



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY **WITH JESUS' HOPE IN UGANDA**

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CHAMPION FOR THE **MOST VULNERABLE**

Scripture gives clear insight into what breaks God's heart and His love for the world. ServeNow is a Christian non-profit that transforms the most vulnerable lives holistically and shares Jesus' hope for the future.

You're invited to explore God's call to serve like Jesus in Uganda! Help keep children safe, educated, and cared for today.

PSALM 82:3

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

JAMES 1:27

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."



ABOUT THE **PEARL OF AFRICA**

Uganda is the pearl of Africa—full of God’s beautiful creation with spectacular waterfalls, vast lakes, and mighty rivers. Located in East Africa, this landlocked country is more than twice the size of Pennsylvania. It is bordered on the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on the north by Sudan, to the east by Kenya, and on the south by Rwanda and Tanzania.

With a population of 45.85 million people, nearly half are under 15 years old, representing one of the youngest populations in the world. About 41% of Ugandans live in poverty—unable to meet the most basic needs: food, clean drinking water, shelter, healthcare, and education. Multidimensional poverty is high among families where the head of the household doesn’t have a formal education.

Education is a powerful ticket out of poverty! You can help break this vicious cycle of poverty through education. As a partner, your support will empower vulnerable Ugandan children to reach their full potential, as Jesus promised.

QUICK REALITIES ABOUT **UGANDA**

Consequences of COVID-19

The Coronavirus pandemic pushed 88 million to 115 million people back into poverty. In Uganda, this infectious disease severely affected the vulnerable slum dwellers in Kampala. It negatively impacted access to food, education, daily income, employment, and energy. Because of the novel outbreak, Uganda had one of the world's longest nationwide school closures. This caused a rise in dropout rates, child marriage, teen pregnancy, child labor, and disinterest in education.

Inaccessible Education

About 42 percent of children complete primary school. Only 1 in 4 children who start primary school make it to secondary school.

Prevalence of Tungiasis Infection

In Uganda, about 40.6 percent of schools and communities found jiggers, known as tungiasis infection. It's estimated that more than 6 million Ugandans are at risk. Without proper shoes or campus development, children may suffer from this painfully fatal jigger infection. The disease escalated high school dropouts, absenteeism, poor performance, low esteem, and life expectancy.

Challenges of Girls

Early marriage and teenage pregnancy are linked to low levels of secondary school retention. Over 34% of girls in Uganda are married before their 18th birthday. One in 4 girls aged 15 to 19 years have begun childbearing. Teenage pregnancy contributes to school dropout and is a top cause of death among adolescent girls.

Limited Accessible Food

The country produces more food than it consumes. On average, nearly half of all Ugandans increasingly consume fewer calories than they need every day. One in 3 school children has no food to eat during the school day. Poverty limits people's access to nutritious food.

Rampant Teacher Decline

Teachers directly impact student success! Due to the increase of teacher absenteeism and underqualification, children don't receive a quality education. More than 60% of teachers are not in the classroom teaching in over half of all Uganda's public schools. This impacts students consequently! For example, less than half of children are literate at the end of primary school.



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ServeNow's work in Uganda first started with the feeling of hopelessness. But then our team listened in amazement to a story of hope, and how thousands discovered Jesus' hope through people like you. Since 2013, *ServeNow* has partnered with Moses Ssemanda, our National Director of Uganda. Our very first project began with building a toilet at the Troas campus!

To date, *ServeNow* supports 4,000 children with quality education across 8 school locations. In Uganda, we work in 6 provinces to educate children and break the cycle of poverty, all while providing Jesus' hope!

You have that same opportunity to bring Jesus' hope to the most vulnerable in Uganda. Discover the five ways you can provide quality education to the most vulnerable, disadvantaged children. Please consider your Kingdom's investment and impact on this young, beautiful nation.



MEET OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR **MOSES SSEMANDA MBUGA**

Rev. Moses Ssemanda Mbuga was born in Makindye, Kampala, Uganda by the late Ezekiel Mbuga and Priscilla Mbuga. He is married to Hopkins Joyce Ssemanda, who works alongside him to serve the most vulnerable.

At 11 years old, Moses accepted Jesus Christ, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and immediately joined his father in ministry. He started with street evangelism as well as witnessing to fellow students. After his father died in a fatal accident on December 22, 1984, he was appointed and ordained the Overseer of Gospel Messengers Ministries. Now Rev. Moses celebrates 40 years of God's grace as the president of Gospel Messengers Ministries.

He is the Founder and President of Imani Milele Children in Uganda and the USA, which supports orphans and vulnerable children. For the past ten years, Moses has been a ministry partner with *ServeNow*. He is the Proprietor of the St. Mbuga Group of Schools with 8 educational centers in Lusaka – Kampala, Lugazi – Mityana, Troas – Buikwe, Lagutu – Gulu, Kassanda, Kitongo, Kamusenene and Rwenjiri in Kassanda district. He is also the founder and chairman of Makindye BUMU pastors and churches fellowship, a fraternity of Born Again churches in Makindye West that covers over 60 churches under the umbrella of the National Fellowship of Born Again Churches (NFBAC). He is a co-director of Raise the Roof Academy. He is also the Board Chairman of Good Samaritan Ministries, Uganda.

He holds a Bachelor's in Theology obtained from Life Christian University, Portland Oregon, a Diploma in Biblical Studies obtained from Rhema Bible School, Oklahoma, a Diploma in Theology obtained from SOMA Bible School, Ohio and a Leadership Skills Advanced Certificate obtained from Hagai Institute, Hawaii.

