

BWINDI ECO CHILDREN UGANDA

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Dear our wonderful parents, donors and partners,

SUBJECT: END OF TERM TWO 2022 INFORMATION

Our God is full of compassion.

Every day because of his love and compassion, we and our children receive our needs. May his name be glorified.

I am so glad to share that with help from able parents, sponsors and donors Bwindi Eco Children Uganda which started in 2013 as a small orphanage with 27 pioneer children is now able to help 515 children providing them with quality education at our private founded primary school and children's home.

With God's blessings and help from donors like you, we are also providing full time shelter to 102 orphans giving them access to proper nutrition, paying their school fees and meeting all their school needs. We thank you for making a positive impact to orphan children lives.

23 of our pioneer students are now at secondary level in senior one and senior two, 4 are out of school due to lack of education sponsors to pay for their secondary education while all the rest are in our primary school at Bwindi Junior School.

We thank you very much for your generous donations to help house and educate orphans and vulnerable children neighbouring the mountain gorillas of Bwindi Impenetrable National park in Uganda. With your help, I can proudly say that, the children under our care are now living a secure and safe life; they have hope for a brighter future.

Our dream continues to be once a child becomes a student at Bwindi Eco Children Uganda, they are guaranteed education until they achieve their academic goal. For many students, this will mean getting a diploma or degree from a university while for others a certificate from college or vocational school after they graduate from primary and secondary schools.

Our first pioneer student by the names of Ainembabazi Mathias shall be joining a tailoring and design course at a vocational college next year and will be graduating with a tailoring certificate in two years' time to come. That has been her choice.

Thanks to her sponsors Glenn and Carol for the support.

We have other students whose dreams are to become doctors, engineers, lawyers, pilots, teachers, e.t.c and we continue to support them accordingly.

NEEDS FULFILLED DURING THE TERM

- 1. We have maintained all the sponsors; we had last year and 28 new students got sponsors. 20 being sponsored by Burleson Church of Christ, 6 by Litzkows sponsors and 2 by Gilbert Neusch.
- 2. With funds from David Wignall and other supporters we were able to construct additional 4 stances of toilets at Bwindi Junior School.



- 3. We distributed 20 more goats on pass on gift to orphan children. So far 67 children have benefited. Each of the 67 children has received a goat to raise from his or her home. After kidding each beneficiary returns the first off spring to be given to the next beneficiary.
- 4. Received funds to help needy families with food, seeds and farm tools for those suffering due to covid19 pandemic. 65 families benefited and their gardens are doing well though we were hit by drought.
- 5. Paid tuition for all secondary school students under our care. We were also able to provide food, clothing and all other needs for 102 orphans.
- 6. Paid salaries for all our staff up to June.
- 7. Did general repairs and maintained our orphanage and school buildings.
- 8. Contained and managed the covid19 pandemic. Only a few covid19 cases were registered in our school but were well managed, no death related to covid19 pandemic was registered in our school.
- 9. Completion and equipping the medical clinic.

With funds from BUCC, we were able to build and equip a medical clinic which is now fully operational.



10. Completion of the perimeter fence: with funds from Raymond Snisky and Deryl Beakley we were able to build and complete a perimeter wall (brick fence) around the school. Now our children study in a safe environment.



11.Also with funds from BUCC we were able to procure and plant play equipment in the school which is now very helpful in physical education lessons. Our children now play using these playing items during break and games time. They now like playing very much.



FORWARD PLANNING.

1. To continue supporting 102 orphans and where possible add 20 other vulnerable children who are suffering of extreme poverty and hunger due to covid19 impacts, drought and consequences of war in Ukraine and Russia.

In this case, Bwindi Eco Children Uganda would like to thank you who are already sponsors of our children for your generous donations to help the orphans and vulnerable children of Bwindi Uganda and would wish to request you to consider telling your friends and families about our individual sponsorship program.

That, all it takes is compassionate heart who sees the need and is willing to invest in a child's life to literally save their precious life by becoming their personal sponsor.

Please encourage your friend to visit our website <u>www.childrenuganda.com</u> to get details on how to sponsor.

You may as well share the information and the reports you receive from us with your friends so that those who have never been in Bwindi may as well know about us and support our cause where possible.

2. Education infrastructure

We are in need of two more classrooms, space for the boys' accommodation, library and computer lab, cafeteria/dinning and staff housing units.

3. Need for both school and farm land expansion.

4. NEED FOR A 40 SEATER SCHOOL BUS

The Bwindi Eco Children Uganda strives to provide free quality education to orphans and vulnerable children from the communities surrounding the Bwindi mountain gorilla national park. We currently enrol a total of 515 children. 102 of whom are orphans and they stay at our children's home / boarding section while the rest walk to and from school every day. Some walk long distances of more than 8 miles every day. Younger children below 10 years find it very difficult for them to attend school regularly. Travelling long distances also leads to late coming, poor concentration in class and absenteeism thus poor academic outcomes and high school dropout rate which perpetuates the cycle of poverty.

We have therefore found it a great need to buy a 40 seater school bus that will be used daily to provide timely and regular pick and drop service for young students from distant places.

It will also provide a means of transporting students on field trips and study tours.

Approximate cost of purchase: \$30000

Proposed source of funds: We propose to sell off the existing 14 seater school van and then replace it with a 40 seater bus which can transport a bigger number at ago. We anticipate to get \$10000 out of the sale of the existing van.

FUNDING GAP: \$20000.

If you would like to take part in the effort to support any of the projects for the well-being of the children under our care, you're highly welcome.



END OF SECOND TERM OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2022

Second term has ended today 29th July, 2022 and our children have been given a holiday break of one month. They are expected to report back for third term on 29th August, 2022.

We encourage you to talk to your children and offer them necessary guidance and keep them busy with more academic programs during holidays. Your children have come along with their academic progressive report card, please study them and advise accordingly.

For any feedback, comments and suggestions on our programs, please do not hesitate to contact us on Uganda.children@yahoo.com

Many thanks again for your support! We will continue to update you about our progress 2-3 times a year.



In his service for the children, Francis Byamukama Founder and Managing Director Bwindi Eco Children Uganda.