

## Annual Meals for Children Fundraiser



**What:** Ugandan meal. You are invited to a Ugandan meal to give thanks for all the BOJ donors who make these meals for the children possible. There will be power point presentation on how the nutrition program is impacting the lives of the children at Mweruka Junior School, Mweruka, Uganda. We hope to continue funding daily meals for the children with your generous contributions.

**When:** Sunday, November 13, 12 noon, immediately following the 11 o'clock service

**Where:** Redeemer Church, 5415 E 101st Street, Tulsa, OK 74137

**What do funds provide?** Mweruka Junior School is in an area of Uganda where malnutrition is endemic. For the past six years Blessings of Joy has provided school lunches for the 400 children attending MJS. The result: elimination of malnutrition, improved children's health and improved attendance at school. The cost is roughly 15 cent per child per meal or \$3.00 per child per month. The annual cost for 400 children is \$12,500. We hope you will be able to come to the Ugandan meal, November 13th.

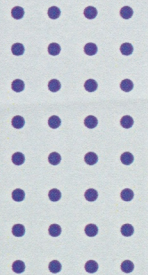


If you would like to give to the Meals for Children Fund to help reach our goal of \$12,500, a donation can be mailed to: Blessing of Joy, 6910 S. Yorktown #701143, Tulsa, OK

**"You know the grace of our lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" 2 Corinthians 8:9**

## Cate's New Dress

On certain occasions some sponsors like to give their child clothes, such as a new dress. This is the case for Cate. The occasion is her birthday. Benon has taken Cate to a dress shop in Masaka, where she will pick out her new store-bought dress. This is almost always a first-time experience for the sponsored child. For her birthday Cate has picked out a beautiful blue dress.





# Sponsor a child

We have just received a request from Blessings of Joy – Uganda seeking sponsorship for seven children. The pictures of these children and their bios are posted on our website, BlessingsOfJoy.com.

We would like to introduce you to Kakooza Brian, one of the seven requesting sponsorship.

**Student:** Kakooza Brian      **MJS Grade:** P1 (first grade)  
**Father:** Kaggwa Antonio      **Birth Date:** April 13, 2010  
**Mother:** Nantongo Nuruyati      **Age:** 12 years

Brian is one of the brightest students in grade one. Though he and his family live very far away from the school, he is ever present and active in class. Brian's heart is full of studying and eager to learn. But his parents struggle financially to keep him in school. Therefore, Brian and his family are seeking sponsorship, which will enable him to fully concentrate and achieve a greater success out of his studies.

How would sponsorship help Brian? Sponsorship would provide for Brian's school tuition, a daily nutrition fortified school lunch, his school uniform, a pair of shoes with socks, and school supplies. Each month it would provide Brian's family with a sack of cornmeal, powdered milk, blocks of soap, toothpaste, vaseline and shoe polish. It also would provide for any special needs such as medical care, mosquito net, mattress, clothes, a special gift from sponsor at birthday and Christmas.



Kakooza Brian



The gift of sponsorship is \$35 each month  
To sponsor Brian visit our website, [BlessingsOfJoy.com](http://BlessingsOfJoy.com)

## Joan - Accepted to Nursing School!

In 2017, Joan started high school at St. Charles Lwayga S.S. Kasasa, Uganda. But during Joan's Senior year at St. Charles Lwayga SS, the COVID 19 virus had become a world-wide pandemic. It was with high hopes and God's grace that St. Charles Lwayga SS reopened in October of 2020. Joan completed her secondary schooling and graduated in March of 2021. The Final National Exam was taken and Joan scored well in Division 1. Joan made application to nursing school during the Summer of 2021. It was so exciting when she learned of her acceptance and began training at Kyetume School of Nursing and Midwifery in January of 2022.

Her program will last 5 semesters (2.5 years). The per semester cost varies with different certificate programs. The cost of the nursing certificate program is \$920 per semester, which includes tuition, uniform, boarding, and school supplies. God's hand is upon Joan and the financial support she needs to complete her studies in mid 2024 will be available.

