



Help these kids  
finish school!

Give them employability.  
Give them a future.

Could you pay rent, eat, and  
go to school on \$3/day?

No? Ok, could you sponsor  
a student on that little or less?

How about the cost of  
one cup of coffee per day,  
so a high school student can graduate?

Any contribution is  
just that important!

University expenses are \$150 to \$200/  
month, depending on program, books,  
housing and food. Can you help?

“Who gives to the poor  
MAKES GOD HIS DEBTOR,  
AND GOD WILL REWARD HIM  
for what he has done.”

(Proverbs 19.17).

“Claim your reward now!”  
Jesus Christ himself thanks you.

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100% of your contribution is tax-deductible and  
goes directly to paying school fees, boarding  
costs, meals, books and supplies, shoes, clothing,  
medicine, and other direct needs of destitute  
Uganda students— 100%!

# Envision the girl

Getting up from her mat on the dirt  
floor, in deep darkness—  
in the mud shack where

she and her brother  
Frank live alone on  
the outskirts of Kampala. She  
finds her clothes in the dark—  
they are too poor to afford  
candles— and puts them in the  
plastic basin with her towel  
and soap.

She unlocks the corrugated  
metal door, puts the tub on  
her head, lifts the heavy jerry  
can of water, and steps into  
the cold equatorial air.

She looks at the stars and  
takes a deep breath. With a  
silent cry of joy at their glit-  
tering beauty, she gives thanks  
to God and heads toward the  
corner to bathe. She is modest,  
and glad for the darkness and

wood scraps that protect her  
privacy, even though no one  
much cares about privacy, here  
where people live so close that  
there has never been much pri-  
vacy to care about.

She is deeply happy.

She is going to school.

*She is going, because you  
have put her there.*

**Sarah and Frank** are  
two of 36 orphans or near-  
orphans I was supporting on  
my limited income and the  
generosity that others sent me  
when I was in Uganda for the  
past three years. . . .



# Hope



Jescah was 15,

a boarding student at Lord's Grace High School. She had only her cousin Robert to help her. Robert lived in a one-room brick shack "there down" in the valley behind my hill, with his girlfriend. Now they have a baby, so they don't really want Jescah around any more. She was happy to have a bed where the bunks are 4 high, 300 kids to a room—she was eating, and she was in school!

But Robert lost his job and hadn't paid her fees for a while, so the school "chased her away". She tried to go back to his shack, but he too had been chased away and nobody knew where he was. So she lost contact with her only living relative. She had eight hours to come up with a solution, or sleep on the street. Can you spell "prostitution"?

**Father Hopke** talks about how Jesus didn't have "free will": An orphan comes to you, crying because she's hungry, and you're free to turn her away?? So it was that I "adopted" Jescah, an 8th grader. Her story isn't unusual. She just needs a couple dollars a day, and in a few more years, she'll have a chance at a decent job. Education's the key!

**Do you want to know** how these kids see the future?

Gregory writes, "As you know, I want to become a **COMPUTER WIZARD**... to open up a computer school to start teaching computers to students."

...Stewart, age 13, asks to go to **1ST GRADE**—"because I want to. I want to know English. I want to read." ...Thomas, now graduated, wrote two books on my spare computer, and recently emailed me that he's going to make a video.

Every voice is unique and powerful— and needs your help to develop! Because education is out of reach if you can't help. And their only hope is education.

**When I left Uganda I had to tell** almost 30 kids I couldn't continue sponsoring them because I was going back to America. I've struggled to keep as many going as I could— and now we're back up to 25— but it costs about \$100 per month to keep a student in high school, between fees, boarding, books, clothing, and other requirements. \$100 times 25 kids, each month! (And other very worthy kids still email me, hoping. . . .)

## Wamala Gastevas writes:

**A certain teacher** called Pascal from Uganda Orthodox Church community saw that I was having prob-

I knelled down and prays to the God who had made me, to reach down on the big man like you.



From now my life changed totally and even the diseases which I was suffering from goes away and my heart became ok. My education started to go well as we are seeing my report cards from the senior 2 class.

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with paying my school's fees and accessing other necessities. After I explained to him some of my problems he decided basing on the problems I told him, to see whether you can help me, to support me in my academics. Eventually when he approached, you did not refuse but accepted.

And so when he came back to me with that feed back that you had accepted, I did not first accept [that] it actually is true and thought I was dreaming, to extent of crying due to much happiness which I got on that day.

But the time when I'm soon to complete my "O" Level, I started to hearing from other people saying that Mr John you are going back. I didn't believe it after told, I thought I am dreaming actually when it is true, due that I decided to go to you to get the first hand information. The bad thing it was the same story. From now my health decided to decrease I started to think about my future. This is a day I will never forget.

*Gastevas is 21 years old and has two years of high school left. He's good in science, and wants to be a veterinarian. I can't help him at all without your help. Please help him!*

**"You did not  
refuse"**