

## 2022 LETTERS FROM TEACHERS

### BLESSINGS OF JOY – MWERUKA JUNIOR SCHOOL

Message from founder – Solomon Mutebi

When I first started Blessings of Joy back in 2006, all I saw with my physical eyes were the bush and poverty. Mweruka village, where our school is located is in the middle of nowhere. Surprisingly, in that bush were and are still people living there. In my spirit, I saw a future. I saw that the same impoverished children can grow up with a good education and get all the potential they need to better themselves and their communities.

Well, over ten plus years later, it's what has happened. Over the years, through you and other partners, we have built classrooms, implemented important education, nutrition program and hygiene programs. But above all, shared the gospel of our Lord to the poor in Uganda. I cannot mention the number of children who have been touched and blessed by your giving.

Mweruka Junior School has produced some of the best performing students in the area and its all. Because of your giving. By sponsoring a child or a teacher, your gift does not stop there but it keeps on giving because it touches generations to come. One poor child out of illiteracy is a blessing to the land. One girl child who is educated means less underage and forced marriages.



**SOLOMON MUTEBI** – Founder and Director

In 2006 as a high school teacher, Solomon felt called by the Lord, to start Mweruka Junior School. Mirriam began teaching the children. In 2007 he came to the States, Durango, CO, to seek funding for the school. He began the Blessings of Joy non-profit and raised funds to construct a school building on property he had purchased (2009). This added to the one the village had built a year earlier. Two major building donors were Colline S and Riley K. Other donors began to sponsor children. Seeking work and additional funding, he came to Oklahoma in 2008 and to Tulsa in 2010. He began attending Redeemer Church. In 2014 Redeemer provided the funds to build a third building on campus. MJS currently provides an education and a nutrition fortified school lunch for 400 students.

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**BENON KIZITO** - Director, Uganda

Solomon's brother, Benon, who has his own business, accepted directorship of MJS/BOJ when Solomon came to the States. He also serves as treasurer for MJS and BOJ. Benon's passion is the children's sponsorship program, which he manages. The number of sponsored children has grown from a handful of children in 2010 to over seventy children today.

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**JOSEPH KYALIMPA** - Deputy Director, Uganda

Joseph and Solomon attended high school and college together. When Solomon came to the States, Joseph accepted deputy director responsibilities, which include completing the applications and paperwork that allow MJS to maintain its primary school accreditation.

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**SSERWANGA GODFREY** - Administrator, MJS

I am Sserwanga Godfrey, by God's Grace an administrator for Mweruka Junior School.

Spiritually:

I am a born again. I got born again when I was a young boy at the age of 13yrs, after asking God the right religion to take. My father who was a seventh day Adventist was not happy about my decision. But God had good plans for me.

Salvation has done me well, am what I am because of it. It has brought me from far. I do not regret becoming a born again, in fact am proud to be one. Every one's life cannot be complete unless he/she is having Jesus "John 14:6". There are many signs which can prove to some one that he or she is a believer, Mark16:17. And it's the only thing God wants from us 1Timothy2:3. Every one needs salvation. Are you one? If not read Romans 10:10 and know how you can become one.

The following is my Ministry(ies):

- Am an evangelist and this is my main call God told me to work for Him. To date I mainly push on with this call through door to door evangelism, preaching Jesus plus preaching on "out church programs" like crusades.

- Secondary, God trusted me with powers of Deliverance, chasing and rebuking out evil spirits from people. Different people come to be prayed for and I have seen God using me.

- Thirdly: Am a pianist, gifted from God to play it in Church and on other ministries like crusades, conferences and seminars.

- Fourthly, am a preacher, I carry on this through preaching to God's people at my Church, conferences and seminars plus at school (MJS)

Physically:

Am a Ugandan by Nationality. I am married to one wife and a father of one biological child but having many I take care of.

I work with Mweruka Junior School carrying a role of a School Administrator.

Currently at University am training as a business administrator and management student.

