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“I’m Also a Human Being!”

So proclaimed Asimwe Abraham. His Grandmother guardian (who is very kind) had left him indoors one morning and she was talking to a neighbour outside and Asimwe wanted to go and sit outside too. So he reminded her that he is a human being who should not be left inside and forgotten. *But he seems to speak for a lot of children with disabilities in Uganda.*

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Introduction

Greetings friends, supporters, Ugandan officials and employees. Praise God 2022 was another interesting year with some tough challenges but with two significant and wonderful interventions by God. Schools went back early in January after the longest covid schools' closure in the world. Years 1 to 3 had not attended school for two years. It was all rush, rush, rush with only two weeks' notice given and teachers asked to implement new curriculums for 2022. Good that Ugandans are very adaptable. But the toughest thing was the national inflation. School costs sky rocketed as country-wide fuel prices tripled and that effected food stuffs and anything that was transported by road (most things). Teachers wanted more pay to cope with inflation so schools also increased their fees hitting guardians in their pockets even harder. For us at Jesus Loves the Little Children Organisation (JLtlc) it has meant that our expenses rose by approximately 30%!! And that was the necessity to cause our first miracle, God supplied all our needs and donations came in so that all costs were covered. Praise God! This is tremendously encouraging as it shows we are in God's will and doing His work. God loves education and school and all its benefits!

With the Schools Sponsorship Programme taking more funds we did less with The Glory Kids-children with disabilities. However, we had achieved a lot extra with our Glory Kids whilst schools were closed in 2021 (see last years report). But we did restart the monthly Clubs for the Glory Kids with a new emphasise on supporting and encouraging the guardians. We heard some wonderful testimonies of God healing and touching the children. Together with that we experienced a stronger presence of God in our meetings with the Glory Kids including three Healing Meeting we held. Hallelujah. So this was the second intervention from God as we saw Him increase His work amongst these children with disabilities (cwg). We pray this continues and increases.

Another very positive trend we saw in 2022 was that locally the profile and understanding of the work of JLtlc increased amongst the Kiryandongo District government and Kigumba Town council. Several Councillors and Officers expressed appreciation for the work we do with vulnerable children. This was very encouraging and has not always been the case.

Five children finished Primary School one of whom we have been assisting for more than seven years and this is always a success. They now have a good foundation for life.

In April we exchanged our old Toyota Rav 4 for a newer much better condition Rav 4. This was made possible by a VERY generous donation from our friend Amit in Manchester, UK. The old car was always needing repairs and often broke down so life is a little bit easier now and driving a more pleasant experience.



Ministering to Guardians at the Glory Kids Club

Schools Programme

Our Schools Sponsorship Programme enables children to attend school who cannot go due to poverty reasons. We average 50 sponsored children at any one time.

We pay for their school fees, their lunch, uniform including shoes and school bag and their travel costs. We pay for medical care if their guardians are not able to afford it. God has told us to pick the poorest children irrespective of religion, tribe or gender. Such children may live in a village with their elderly grandmother or may be orphans who are being looked after by relatives or good-hearted people. It is a real blessing to help such children. They often don't have any friends, are very shy and have low self-esteem and low confidence. That can all change after being with us and enjoying all the benefits of going to school. Currently approximately one quarter of the children we sponsor for school have disabilities such as deafness, autism and cerebral palsy. These children attend Boarding Schools, due to the distance to the nearest schools that can accommodate their needs, and we also provide all their needs for accommodation such as bedding, their transport costs as well as their fees.

From 2022 we have decided to give free sanitary pads to all of our girls at school who need them. Sometimes girls have to drop out of school when they start menstruating due to the cost of pads and the lack of facilities at schools. We definitely do not want that so we will always give pads to the girls if they are old enough to need them and they are still in the sponsorship programme.

In August we had a visit from Balikowa Alex from United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) who came to interview us and understand what JLTLC does for research he was commissioned to do. He really grilled us with plenty of tough questions. We had to scratch our heads at times. But by the end he really encouraged us and said he was very impressed with our work.

In October we had a visit from Favoured Children-Uganda who now sponsor ten children with disabilities with us-they organise the sponsors from the US and we organise on the ground in Uganda. They visited the home of Kundu Brian who is home-schooled due to his disabilities and we went to see the two schools in Masindi District which we use for CWD.

2022 Leavers and Joiners



We added nine children for the sponsorship programme during the year.

There were two new girls for P5 at Kitwanga Primary School; Namulumba Fatima and Atimango Brenda who lived with their elderly grandmother in Kihura village. Unfortunately, early in the year they ran off and left their grandmother's home. She had brought them up for many years. It seems the opposite sex were involved with their disappearance. They reappeared at an uncle's home 15km away. So we were not able to continue their sponsorship.

