



Buyamba News

Helping **Uganda**...one child at a time

High School
Dorms

Big Dreams for 2019!

Empower to
Impact!

Buyamba is growing. God has big plans for God Cares Schools and is equipping the Dongo Family to carry out the vision that He has set for the ministry to **“empower the orphaned and needy children of Uganda to impact their nation for Christ.”**

As many of you know, The new school year at God Cares Nursery and Primary School and God Cares High School begins on February 4th. There is so much that happens at this time. We look forward to receiving a new group of freshmen at the high school. These students are moving an hour away from their home and will be boarding at the high school for the first time. The senior (S6) students just graduated from high school in December, and as they wait for their test results from their A-Level National Exams, they are entering a time of decision making as they consider trade school, higher level learning institution, or finding a full-time job.



2018 Graduating P7 Class

Both of these transition years are a big adjustment for the students, and they need our prayers. If you sponsor either a new S1 student or a former S6 student, you will be receiving further communication from our office on how you can come alongside and help during this time. *Continued on Page 2...*

A University Graduate, Grace Mucunguzi



My name is Grace Mucunguzi, and I am 23 years old. I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Education. I grew up with both my mum and dad together with my four siblings. All was well until tragedy befell us in 2010 (when I was in my second year of high school) when dad passed away in a car accident. Since then, life became so hard. Mum wasn't working, and the only source of livelihood we had were the three small rental houses which dad left us, which couldn't facilitate all five of us in school and also feed us. By God's grace, mum was able to make ends meet for me until S6 when I sat for the national examinations to qualify me for University/Trade school. I knew that was bound to be the end of my education journey since mum had clearly shown me the need for my four younger siblings also at least to reach S6.

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When the results came out, I had the best score in my entire class. I was overjoyed but at the same time sad that it would be the end of my education after receiving this kind of result. However, God, the Father of orphans, hadn't given up on me yet, and the late Pastor Dongo vowed to support me until I completed my university education. So since 2015, when I joined university, Buyamba has supported me until I graduated in December 2018.

Thank you Buyamba for believing in me, and supporting the girl child. Thank you to the lovely sponsors for supporting Buyamba, and for the love and sacrifices that were made to support the needy and helpless like me.

"May God's reward to you be pressed down, shaken together and overflowing with blessings!"



A Few Buyamba Alumni

- Rebecca Nalweyiso - **Teacher**
- Daphine Kirabo - **Sales Personnel**
- Ritah Nabadda - **Teacher**
- Kintu Steven - **Teacher**
- Sharon Natukunda - **Social Worker**
- Hadija Namitala - **Sales Personnel**
- Hope Jasinta Mukankusi - **Cook**
- Juda Kisakye - **IT Specialist**
- Hasifa Nanyanzi - **Business Owner**

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There is always plenty to do in providing for the two God Cares School campuses, each with a five-story building containing more than 1500 students collectively. However, our additional work before us this year is clear as Worship Dongo explained, **"Our focus is finishing the dorms at the High School and improving the Primary School, as we continue to strive for excellence in all areas."** She further explained, **"We want to work on the nursery section first. It will be great if we have nursery teachers from the U.S. who can come up with ideas to make it better, and when teams are coming, we need toys or anything we use in the baby's play area."** There are also additional plans to grow the Buyamba farm further, and construct professional sized sports courts that can provide tournament play. As we move forward, we do so intentionally, thinking both long-term and short-term goals, always mindful of being good stewards of what the Lord has given Buyamba generously through our partnership with you.

Save The Date! March 31st Buyamba Dinner

Set aside the date for this year's Buyamba fundraising dinner, ***Empowering Generations***, in Simi Valley, CA at the Woodranch Gold Club. Join us as we celebrate what the Buyamba ministry is doing now in Uganda through God Cares School and for generations to come. Learn how your partnership is making a difference, and help us invite new friends to join the mission as we share a meal with Florence Dongo.

More information and invitations will go out next month. **We are looking for table sponsors and ambassadors who will invite their friends and family to hear about what we are doing in Uganda.** We also are looking for event sponsors and raffle items. Whether you live in California or not, we would love for you to get involved. If you are coming from out of town, we have a hotel discount that we can help you book, and if you want to put an ad in our program we would love your participation. Call the office for details!