Moses has transformed several communities, especially the most rural and remote communities, where people face challenges of extreme poverty, illiteracy, and diseases. His motto is *"The gospel of deeds supersedes the gospel of words."*



INVEST AND EDUCATE **VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

Quality education is a powerful way to break the cycle of poverty and transform children's lives. It's the gateway to the opportunity of a brighter future. You can empower 4,000 kids to create a life of lasting change in Uganda! A monthly gift of \$37 will care for one child with education, materials, uniforms, and a daily meal.



About 1.2 billion children live in poverty. Studies forecast that child poverty will increase the most in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.



In parts of Uganda where we serve, multidimensional poverty significantly impacts children with a parent that's uneducated.

ServeNow assists eight Education Centers across rural Uganda where the poorest of the poor live. These precious little ones face deprivations to basic amenities like education, health, and living standards. These multi-faceted challenges include poverty, malnutrition, inadequate housing, poor school attendance, low learning outcomes, lack of sanitation and hygiene, child labor, and child marriage.

Many of these kids dream of becoming doctors or teachers, but the challenges cripple their future potential. You can pave the path for underprivileged children to break that cycle of poverty!



School Locations

Kamusenene Center
Kassanda Center
Kitongo Center
Lagutu Center
Lugazi Center
Lusaka Center
Rwenjiri Center
Troas Center



What if you could provide a high-quality education to break that cycle of poverty? Every gift of \$185 impacts five students a month. This means accessible education, nutritious meals, and the hope of Jesus instilled!



CONSTRUCT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The first step towards a brighter future is building a school. Over 38 million children in Sub-Saharan Africa are without a school to attend. You can tear down educational obstacles for orphans and poor children! Build a hopeful future today.



Some buildings are 20+ years old and made of mud, bamboo, and straw. Termite infestations and storms have compromised the structural stability. Local government condemned these buildings as it's a safety concern.

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Over the last 10 years, partners like you have built 10 brand-new, safe classroom blocks. We're working to replace 25 of the remaining school buildings as quickly as possible. This will enable more children to access education.



Without a proper and safe building to learn, education is impossible. Invest \$120,000 into a school building or \$60,000 for one classroom block. You can open the doors for education in a safe, loving environment.

HELP ENSURE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

Every school building built in Uganda must adhere to statutory requirements. There are several policies and measures that each institution must comply with. You can ensure excellence in building a changing world for vulnerable children!



Secure the Campus

Safety and security are of the utmost importance. Government measures require campus security in place with 24-hour surveillance. The trained guards control access to its premises. This includes a properly hedged and fenced compound.



Provide Clean Drinking Water

Every school and child needs an accessible safe, water supply. The health and sanitation department requires private well water systems and various other sanitation projects. Water matters incredibly!



Prevent Jiggers

Jiggers are sand fleas that love dusty environments and enter at the feet. Severe infections easily kill young children. Keep learners safe with clearly marked or paved footpaths!



Ground Maintenance

A portion of campus development includes ground maintenance. Institution land must provide proper hedges, shade trees, flower gardens, protected green areas, water disposal pits, dust bins, etc.



PROVIDE SHELTER FOR A **GIRL'S OR BOY'S HOME**

Advocate the highest quality of residential care for girls or boys needing placement outside their homes. These family-style homes shelter orphans and children with single parents or grandparents as caregivers.

Each home is nestled on-site on the campus, making it easy for girls and boys to stay in school and combating inaccessible education. When you shelter vulnerable children, a home of Jesus' hope is built! Keep children in school safe from teenage pregnancy, child marriage, crime, and death.



All eight locations need two family-style homes for boys and girls. Each home costs \$300,000 to build and \$5,000 monthly to operate. You can provide these precious kids with a home of care, love, and hope!

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HELP RETAIN **QUALITY TEACHERS**

So you're passionate about helping underprivileged children learn? Imagine you're a highly qualified teacher who travels hours to provide quality education in a rural village. Sometimes, you skip a paycheck so the kids can eat an extra nutritious meal. But the burnout is real! All around the world, the number of qualified teachers continues to drop. You can help provide teachers with a reason to stay and teach children!



Your gift of \$50,000 will build and house underpaid teachers who travel hours every day. Each facility will accommodate several families as a shared home and invest in their salary. This benefit will help retain teacher staff, which in long term helps the most vulnerable children.

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Invest in Children's Lives

Located across Uganda, you can give 4,000 and more children a chance to escape poverty through quality education.



Construct a School Buildings

Over 38 million children in Sub-Saharan Africa are without a school to attend. You can change that and build a school building!



Develop the Campus

Pave the path for school buildings to adhere to government regulations and requirements. You can keep kids safe today!



Retain Teachers

Help educate the most vulnerable and retain high-quality teachers. You can ensure teachers serve these precious children!



Provide a Safe Home

Advocate for abandoned children and those with a single parent or grandparent as a caregiver to stay in school. You can build a home of Jesus' hope today!

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When you give to the Educating for Eternity pillar, you reach Uganda children and youth with Jesus' promise of a hopeful future!

The outlined projects represent **\$735,600** needed to serve like Jesus to disadvantaged children in Uganda.

Will you invest in life-changing resources for children to experience Jesus' promise to the fullness of life? Give today!

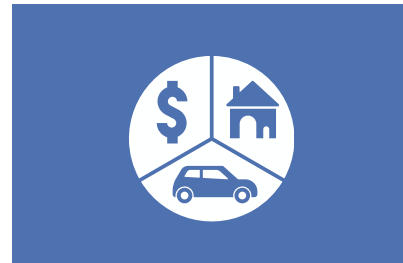
Education for 100 Kids	\$45,600 (4,000 kids need to be sponsored)
School Buildings	\$120,000 (25 needed)
Campus Development	\$100,000 (8 locations)
Teacher Homes	\$50,000 (30 needed)
Girl's or Boy's Home	\$300,000 + \$60,000 (14 needed)



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