I like my Job, and I love MJS, God is standing with me to manage different kinds of people at MJS, such people include: the educated and the non-educated, the teaching staff and the non-teaching staff, mature people beyond my age and young

ones, students etc. now for a period of more than five years. In my service delivery as an administrator, God has stood with me to solve different MJS problems and challenges.

Through prayers, God is changing MJS from one step to another, on all sides, say; teachers, children and the parents all are enjoying and benefiting from my role as an administrator.

Am ever catering on the general welfare of both the teachers and the students plus developing MJS in all the ways.

Many things have happened and by God's Grace, many are still happening.

- Academically, the standard has raised, by the time I came to MJS, it could only score one to three first grades, by this time, MJS can get 10-15 first grade

- STUDENTS' smartness (appearance/dress), the smartness of MJS students raised. Students are ever becoming more and more smarter any day that comes.

- Hygiene and sanitation, these have also raised due to the serious enforcement we make at school. Different programs have been put to help on this, programs like CAP (Children's Award Program) have helped us much in pushing these two items high.

- Creation of a God-fearing child, this happens through praying and preaching to them at every Monday morning.

- Creation of an educating spirit among the parents, many parents are being awakened to educate their children. Some time back, educating a child was a wastage of time and money to many parents of this side. I thank God that many are getting involved in taking part of educating their children. Also, many had a believe in free education only, they could wait for free gifts to move on with their lives, but now this spirit is being beaten from them slowly by slowly.

- Health wise, some time back students used to have giggers in their feet but this has been eliminated through the cemented classroom floors and the donated shoes. We thank everyone who donates the shoe funds.

#### FUTURE OUTLOOK OF MJS:

- Due to God's Hand attached at MJS and in BOJ, I see a built MJS paradise.

- I see a positive change in both the academic performance of the children and their spiritual life.

- Thus, I see professionals coming out of MJS foundation

- And therefore, I see big and mighty men and women of GOD.

- Due to the presence of MJS, I see a changed MJS society in many ways, say literally, financially and spiritually.

- In future, MJS population is most likely to change with many students and employees,

- Thus, more buildings are most likely to be built to accommodate the results of development. Therefore, buildings like computer rooms, dinning rooms, staff, more classes and dormitories are foreseen to be part of MJS in future.

#### MY OTHER INFORMATION TO SHARE.

- When we get electric power at campus, we hope to enjoy its fruits;

We hope to purchase musical machines, on which we will be conducting our devotion. We hope to install computers where students will practice their computer lessons and therefore, we have a great hope that MJS will be in position to produce out students who can learn out different computer programs.

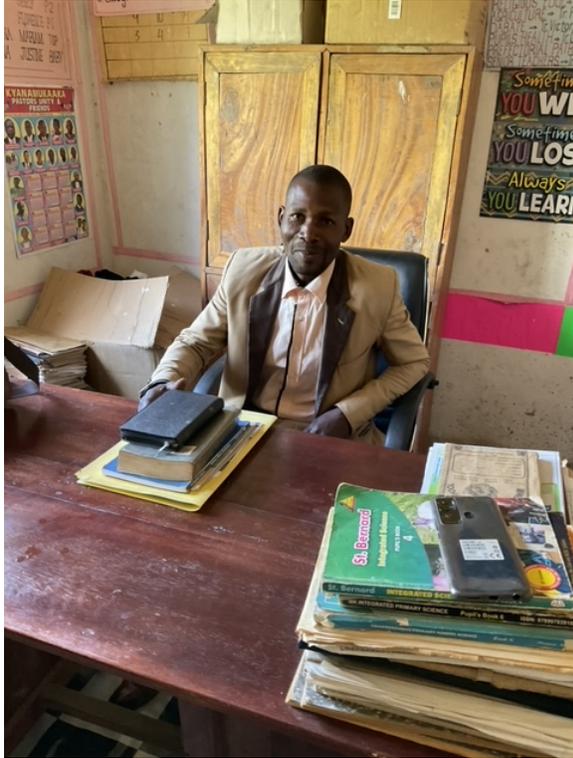
We hope to be with Television set(s) where students can know more of what is happening beyond Mweruka Village and the whole Uganda at large through watching news.

