

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by one of the teachers of MJS

MAY THIS BE OUR BATTLE CRY FOR 2021

In the first place, I would like to thank the Almighty God who inspired the founders of this precious school in this area. This school is very significant more than one can imagine, a lasting fountain of education mainly to produce learners of the people of God.

It gives pleasure to share ideas, issues, and great events of MJS. I am proud and privileged to be at MJS, the school of excellence, one of the best performing schools in Uganda. I feel greatly honoured to play my part diligently. I thank the head teacher, administrator and the directors who entrusted me with the noble duty of shaping these young Ugandans into responsible and God-fearing people.

The pioneers of this school are now, important people since some of them completed their courses and are teachers, mechanical engineers and radio presenters.

As Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 suggests, there is time to every purpose under heaven.

A word to the:

A) **Students:** You students, you are the clay that must accept to be shaped into different instruments that everyone would like to handle, to use and to associate with. Endure the hardships you encounter as part of your studying because all this in the near future is going to lead to success..

B) **Parents:** Let me pen off by encouraging our dear parents and all the stake holders of MJS never to lose heart but keep on feeding this school's good children and taking care of this everlasting project of shaping the present and the generation to come.

INSPIRATION:

The secret of success is that you must **never give up**. Never say "I failed", say "I have not succeeded yet." Remember great, great things are done by a series of small things brought together.



Yours in service,
Victor Bwogi

Grade Seven Class teacher

Victor was one of two employees to receive an Outstanding Teacher Award this school year, 2020



The second award was given to teacher Johnstone Ossuku



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Words describing the Year 2020 have included: "unprecedented", stressful, challenging, uncertain, and the list could go on and on. As we begin the New Year of 2021, many Christians will ask God for His blessings, His mercy and hope. As Billy Graham prayed in 2008, "Each of us have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us- but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges."

COVID UPDATE:

A Note from Benon

"Some of us believe that we were infected with this virus and we got healed without knowing it; many of us have got severe flu and cough in the past months. Normally, when I get flu I do not need to get pills, but I had to buy pills and the flu was not going. Many people complain the same thing.

We are not in lock down because many of us returned to work, however bars, soccer artists, schools are still banned plus lots of restrictions like curfew.

Many people do not care about COVID, they move freely without putting on masks. To me, I think everything should be reopened with at least some restrictions because the virus has already spread among us.

Also, something I have noted, I have not heard any child dies of COVID 19 in Uganda and even older people are not dying as it was first expected."

BREAKING NEWS

Blessings of Joy has a “new and improved” website! You can find out all about BOJ, including our updated list of children needing sponsorship, upcoming projects/campaigns, ways in which you can partner with us, and more! We are so excited about the “new look”, and special thanks to Matt Jones of Jones House Creative for his talent and hard work in helping us launch it!

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SPONSOR A CHILD



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MATABALO ANDREW

Mother's Name:

NALUKWATA JANE

Father's Name:

BYALUGABA VICENT

Student's Birth Date: 27TH JULY 2013

Student's current Age: 7 YEARS

MJS Grade Level: ONE

Andrew is a young man who likes schooling so much. He is one of the most serious students and struggles daily to make the trip, even if there is much rain. His home provision is lacking the support he needs to concentrate well in class.

SPONSOR CHRISTMAS DONORS - A BIG “THANK YOU!”



Needs Fund for our sponsored children!

While some children may wish for toys, bikes, games, etc. Ugandan children may wish for a special meal with rice at Christmas, a new dress, or even a mattress to sleep on! Thank you to those who contributed to the Special



PRAYERS & PRAISE!

We thank God for His faithfulness in protecting the families, children, teachers and staff at BOJ's Mweruka Junior School during the pandemic.

We ask for continued protection during the uncertain times ahead; with the election, the reopening of school and the nutritional needs of the community. May the school be a “light” shining to reflect the glory of God.

Upcoming projects- We ask for wisdom and discernment for decisions which are to be made for future development of the campus in 2021. We also trust the Lord will provide all that is needed to accomplish His work.

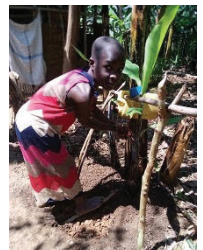
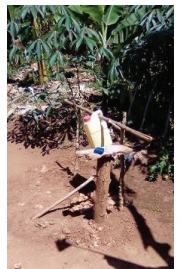
WHAT'S THAT SOUND? TIP-TAPS!



No, that's not the sound of shoes... it is the name for an innovative way to create a hand washing station in various homesteads. All you need are some sticks, a string, some rocks and a jug!

Why a Tip-Tap? Homes

typically do not have running water or a faucet, so hand washing has not been a daily practice. During the “lockdown”, some of the MJS teachers have taken their classroom instruction and love for educating to the surrounding villages as a way to serve their community.



CONTACT US

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