

Kibaale Children's Fund Fall 2007

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Primary School Sports-Term One

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The primary school at Kibaale Community School has a sports competition in Term One each year. If your student is between P3 and P7, he or she may have written you a letter recently telling you that their team at school is either Peace, Joy, Faith or Hope.

These are the four teams that the students are divided into. There were 67 students on each team... boys competed in football and girls competed in netball. (Football=soccer, netball=a girl's sport similar to basketball without bouncing the ball)

We had a tournament from March 7-30 that was such a lot of fun for stu-

dents and staff...every day after school, the field was full of students cheering on their teams!

The final game for football was the most exciting—the competition was fierce as Peace and Hope were at 0-0 until the final minutes when Hope scored and took home the coveted prize: a goat to be shared with the entire team!

Netball was an easy win by Peace, who beat out Joy in the finals. Peace also enjoyed a goat of their own!

We also gave out prizes for best performers

among the students. In netball, Nalweyiso Sarah and Koli Jackie took the top prizes and in football Muwonge Brian and Mubiru Toney were named most valuable players.



Inside a Ugandan Home



The typical house in our area is a mud house, made with poles, reeds and mud. Houses here are much different to Western-style homes which are self-contained.

In Uganda, people do not cook inside the home. They either have a kitchen built or they cook outside

(similar to camping) and if a family has a pit latrine, then that too would be many metres away from the home.

People love having visitors and upon entering the home, the first room is the sitting room which often has mats to sit on or sometimes a wooden bench.

Ugandans hang curtains in the doorways of each room and door in the home. These curtains are for both privacy and decoration. It is often dark in homes here as there is no electricity and few windows, moreover, we only have sunlight from 7am until 7pm every day of the year.

Our Students Sweaters Have Arrived!

The sweaters that you donated last year arrived from Nairobi in time to hand out at the beginning of Term Two.

Our students were thrilled with their new sweaters! Their guardians and teachers also wish to pass along many thanks to donors.

that crosses the Equator, but although it is often very hot in Uganda, the nights and mornings are rather cold and our students often arrive at school cold and wet! Their new sweaters are such a blessing and they are very much appreciated!

It may seem a bit odd to buy sweaters in a country



Nursery Class (above) and P3 Class (below)



Prayer Requests

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The Kibaale Children’s Centre could not exist without the faithful prayers of our sponsors and supporters. Thank you for holding us up in prayer...we appreciate you!

• Pray for the children who are studying for government exams (P7 and S4).Your student would appreciate any encouragement from you if they are sitting for exams in Novem-

ber

• Please pray for the staff at KCF that God would continue to grant them love, wisdom and understanding for our students

• Pray for the new school year; that our staff will be ready to minister to nearly 800 children, and that every single student comes back after the holidays. Some times students refuse to come back to school; other

times, their guardians do not want them to return. They want the children to do chores at home.

Please pray especially for our girls. It is very tempting for them to get married or pregnant during this time away from school. We want every one of our girls to be back in school this February.

Extreme Office Makeover

KCF had been in the same small office since its beginning days in October 1997. Our school has grown to 767 students and we had really outgrown our office space.

We knocked an archway through to the next office space and doubled our size. With help from some visitors, we had the walls painted brightly and new

curtains put up. The students, guardians and staff all love our new office space, commenting that we look like we live in the city, not the village!



BEFORE (left) and AFTER (above)

Thank you from Maama Safina

Dear Sponsors and Donors:
I greet you in the name of Jesus.

I want to thank God who opened the Kibaale Children's Centre through some people whom I can see and yet I know there are some that I don't know yet but it is great, how we have gained through the project—me and many others.

I have a daughter, Safina, who is in P1 in Kibaale Community Primary School. KCF is so kind to us. They take care of me and my daughter. We often go to Rakai Hospital for our medicine because we are affected by AIDS. We get money for transport from the KCF office.

The father of my daughter is apart from me so he stopped caring for us sometime ago. That is why I took my daughter to KCF because I had no means to look after my Safina. We had no house and no land.

In Uganda, mostly everyone has a piece of land to grow crops and that is the food for their family; people living in Ugandan villages don't buy food because we don't have money because there are very few jobs.

We were renting a room in town from a landlord yet I was sick and I could do no work to earn money. Each month was so difficult and full of stress.

KCF visits me very often and

one day I told them about my situation of having nothing and nobody. They were touched and bought us land with money from a certain donor. Then they built me a home, a kitchen and a pit latrine from different sponsors.

I can't imagine such a poor woman as me to have a good house as mine! I am now very much settled in my mind and my health is improving because I don't worry as before.

Thanks to the Lord, I am in my own home.

Long live KCF!

I am Maama Safina



Safina's new house built by KCF

New KCF Staff

The KCF department has been handling the ever-increasing volume of students and their needs. For many years, we were only four staff members, but this year we have increased by two. We added Ronald and Kezironi last spring.

Ronald Sseggoma began in March as a letter writer for our primary students.

His love for the students is evident as he sits with each one as they compose letters together. Ronald was a student at Kibaale Secondary School from 2000-2003 and is very familiar with our project.

Byakatonda Kezironi began in April as an assistant to Cephias in house building. The demand for homes is steadily growing and Cephias

needed help! We needed to find someone extremely trustworthy for this position as there is much temptation for corruption in the house-building industry (similar to Canada!)

Kezironi had been informally assisting Cephias for a long time and we recently hired him on as a permanent staff member.



KCF SMILE

Recently a student wrote a letter to a sponsor who had sent over some gifts from Canada. It was quite obvious that the student had no idea what the gift was when he wrote "thank you for the choking hazard"!



"Thank you for the choking hazard!"

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IN CLOSING...

Houses to be built, sweaters to distribute, letters to write, family conflicts to mediate, dental and medical appointments to organize, goats to be purchased, children running away from home, medical emergencies to handle, photos and databases to update, burials to attend...all in a week's work in the Kibaale Children's Fund office!

It is difficult to accurately express what is taking place here in Kibaale. Truly this whole community has been positively impacted by the love shown here through sponsors, prayer supporters, donors, and volunteers and staff from within and outside Uganda. May your life be enriched because of what you have given.



Please remember:
Do not include any
email address, home
address or phone
numbers in your
correspondence.

**Thank you for
writing to your
student!**

How to Write a Letter to Your Sponsor Child

Think of how much you enjoy receiving letters from loved ones...it is the same for our students. They love receiving news from their sponsors around the world.

Maybe you have been meaning to write a letter to your student and have been putting it off for months because you don't know what to write.

Here are some ideas:

- Greet the child's family and ask how they are doing
- Ask about the weather, the crops
- Inquire about their school work...what is their favourite subject, how is their teacher, what are they studying right now?

- Encourage them in their studies and in their walk with Jesus
- Ask them how you can better pray for them
- Tell them about any family news (new babies, new class at school, moving homes, marriages, deaths)
- Explain to them about any photos you mail...who is in the photo and what activities are they doing
- Describe your workplace or school to them (how many people are there, how far is it from your home)

Send them any prayer requests...our children are



known to be amazing pray-ers!

You are welcome to post any correspondence to your child direct to KCF in Uganda.

Address it as follows:

**Your child
Kibaale Children's Centre
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