

FENCE BUILDING



Update on COVID and School Reopening in Uganda

Back to school from “Covid Holiday”. The Ugandan government has given permission to reopen school October 15, 2020. Primary, school, high school, trade schools will be open for those students preparing to graduate at the end of this school year (December 2020). It is anticipated that beginning the 2021 school year all students will be allowed to return to their studies. The administrative staff has been busy meeting the reopening requirements issued by the Ugandan government. Some of the requirements include having a nurse on campus, performing temperature checks, hand washing stations, fencing around the campus, masks worn by all on campus, and social distancing. Mweruka Junior School was recently visited by the Health and Education inspectors. MJS scored an 86.25% on the inspection!

Praise God for His provision for funds to support this work! Please pray that the opening would go smoothly and that the children, teachers, and staff would remain healthy and be able to resume studies smoothly.

Additional Prayer requests and praises:

- Praising God for His provision, that funding was made available through sponsors and donors who contributed to the Nutrition fund
- Protection for the 35 (Primary -7) children, staff and teachers who returned to school would remain health and be able to resume studies successfully.
- God’s provision for additional sponsors
- Prayer for the Finalists that as they study for their exams
- That the children, teachers and staff will deepen their relationships

HAND WASHING STATIONS



BLESSINGS OF JOY - NUTRITION FUND

“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in”. Mt 25:35

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to our recent request for support for the Nutrition Program. Your generosity helped fill a gap to meet the needs of 67 families, which our nutrition team identified as being in desperate need for food. BOJ was able to provide maize flour for each of those families.



Families receiving maize flour and being blessed by BOJ’s recent Nutrition Program

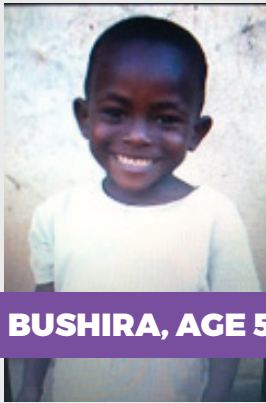




VICTOR AND PRIMARY 7 STUDENTS



Read the story of a Sponsor and her child, Bushira. This is an excerpt from the experience our Communications Liaison, Carrie Duran, shared on what it has meant to her over the seven year journey.

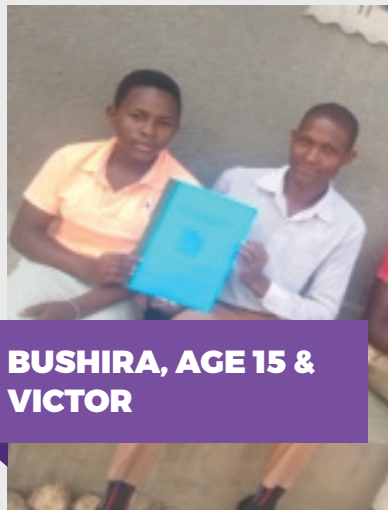


BUSHIRA, AGE 5

“I remember when I first saw the picture of M. Bushira on the Blessings of Joy website back in 2013, I could not get that cute face and beautiful smile off of my mind That’s when I knew I wanted to sponsor a child with the BOJ ministry. Bushira was 5 years old at the time. Both parents had abandoned her. The monthly support of \$35 is about the cost of a Friday night dinner here in America, but provides a month of

food, hygiene items, a uniform and shoes, plus the ability to attend school and be cared for by the loving staff of BOJ.

Two to three times a year, a report card of Bushira’s grades are sent along with a handwritten note (initially written in her large Primary 1 printing), thanking me for my support and letting me know she prays for me!! That was back in 2014. Fast forward to 2020, and Bushira is now a tall, slender 15 year old with that same beautiful smile. She is now a Primary 7 Candidate for graduation from primary school this year (see picture with Victor).I am so honored to have been able to help this wonderful intelligent young lady to have a quality life and education.”



BUSHIRA, AGE 15 & VICTOR

MEET THE TEACHER: VICTOR

Victor is a perfect example of an educator making the best of a challenging time. Recently, during the school’s shut down, he worked on the revision of a Social Studies booklet for students in grade 5- 7. Victor has been with MJS for nine years. He is passionate about his work and the influence he has on his students.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF A SPONSOR

NAMAGEMBE VIOLA



- Student’s Birth Date: 19TH MARCH 2012
- Current Age: 8 YEARS
- MJS Grade Level: ONE

Just recently, Viola’s father died of HIV/ AIDS. Thankfully, she has tested negative. Viola is now an orphan, and stays with the grandmother, Jane. She

is asking for support to help Viola continue with her education once school re-opens.

To sponsor Viola, visit BlessingsOfJoy.com!

Project 2021“Happy Feet” for Children attending Mweruka Junior School

The feet of many Ugandan children are barefoot, and with that brings a risk of Jiggers, a parasite that buries in the skin of her human hosts. Jiggers are painful and have to be dug out, potentially leading to infection. Most of the children attending MJS are wearing shoes, but children’s feet grow!

A pair of shoes costs approximately \$17. They are made in a nearby town by a cobbler, which helps this community. \$170 will purchase 10 pairs of shoes!

We have a goal to make sure each child has a new pair of shoes by January 2021!

Want to be a part of this project? Visit our website, BlessingsOfJoy.com!