Joan has grown up and looks so proud to be wearing her nurse's uniform. In a recent letter to her sponsors, she wrote: "I am now in second semester and I am grateful that as per now I am able to conduct delivery and I dedicate the new life to God so that He may help him/her to serve Him and to provide them with peace and strength." (Psalms 29:11)

Also, Joan is active in the Blessings of Joy Church. Benon shared this picture of Joan getting ready to preach in a youth service at the church.





## Date of Birth Celebration

We love birthdays and celebrate them regularly. We almost take them for granted. In Mweruka village celebrating one's date of birth is not a tradition and is rarely done. Sponsors are encouraged to request a gift for their child on his or her birthday. The cost for this gift is part of the monthly sponsorship.

Late on a September evening Benon delivered a birthday gift and small cake to Edward who is a first year high school student at Africa with Love. For the first time since his birth Edward celebrated his date of birth. This is Edward's thank you note to his sponsors.



Dear Dad .... and Mum .....,

How are you and your family members? Back to me, I am very happy and thankful.

I am writing this letter to thank you for the great care and service you have provided to me. Humbly, I want to thank you for organizing my birthday party. I enjoyed celebrating it with my fellow students including some teachers. They were very happy when we were eating cake and drinking soda.

Thank you for my birthday gift which you sent to me. I am proud of you because this is the first day for me to celebrate the (my) birthday since I was born on 19th January, 2005. Even I could not wait for that date because it was a miracle to me, I will never forget that situation (birthday celebration).

I am always appreciating your support because you have changed my life positively. May The Almighty God keep on blessing your lives forever and ever in Jesus' name I have prayed.

Send my greetings to all your family members and relatives.

Your loving son, Edward Ssemuli



## Shoes For Needy Feet

Most of the children's homes (huts) have dirt floors. Jiggers (endemic, burrowing sand flea infection of the feet) can be prevented by wearing shoes, which many children at Mweruka Junior school do not have. Leather shoes made by a local cobbler are purchased by BOJ-Uganda. The photo shows the first 70 children this year to receive a pair of shoes and socks. The next group of children needing shoes will have an outline of their foot made on paper which will be given to the cobbler. From this outline he will make the shoes in his shop. It is estimated that 300 children attending MJS will need shoes this school year. The children are blessed by the love and generous giving of so many Blessings of Joy donors.





# Sponsored Students: Africa with Love High School

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Options are limited for graduates of Mweruka Junior School who want to continue on to high school. There are private secondary schools several miles from their home village of Mweruka. To attend one of these schools the cost of tuition, room, board, and school supplies is beyond what most families can afford. The 20 MJS graduates pictured here attend Africa with Love High School because of the love and generosity of Blessings of Joy donors. The 8 students on the far right of the picture, dressed in light blue tops and dark blue bottoms, received scholarships from Blessings of Joy. Each year the MJS faculty selects two students from the graduating class to be awarded a high school, four or six year scholarship. Selection is based on financial need and academic standing.

The remaining students in the photo have continued being sponsored after graduation. (Commitment to sponsorship is not an expectation past the completion of primary school with Blessings of Joy.) Three of these students live at the Blessings of Joy House/Orphanage. Africa with Love High School was selected by Benon, Uganda BOJ director, because it is an academically sound Christian school.

This is the hope and future playing out in real time to youth, who without Blessings of Joy and MJS might not have the chance to make their dreams come true.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV**



Africa with Love School and Clinic MJS Graduates  
January 2022

## You've got Mail...

The staff of Mweruka Junior School have sent thank you letters. To access the letters, go to website and click on "you've got mail".



## PRAYER & PRAISE

**Pray** for wisdom and discernment for future development of the school campus.

**Pray** for a successful fund drive to raise funds for children's school meals.

**Praise** for the generosity of many, providing school shoes for the children and sanitary kits for the girls.

**Pray** for Primary 7 students as they complete their studies and prepare to take their national primary leaving exam at the end of this trimester.

**Lord thank you** for those who sponsor a child and share the gift of love with that child.

**Pray** that the seven students awaiting a sponsor would receive the gift of sponsorship.

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