We hope to have extra lessons at night with the students, but this can happen in the presence of both power and dormitories.

Brethren, I have a lot to share with you which I cannot all share just in one article like this, I will continue from here next time when we meet.

May the Living God bless more Blessings of Joy and may God bless more the Donors.

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**ROBERT KIGGUNDU** - Headteacher (Principal)  
Grade 7 Science

With much respect and honour, I warmly thank whoever supports and helps pupils of MJS to study. Because of that mastery of encouragement for the development and sustenance of Mweruka Junior School in existence, my superiority heavenly Almighty God will reward every supporter abundantly.

I am Kiggundu Robert Emmy by name, the headteacher MJS. I am a married person legally, staying with my five biological and two other children.

Its almost 11 years since I joined that school and as the head, also I act as an internal supervisor of all activities done by teachers, pupils and non-teaching staff of the school at large in accordance with legal requirements. So, I have a lot of subconscious images and observations encountered.

According and regarding to my duties at school, I am also a teacher of science in primary seven. Have seen pupils passing it but due to the fact that the parents found where the school is located (school site) a few of them can pay all the

school requirements, even a book/pen can lead a child to miss some lessons when it gets over/used up.

Also, another challenging issue on that (location), the schools around MJS have boarding section. So, when it comes to pupils of grade seven, all are supposed to be in boarding section. Therefore, the parents who can afford the requirements, use to take their children to those schools with a boarding. So, this leads to leave most of incapable children to MJS but all in all, God has been with us and our children have been passing.

Issues concerning about religion in Mweruka Junior School, the school is based on Born Again faith foundation, but it accommodates all denominations of different pupils. Therefore, I am the school pastor (a liturgy teacher) since I joined this school and my assistant is Marriam.

In addition to that, I am a senior Pastor, pastoring a church called Living Water Ministries in Ndeeba Lwankoni Kyotera District Uganda. And some employees of MJS fellowship with us. As a minister of God, I have seen pupils devoting their minds on God and this has lead many to leave bad behaviour and stick on their education.

So, I conclude with appreciation to our board of BOJ, supporters and the well wishers in all corners of the world.

Kiggundu Robert Emmy  
Head Teacher, MJS

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**NAMAGANDA JOSEPHINE**  
Librarian, Deputy Principal

Am also the deputy head teacher and a Librarian of this school and this has given me an opportunity to develop different skills in management.

I am very thankful to the sponsors who provide me with a timely salary payment. This has helped me to develop and improve on my standards of living.

I pray to God that may He bless the. Work of your hands abundantly.

I remain Namaganda Josephine.

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**KAKOOZA HAMIDU** - Grades 3,4,5



Hey,

I am Namaganda Josephine, a teacher of Mweruka Junior School. I am married and I have two daughters, Linah and Lisah.

I teach primary two English, Religious education, Literacy two and in primary one, I teach Literacy two.



I am Kakooza Hamidu, I was assigned in 2017 to join this institution (MJS) as an educator for grade 3,4 and 5. I am understanding, patient and aware of how to talk to my students. My role as a teacher is to improve my student’s skills to make them comfortable and give them the opportunity to express themselves so they can build confidence so as to become important people in future.

During this period of Covid 19, I have been helping my students in the various teaching centres, I do this with my other fellow teachers. This has helped my children not to go wild during this long holiday.

I believe that building a relation and providing a comfortable but challenging enough environment for their growth is my main responsibility too.

More on this, am also a member of the hygiene committee where I combine my effort with other members in encouraging and educating our students on how to live in a clean and safe environment.

Hamidu.

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**BWOGI VICTOR – Grades 6 & 7**  
Social Studies



In the first place, I would like to register my vote of appreciation to the Almighty God for enabling me make eleven years in the teaching process at MJS under BOJ.

