



BWINDI UGANDA CHILDREN CHARITIES, INC.

To: All friends, supporters and prayer warriors for Bwindi ECO Children Uganda (BECU)

We as a board of Bwindi Uganda Children Charities, Inc. wanted to provide an update of the current situation in Bwindi Uganda. A lot has occurred since the formation of Bwindi Uganda Children Charities, Inc. (BUCC) in the summer of 2019. COVID 19 has changed all of our lives and impacted our church in ways we could never have dreamed possible. COVID-19 has impacted the country of Uganda adversely as well since the country has been closed to all tourists. This closing has impacted BECU enormously since the school is dependent upon tourists entering the country and coming to see the gorillas. This closing has cut off dollars that would supply local jobs and partial funding for the orphanage and school.

All schools both public and private have been closed now more than two months. They were projected to reopen June 1 but that has been delayed to July 1. Uganda now has 688 confirmed cases but no deaths at this time. The country continues to be under a complete lock down. Most of the spread of the disease has been from truckers entering the country from surrounding countries, mainly Kenya. All trucks are stopped, but unfortunately drivers with the virus then escape and spread out into the country. Praise God there have been NO cases yet in Bwindi.

The situation with the community and the school becomes more severe each day as no one can work and earn a living. We have reports from Rwanda that children in an orphanage there are scouring the countryside to find ants and bugs to eat.

Currently all the children except the orphans at BECU have been sent home so there are now about 80 orphans on campus. The teachers have not been paid since January. They came to the director, Francis, pleading for help for food for hungry children. We have helped them twice and one other family from San Diego has sent help.

If you can help in any way please do so since it is desperately needed.

Francis has assured us that the letters from the children to sponsors will resume once school starts up and a term ends. Just be patient and know your funds are supporting your child every day.

In addition to the help sponsoring children, BUCC been able to provide funds to convert two classrooms to a boy's dormitory. The Uganda government was threatening to shut the school due to an inability to provide overnight housing for boys. This project is under way and should be completed within the next 30 to 45 days. These boys will have a proper place to sleep for the first time in their life. They have been sleeping on a concrete floor in a classroom, now they will have a bed, a restroom and a shower thanks to the support of generous people like you.

Finally, we are in the process of purchasing 7.5 acres of land, 7 KM for the school to raise basic food stuffs for the children's meals. The food budget is about \$85,000 per year and we hope over the next two years to cut in this expense in half.



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Our message to you is twofold: first, thank you for your support and prayers; and secondly, we continue to be very active with the school and its leadership. Your continued support is needed now more so than ever before. As events progress in Bwindi, we will keep you informed and updated. Please contact any one of the board members if you have any questions. Please remember that BUCC is an approved 501.c.3 organization and any donations are tax-deductible.

We have a new mailing address:

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For the children of Bwindi,

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