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Dear Friend

The end of the year 2018 is fast approaching. Blessings of Joy thanks you for your prayers and your financial support. In 2015 Blessings of Joy's primary mission was to sponsor orphaned children at Mweruka Junior School in Uganda, located in a rural area without potable water or electricity. In 2016 Blessing of Joy (BOJ) felt led to broaden its outreach and minister to all of the 300 children at Mweruka Junior School (MJS). Many of you have helped to support this ministry's expansion through prayers and financial assistance. We thank you.

Listed below are some of the programs made possible by your support.

To combat disease and malnutrition, programs to improve nutrition and hygiene were begun.

- † Each child is provided deworming medication, iron supplement and vitamins every 6 months.
- † Each child is provided a nutrition supplemented porridge lunch 4 days a week.
- † Each child is provided a "main meal" (beans, potatoes, sardines, carrots) lunch 1 day a week.
- † A hand washing program was initiated. With the teachers help it has achieved remarkable success.
- † Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits and hygiene instruction are given to girls in need.
- † With God's blessing and your support, we would like to begin a dental hygiene program.

Student and teacher recognition programs were begun.

- † Annually teachers select 2 top MJS graduates to receive a 4-6 year High School scholarship.
- † The Children's Award Program annually recognizes 3 outstanding students in each classroom.
- † Annually, of the 12 MJS teachers, 2 outstanding teachers are recognized and receive awards.
- † Annually employees are recognized for their years of service with a gift.
- † Critical to our teacher retention, your generous, dedicated giving supports 80% of employee salaries.

Sponsored Children

- † The number of sponsored children has increased to 64.
- † Three donors are continuing sponsorship of their children through High School.

Campus Improvements

- † Through a WASH grant, Rotary International has built Ecosan latrines for the school.
- † Generously, Southlake, Texas group funded the digging of a deep water well on MJS campus.
- † Funding the salary of a school administrator has resulted in several improvements at the school.
- † In 2018 each teacher was provided their own desk and chair. (No longer using the student's desks.)
- † Funding was received to bring solar energy, electricity and lights to the MJS campus.
- † We now seek funding to strengthen the sheet metal roof so it will support the solar panels.

Blessings of Joy, Mweruka Junior School's students and employees give thanks to God for his many blessings. Your dedicated financial support will help us continue what has been started. But the cost is significant. Planning for 2019, Blessings of Joy is \$40,000 short of necessary funding to meet obligations. Will you pray about this?

If you feel a stirring in your heart to help, please consider a year end 501(c)3 gift to Blessings of Joy for those BOJ serves. Of each dollar gifted, 98¢ goes to Mweruka Junior School, its children and mission outreach. Again, thank you for your prayers and financial support.

May you continue to experience God's grace, everlasting love and peace.

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NEWSLETTER REPORT FOR PANCAKE SUPPER

A pancake supper was held at Redeemer Covenant Church.

Our goals were to:

- Raise support for nutrition, shoes and the general fund and continue our funding for the children's growth in education, health and spirit
- Increase awareness of BOJ mission and work and Mweruka Junior School
- Report this year's accomplishments and celebrate God's favor

The turn out this year was double that of the previous year. We were able to share with those who attended how hygiene, nutrition and school attendance is improved when purified water, shoes, meals, deworming and vitamins are provided.

There remain many needs to be supported through prayer and giving.

- Continued support of meals for every child (cost/child/year = \$30)
- Administration building needs new roof and roof posts to support the solar panels that have already been funded. (roof cost \$11,000)
- Shoes are needed for the children to prevent "jiggars" (sand fleas that burrow into the feet, larvae hatch under the skin. (\$4,200, \$14/child)
- Sponsors needed for the children (\$35/month) and for teachers (\$100/month).
- Currently no playground equipment (6-piece playground equipment = \$1,800)



Prayer before "main meal" lunch

Our thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to make this Pancake supper a success. It was fun and benefited so many children's lives. A special thank you goes to Redeemer Covenant Church for use of their facilities.

Blessings,

Vicki Karney,
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