My great Joy and honour from the opportunity granted to me and salute you all the readers of the BOJ-Articles plus all our beloved sponsors. I came to be involved with BOJ through writing an application.

As it is said that “teaching is a calling” indeed it is true because there were many teachers who had applied for a vacancy, among those, I was entrusted and given the job by the head teacher Mr. Kiggundu Robert.

My specific role is to provide basic education and shape young Ugandans into responsible and God-fearing people. I feel greatly honoured to play my duty diligently.

I will never grow tired of telling the students the reality of life which I have to do time and again. I sweat and struggle to train these youngsters and will be turned into peace and tranquillity in future.

Since I was initially admitted, I have managed to write two social studies “TEXT BOOKS” and intended for learners preparing for their last three years or final year (that is grade 5,6, and 7) these help my students in self help revision while preparing for their PLE in social studies.

Social studies as an integral discipline has enabled most of our students acquire skills and attitudes.

With many great organizations to support, others should choose BOJ because of the following reasons.

It funds the education of children which gives hope to the poor children who wouldn’t have gone to school.

Not only that but it also employs and caters for the workers through different programs like Employees Service Award and Outstanding Teacher’s Awards program.

I remain committed to provide the best to MJS. GOD bless you all.

From teacher Victor Bwogi.

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**AKELLO COMFORT** - Nursery, Grade 1



Hello, am Comfort a teacher at MJS. I teach both Nursery and lower primary, I enjoy being with the little ones so much because of their way of behaving and the way they share with me their experience.

I want to thank the directors, administrators and the sponsors of children for the great work they are doing.

May God reward you abundantly

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**AGNES TENDO - School Cook**



My name is Tendo Agnes. I am the school cook at Mweruka Junior. I started working as a cook in January 2019. I learnt how to cook since I was

twelve. My mother taught me how to cook local food like Bananas, Irish and cassava. After completing my O' level studies, I joined an institute and I got a certificate in catering and hotel management.

**WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT BEING WITH MJS**

I enjoy with MJS because it is a Christian founded school. it has helped me to grow spiritually and having total love for God. There is good working relationship between teaching staff and I the cook. In addition to that, I thank God who is enabling us as staff members to be co-operative.

I enjoy being with MJS because of the prompt salary payments. This helps me to plan and care of my family. On that, I glorify Our Might Father to be with all the Ministry of BOJ.

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**PARVIN NANSEKO - Nursery, Grade 1 English**



Hello,

I am Parvin, let me take this opportunity to greet you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus. I joined MJS in 2019. I am a nursery teacher and I also teach English in P.1 (grade 1). When I joined MJS my life really changed due to the situation I found at it like co-operation, helping one another, being God fearing and many others.

I also thank God for the ability He has provided to you and through that ability you are also supporting me through giving me salary. Thank you for that heart, you are really a big part of my life, in fact, you are what I am right now. Thank you so much.

May the Almighty God award you abundantly.

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**ALEX SSEKIKUBO – Grade 6 & 7 Mathematics**



This is Alex Ssekikubo, I joined Mweruka Junior School in 2018. Am one of the students of Mr. Solomon at high school in Masaka, for that I liked to work with my teacher and he welcomed me. I have gained a good experience in teaching

mathematics. In general, Mathematics is not a simple subject almost to every child, but I thank God who enables my students to pass my subject.

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**WASSWA JOHN - Grades 5 & 6 Science**

I am Wasswa John. I joined MJS in 2017 after an interview. I teach P.6 and P.5 science (grade 5 and 6) I accept significant responsibility such as hygiene director of MJS which has helped me to reach my goal of saving and improving people's health with in MJS and the villagers around it.  
Thank you

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**JOHNSTONE OSUKU – Grade 3,4,5 English**



My name is Johnstone Osuku. I joined the staff of Mweruka Junior School in 2019, and I teach English language in grade 3,4 and 5. I am okay with the pupils of this school for their obedience. I have also cherished hard work, team spirit, Godliness and charity which has transformed my life positively in MJS.

