, cheque and cash, more than enough to sponsor **three** children!

Our field worker, Joseph, is currently engaged in selecting these children, bringing our group to **twenty!**

Congratulations **St. Augustine Primary School** - anyone out there like to accept their friendly challenge?



School members present cheque to Canhave board

Program Approach

Phased Program Approach

We are currently nearing the end of the first phase of our program, which is planned to solidify funding for our current group of twenty (20) children. We are now looking forward to expansion in two directions

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News from Uganda (cont'd)

Letters from the children

Dear President of Canhave,

How is your dearly life? Hope it's efficiently the best, as mine does. My first view to put up is about special thanks towards your presence. On seeing your assistance, I am very much surprised and happy, because my affinity for you is only studies but not anything else, as it will never grow old.

Whenever I am in class, I tend to remember you, and I get a tremendous smile. And my heart fills with laughter. I need you so much in order for my life to go on.

Further to this, I am now a candidate of S.H., and I do promise to work hard for good and better results. I would like also to inform you that there is an increase in our school dues of S.H. students, whereby we shall be requested to register in March, as soon as we report to school, for the UNEB exams, so there is a change in school fees.

Allow me to stop here, and I wish you a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year. (2001)

May you please convey my sincere greetings to all.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Namazzi, Catherine

Dear Canhave board members

How is your life over there? To my side, I am fine, trying to study hard as you see from my promising results, which I will improve still. I had little to communicate till we meet again.

Goodbye, Goodbye

Yours truly,

Nakibuule, Prossy

Dear Members of Canhave,

Opportunity of writing you this friendly letter after a period of silence. How is life in Canada? How are fellow brothers, sisters, elders and the rest of God's Community? Convey my sincere greetings to all.

I would like to express my great thanks to you and the whole Community for your great concern towards my future. "Education is the key to success" - as I am a candidate of this year 2000. And apart from that, I sat my exams of P.L.E. I promise to perform to my level best to see that I jump over the hurdle - the Secondary. This can only be achieved by hard work.

I pray to God to bless you all. I wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours

Mawanda, Joseph

Dear Sir / Madam,

How are (you) nowadays? I hope that every thing is fine and every thing is good and better.

I humbly request you and inform you that I'm so happy I don't have enough place to put my happiness, but let me just praise the Lord to help me in my problems and with God everything is possible.

Let God bless you. Goodbye, Yours Faithfully

Namakula, Juliet

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Program Approach (cont'd)

Within our current mandate, during the second phase, we are planning to increase the number of children we are directly supporting to a maximum of twenty-five (25).

Other Support Groups

At the same time, we will be actively seeking the involvement of other groups such as ourselves, with the idea that they might set up a similar self-sufficient organization to sponsor other Ugandan children orphaned by AIDS. In this regard, we have developed a presentation of material detailing our own approach that may be of some assistance. ❖

A Brief History of each Child

(synopsis from a letter sent by our Treasurer to the LINKS organization in New Jersey).

Racheal Nakabugo 18 years (girl)

Peter Kafeero 16 years (boy)

Penina Namuli 14 years (girl)

Edson Musoke 12 years (boy)

The original group, these four children are brothers and sisters. Their father died in 1993 and their mother passed away a year later. They were left in the care of their 80-year-old grandfather. After watching their mother weeping for the future of her children before she died, we decided to begin taking care of them. Others have been added as funds became available.

Catherine Namazzi 15 years (girl)

Joseph Mawanda 12 years (boy)

These two are also brother and sister, and their parents both died in the same year - 1996, just three months apart. Their unemployed aunt took them in, despite already taking care of her own 10 children, ages from 1 to 15 years.

Moses Bataliwo 16 years (boy)

His mother passed away in 1996, and his father's whereabouts are unknown. He left home and is presumed to have died also, since he was in the last stages of AIDS. Moses was taken in by a neighbour, who was a family friend.

Ivan Nagenda 13 years (boy)

This boy's parents also passed away in 1996. He remained with his stepsister until she married and was unable to take him with her. He remained in the house alone, with some help from neighbours.

Benon Magambo 14 years (boy)

Benon was left in the care of a pastor's family, following the death of both parents in 1997. The pastor has 5 children of his own, together with the 7 children of his late brother.

Jacob Ntambi 11 years (boy)

Jacob lived alone with his mother, until she died in 1997, when his elderly grandmother assumed responsibility, despite no income and many other grandchildren from her dead sons and daughters.

Florence Nabakka 15 years (girl)

In 1997, both her parents died in short succession. Her mother, in her early 20's, had just begun a promising career as a tailor. Her maternal grandmother, a widow herself, had seen her one-time pension as a Midwife and Health Visitor consumed while caring for her only daughter. She was also caring for other terminally ill siblings.

Prossy Nakibuule 9 years (girl)

Prossy's mom passed away in 1998. As a single mother, she was selling used clothing door-to-door in order to support her family. A 15-year-old cousin lives with her, but she has no education and no job.

Suzan Mirembe 8 years (girl)

Suzan was left with the pastor of a local church "because God is the one who gives and takes away", as her young parents told him. Both parents died in 1998, just two days apart. This gentleman volunteers at the church, but earns his living as an elementary teacher. As with many others, he is supporting many children, despite very limited resources.

Robert Kiyaga 11 years (boy)

This bright little boy's parents are believed to have died in hospital or on the streets. He does not know where they went when they left, in 1998, but he does know that they both had "Slim" (AIDS), because they were very skinny and had diarrhea. Robert wants to be a doctor someday.

Juliet Namakula (girl)

Juliet is a new addition since the letter from our Treasurer to the Links organization. A creative little girl, she sent us a home-made Christmas card, which we will include in the next newsletter.

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Membership Information

An annual contribution of \$25.00 CAN is required for individual membership, while a family membership is offered for \$50.00 CAN.

The current annual cost of the Special Child program is \$360.00 CAN (\$30.00 CAN per month). ❖

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Objectives

The objectives of CanHave are as follows:-

- To provide education, food and clothing to a number of AIDS orphans in Uganda. These children have been selected by our local field worker, with advice from the local minister, and will stay in the program, until they graduate from high school.

In the matter of education, we have chosen to select new children for the program early on in their primary schooling, and to send them to private schools where possible when they reach secondary school age. The costs are marginally higher than for the public schools, but the quality of teaching is superior, and the learning environment much more positive..

- To promote their physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual well-being.

- To assist them in finding a satisfying and purposeful place in their society. ❖

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