

## OUR STORIES

### EDU CHILD FOUNDATION UGANDA

**QUARTELY UPDATES** 

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#### **PREVIEWS**



Above – The 20 new girls recruited from Goli Mixed Primary School



Above – The front view of our new office in Nebbi Town.



Above – Our new staff members; Kennedy and Hope



Above – A visit by Daryl Funk Wayne and Rogers Mugenyi to our Projects



Above – The Copleted wall of our office block awaiting roofing and finishing.



Above – Our 37 children from Jupangira Primary School under the "Educate A Child" sponsorship program pose for a picture in front of the school after receiving their termly scholastic materials on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

"There is no way we can take any credit for what God is doing in our midst. Since January this year (2018), we have experienced so much growth and blessings to which we can only credit God." (Words from our Director, Mr. Denis Okurmu)

We are very grateful to God for the far He has brought us. This year we have witnessed a lot of favor in this ministry and we deeply know that it is God affirming this vision as His.



Above - are some of the new beautiful faces we have added. These are the 13 girls recruited from Pawong Primary School.

## We Are Growing!

First of all, as the year began, we were able to add 33 new vulnerable children to our "Educate A Child" sponsorship program ceiling the total to 73 children under our care. All the 33 adorable children we recreuited were little girls between the age of 8-12 who were coming from extremely difficult backgrounds. Some are total orphans and others come from extremely poor families that could not afford to pay for their education at all. In addition, girls have been highly marginalized in this community.

They are seen as objects of wealth (bride price), wasteful, are not given education opportunities compared to their counter genders, etc. At Edu Child Foundation Uganda, we strongly believe that by empowering the girl child, we are empowering an entire nation. Out of the 73 sponsored children, 80% of them are girls girls (58). From the 33 added, 13 are from Pawong Primary School while 20 are from Goli Mixed Primary School. To us, this was such a great way to start the year and a milestone leading us to a promising future for the girl child in the communities we serve in Uganda. Our hope is to be able to grow and cover the entire West Nile region and serving over 5,000 children.

## ECFU NEWSLETTER

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Our Director, Mr. Denis Okurmu (center) posing for a picture at our office with Kennedy Mungujakia (right) and Hope Cherry Pikwo (left)

In April, we added two more members to our staff team; Kennedy Mungujakisa came on board as our Project Coordinator while Hope Cherry Pikwo also joined us as our Discipleship/Character Development Coordinator.

With the quick growth of the organization of recent, the work load became quite heavy for our Director Mr. Denis Okurmu and our Field Coordinator, Rogers Pimer, to bear. This brought in the question of staffing and we were glad to be joined by these two amazing souls, Kennedy and Hope. These guys are so sold out to the ideal of limitless love and compassion for the most vulnerable in the communities we serve. They go hard to ensure all the children under our care are living at their best with no limits. They pour out their lives day in and day out impacting many lives in the communities we serve. Hope in particular is so passionate about girl child empowerment and acts as a role model and mentor to the young girls in our care. We feel so blessed to have them on our team and to serve with them each day that passes by.

## Highlights of Key Developments at ECFU this 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

We've added two more incredible members to our staff team and have set up a new office space to help us in carrying out our adminsitrative duties.



Towards the end of March this year, we realized that we did not have enough funding to enable us complete our office block, so we dicided to look for an office space close to our

block, so we dicided to look for an office space close to our palces of work to help us with our adminstrative activities. And by God's grace, we were able to find a perfect space in Nebbi Municipal Council (formaly Nebbi - town council).



Our new work space is located on plot 10, Opano Road, within Nebbi Municipality which is only about 10 kilometers to the communities we serve. This was the nearest of space we could find after a long search. The office space has been of such great help to us — especially acting as a central space where our different stakeholders in the district and in the communities we serve can easily reach us in case of any need.



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# Updates on recent Activities



A Visit from Daryl Funk and Rogers Mugenyi

Recently, we had the honor of hosting a team of friends from Pulse Village Transport (Mugenyi Rogers and Dary Funk) who came to see our work in the communities serve in Nebbi.

This was such a special moment for us - our first time ever to host any visitor in our project. This team had heard a lot about us and decided to come see for themselves all that we are doing. It was such great honour for us to host them. They were so excited seeing all the people we are impacting through this work.



It is such a good feeling to know that there are people out there who are ever praying for you and do not cease to think about you. There is no better way to show love than to take some time and be with the people you care about. This was love demonstrated and we are grateful to have been so blessed by their visit - moving over 8 hours away from the city to come and be here in Nebbi with us. We believe God shall bring more vistors now.

"Back To School" - In the beginning of Ausgust we completed the process of sending back all our 73 children to school for their 3<sup>rd</sup> term of the academic year 2018.



Each student received full package of scholastic materials and their school fees were also clreared. This process ended on May 26<sup>th</sup> as the new school term was commencing on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

We greatly appreciate all our special partners and friends who make this possible. Because of your generous love and support, we are able to educate 73 orphaned and vulnerable children; restoring their hopes and dreams for a better future. Thank you.

"Discipleship and Play Time"



One of our core beliefs is to raise holistic children – not just in academics but also in regards to other key life aspects such as spiritual, social and physical life. Every weekend we visit and spend time with all the children engaining them in critical discipleship sessions where teach them about integrity, forgiveness, healthy habits, love, reconciliation, respect, humility, hardwork, and other life skills; plus engaging them in different games. We also celebrate their birthdays and ensure they know they are special. This has helped us in not only bonding more with the children but also given us spaces to speak life into them, providing counsel and encouragement to them.



There's no way we could have made all these achievements to this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year on our own if it wasn't for some great people who have willingly allowed God to work through them to support all the different projects we have undertaken.

In a very special way, we want to appreciate the family of Kim and Dan Anderson for the great hearts of unconditional love they've shown us these past two years, by sharing the little resources they have with the children and the communities we are reaching out to. Words can't expalin better how greateful we are. Thank you.

We also want to thank Dustin and Lauren McBride who donated to us \$200 this quarter in support of the education sponsorship program. We are so grateful for all the love.

In case you want to partner with us and be a part of this ministry, please find information on our website (<u>www.ecfug.org</u>) or contact us on email:info@ecfug.org

THANK YOU.

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