I thank the governing board of MJS and the entire sponsors' community for their parental love and motivation to the members of Mweruka family.

I am also a member on the school hygiene committee whereby we ensure good sanitation. I like working with Blessings of Joy. It provides good working conditions to the employees, supportive to the children and God's work.

I therefore extend my sincere gratitude to the sponsors of MJS for paying my salary promptly and also providing other motivations.

May God bless you.

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**DEOGRATIUS "DEO" KIZZA – Grades 5,6,7**

## Mathematics

Hi,

I am Deogratius Kizza, I work as a teacher at Mweruka Junior School. I joined Mweruka Junior School in 2019 as a mathematics teacher.

I am grateful to work under Blessings of Joy. I thank you for the support you gave to me during the hard times of Covid 19. Furthermore, I do thank you for the salary you give to me every month.

May the Almighty reward you abundantly.

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**JUSTINE WANYANA – Nursery**



Hello,  
How are you? I greet you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Am teacher Justine Wanyana from Mweruka Junior School. I joined the school in 2010. The reason why am writing to you this letter, is to thank you for everything you are doing to me and to everyone working under Blessings of Joy, most especially providing our salaries. Thank you for being important people in my life. May God bless your works.

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**LABAN NUWAGABA** – Grade 5,6,7 English

I am Laban Nuwagaba, a teacher of English in upper primary classes. I am the school's Director of studies. I also work as head of school's nutrition committee.

Together with fellow teachers, we work as a team to uplift the academic standard of learners. We are very pleased with the success of our students. As the teaching staff, we are looking forward to achieving the best results academically. English is the official language here in Uganda. I am very happy with the way the

students are steadily improving their communication skills. They can now chat, debate and carry out discussion in English language. Laban



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**MARRIAM NASUUNA** – Nursery Grade-1  
Senior Woman, Liturgy

Hi, To the sponsors. I greet you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Am Marriam Nasuuna.

A teacher of Mweruka Junior School since 2006. Let me use this opportunity to thank you for our salaries.

We get our salaries every month even in time of Covid 19 you did us a great work to send us our salaries.

Glory be to God and May God Bless you in whatever thing you do.



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**SSEWANYANA MATHEW** – Grades 2, 3, 4



Hey,

Am Ssewanyana Mathew a teacher at Mweruka Junior School. Hey,

Firstly, I want to send my appreciation to Blessings of Joy Board Committee for the care and love you show to us.

I thank the sponsors who provide me with my salary month after month throughout the all year.

I appreciate for the other support like the special meal and the nutritious porridge, the construction of a new latrine and many others. Many things are achieved at school due to the donors' support.

May the Almighty God grant you what you want most.

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**ELIAS BAINOMUGISHA - School Guard**

Hey,  
I am Elias Bainomugisha, a night watchman at MJS. I joined in 2017 and serves as the school guard now it is almost five years serving MJS as the security guard since I joined.

I got involved with BOJ with the influence of our beloved director of BOJ-Uganda Mr. Kizito Benon who had worked for many years and he trusted me to be among of MJS staff.

Since I joined, there is good working relationship between me and staff and I enjoy being at MJS because it is a Christian foundation school. This has helped me to grow spiritually and physically. My specific role is to protect the school property and to secure pupils.

I thank the board for having provided the school with the school fence, this has simplified my work. Now there is no trespassing in school which was a common case in the past made by strangers.

Now another big challenge is lack of lights at school. But I know the God who provided the fence, will provide too the lights for security and study purposes. Thank you.



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**NAKATO MARY – Nursery**

Hello, I greet you in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, am by names of Nakato Mary, am a new teacher at Mweruka Junior School. I teach in Baby and Top classes. I take this opportunity to thank all those good hearted people who sponsor teachers' salaries. Am glad to teach in such a school where payments flow every month and in time.

I glorify the Lord for this. Thank you.

