



## A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**G**reetings to you great folks and friends of the poor In Uganda. I sense this great need to encourage you in this edition of our newsletter because as we all know, times have been and continue to be tough economically; something that has taken its toll on big hearted givers like you, consequently affecting the impact ministries, churches, and outreaches around the world. Amen to the fact that within these tough times, we have a tough God who is well able to take care of business anywhere, anyhow, any time! This amazing God is our Daddy, our friend, and our great provider. He has given us the one and only economic tool without which there would never be Wall Street, no talks about "bailouts" and "surges" That unique and invaluable tool which is beyond fabrication in any lab because it is far beyond the brains of the very best in science and technology is called the gift of life. Only our God gives it and takes it away and you and I have it, praise God.

Can you even begin to imagine if the breath we take is supplied to us by Excel energy, I would be dead because as a missionary I could not afford the cost of staying alive. You have life! Be grateful because you have everything you could ever need to start all over again or to strive towards the next level. Check this out; you could have Millions and millions in the bank and not buy life but if you have life, you could make the millions.

So, okay then, the economy is bad and the prophets of doom are forecasting nothing but gloom in your future! Boy, do I have news for you my friend!! The word of God says; "Weeping may

endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning...Psalms 30:5". Your joy shall come no matter the magnitude of the odds you may be up against. Remember that beyond all odds, big or small, it is God who will carry you through the economic turbulence. How do I know this, you ask? He says in His word again; "He who has pity for the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his good deeds...Proverbs 19:17" Can you think of a better scripture than that, so descriptive of your kindness, generosity and sacrifice, because I can't. God bless you my friend because indeed you have compassion for the poor and you are making brave sacrifices. Just in case you need little bit more humph!! for your bad economy day, please check this one out; "And if anyone gives even to a cup of cold water to one of these because he is a disciple, I tell you the truth he shall not lose his reward...Mathew 10:42.

Here at Christaid we are praying for you because that's the least but the most needful thing we could do. You mean the world to this work and its very many projects in Uganda through your prayers and sacrifices. I want to assure you that lives are transformed each and every day, new hope is being planted in the hopeless and the joy of the Lord is being restored to the broken hearted. The grandmas, children both orphaned or just poor send their love and deep hearted appreciation to you for everything you have done, you are doing now, and will continue to do. You are their Hero through Jesus Christ, our Lord. More of

His grace and may God generously bless the labor of your hands.

David Mporampora

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





## Pay It Forward Project Update

This project gives another opportunity to improve the lives of many people in Uganda, Africa. What we do is to collect physical donations, load them in a 40 foot container and send it by steam ship to Kenya then by truck to Uganda. Once it has cleared customs and all paperwork is in order a team of volunteers organize and distribute donations across the country. With each container God's grace has been abundant through the enormous challenges that come up in a project of this nature. We began collecting books for a small library in 2003 and now to date we have shipped over 50,000 books including hundreds of bibles, hymnals, and Christian literature for all ages. Libraries have been set up in villages and classrooms in schools have been filled with encyclopedias, text books and school supplies. Hundreds of soccer balls, uniforms, shoes and other sports equipment have given the youth a new outlook. Sewing machines with all the supplies, garden tools along with thousands of vegetable and fruit seeds have helped to change lives of the poverty stricken of all ages in countless villages around Uganda.

Right now our focus for donations collected are in 3 basic categories; Education (both spiritual and general) Vocation and Medical. By centering on these 3 areas we hope to give people of all ages the tools to help them to provide and care for themselves.

Our goal is to reach into the villages to give the poor of Uganda a "hand up" and not just a "hand out". This task can only be achieved through the kindness and generosity of caring



people like you, taking the blessings given to you and paying them forward and I thank you.

We are busy collecting physical donations along with financial support. The total cost of completing a shipment is at this time \$20,000.00 to \$23,000.00 depending on when we ship, what the cost of gasoline is at the time and many other factors (the cost of a gallon of gas can be as much as \$8.00 per gallon). Included in this figure is ground transportation (by both rail and road) to get to and from port, steam ship transport, and renting many trucks, hiring drivers and the fuel cost to distribute all donations.

The overwhelming success of the Pay It Forward Project is a testament of God's provision to those in need in Uganda and once again I would like to extend a personal thank you for your support of this program. If you have any questions please give me a call at the Christaid Inc. office 303-463-2932 or send an email to [christaid@qwestoffice.net](mailto:christaid@qwestoffice.net).

May God's peace be with you,

LuAnn Zimmermann

Pay It Forward

Project Coordinator

## An Exciting Challenge

*We invite you to take part in an amazing matching grant opportunity! A generous donor has pledged \$55,000 toward the construction of Christaid Academy and related building projects in the village of Kicuna, Uganda. If you are looking for a chance to make a difference in the lives of our Ahadi Kids and the surrounding community, this is the PERFECT time! Please call or e-mail our office if you are interested in finding out more. Together, we can do Great Things!!*



## Another Ahadi Kids Success Story



**BEFORE**

Just like any other needy kid, as you can see in the photo, Wycliff showed up from nowhere needing help. He was desperate, wearing rags. There was something about his countenance that spelled despair and hopelessness. We took a photo of him and filled his case study paper work. While we did all this, God was already lining up a sponsor for him half way around the world in Denver, Colorado even though we did not know who it was going to be at the moment. One thing was for sure, a success story was just about to begin. When we returned to the USA making a presentation in one of the churches, God moved on the hearts of the St. Johns family who signed up Wycliff as their long distance covenant son whom they blessed with a gift of education and so many other blessings for his day to day living. Wycliff was immensely grateful and used the opportunity to the max by academically outclassing most of his classmates on every grad school level. The young man was and still is an academic genius.



**AFTER**

Then came the biggest and most crucial national exam called EACE (East African Certificate of Education) which determines whether a kid has the right stuff mentally to go to senior secondary school (high school in USA). Wycliff was one of the top candidates nationally and ranked third in his district out of hundreds of thousands of other students. He was admitted into one of the well recognized high schools in the country and continued excelling all the way to the one and only prestigious Uganda's Makerere University as a Qualitative Economics major. Please note that this university was an equivalent of Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England until the days of Dictator Idi Amin when Uganda saw one of its darkest moments in history. Now a sophomore, Wycliff continues to defy the laws of poverty and above all odds becoming yet one more Christaid success story. God bless the St. Johns

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