Akot Janet and Saida Alitua were part of two families we were assisting with school fees but we have now taken them to be fully sponsored in our Schools Sponsorship Programme. Up until now we had been giving the two mothers a grant each term to help with all of their children in school. By taking on all the school costs of one child it was a better way to help their single mothers and their families. They both started at the first year of primary school and we very much hope to assist them through to the end of Primary School in seven years' time.

Oryema Joshua is a boy we have known for a long time who lives with his grandparents. He has Cerebral Palsy on one side of his body. He could not walk to his nearest government Primary School because it was too far for him with his weak leg. But there is a new private school nearer to where he lives and he can walk to it, so we are paying the school fees for him.

We were very happy that Favoured Children-Uganda, who already sponsor six cwd with us, came in and started sponsoring four new children with disabilities for the third term. These four children now all attend Kamurasi Model Primary School, Masindi, which is a mixed able and disabled school. Masindi is in the next district so all of the children will be boarding. They are Karamere Sam, Nabukwe Joseph, Nyangoma Gift and Kato Sam. Kato and Nyangoma are male and female twins and they are both deaf. Joseph has significant cerebral palsy and Sam also has some cerebral palsy on one side.



Kato Gavin & Nyangoma Gift



Karamere Sam



Nabukwe Joseph

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Asiimwe Philip joined the Programme last year but it was only now that with schools opened that he could start his new school at Masindi Centre for the Handicapped. He has physical disabilities so we provided him with a wheelchair until we can buy him a new one.

Mamella Adam changed schools to start his A levels but during the third term he was expelled for fighting with another pupil. His sponsor agreed to continue helping him and he is joining a driving course.

Atachoka Gertrude also disappeared early in the year and we later found out that she had run away with a young man and was living with him. Thus, she will not be in the Programme any more.

Mugerwa David and Elijah Emmanuel both decided that they did not want to attend school any more and so they left the Programme. We are glad that we have given them a start in life and that the years they have gone to school have put them in good stead. They have also been attending our monthly Jesus Club, joined in with all the activities and have heard how God really loves them so much.

Mideba Mercy has been with us since 2010 and we have really seen some great changes in her. When we first new her she could not engage with other children and struggled to follow simple instructions. But now she has completed a full-time tailoring course and leaves us a confident young woman who chats freely and even has a new baby!

Five pupils completed Primary School in 2022: Ola Junior-we will put him with a mechanic for one year; Katusabe Monica-we will give her extra tailoring training; Kizza Robinson-we will send him to learn driving, a three-month course; Opio Joel-he is trying to earn money to pay for his secondary education. We will help with the cost of books if he starts secondary; Samson Jaffrey-we will try to support him when he knows what he wants to do.

Although we had five children in Secondary School our main focus remains children who are not able to attend Primary School and who will not have any education unless we step in.

Table of distribution of children and their genders and their Schools 2022.

School	Number of Sponsored Children	Girls	Boys
Kitwanga PS	7	4	3
St Anna, Kihura PS	6	4	2
Kihura 2 PS	1	1	0
Jeeja PS	5	2	3
Kigumba COU PS	7	4	3
Masindi Centre for Handicapped PS	4	1	3
Kamurasi Demonstration PS, Masindi	13	6	7
Christ Foundation PS, Kitwanga	1	1	0
Kitaleba Nursery School	1	0	1
Parents SS, Kigumba	1	0	1
Royal College SS, Kigumba	1	1	0
St Tereza SS, Masindi	1	1	0
Blessed Comboni SS	2	1	1
Home Schooling	1	0	1
TOTAL	51	26	25

*All children
are from
Kiryandongo
District.*

Table of Children's Names & Schools

1.	Adam Mamella	S.4	Parents SS-Secondary
2.	Atachoka Gertrude	S.3	Royal College SS
3.	Odongpin Ken	S.1	Blessed Comboni SS
4.	Judith Nyangoma	S.1	St Tereza SS
5.	Ijang Marion	S.1	Blessed Comboni SS
6.	Saida Alitua	P.1	Kitwanga PS-Primary
7.	Kajura Wilson	P.3	Kitwanga PS
8.	Afuo Perezi	P.5	Kitwanga PS
9.	Lamulati Owechi	P.5	Kitwanga PS
10.	Samson Jaffrey	P.6	Kitwanga PS
11.	Katusabe Monica	P.6	Kitwanga PS
12.	Kiiza Robson	P.6	Kitwanga PS
13.	Joanne Rosemary	P.1	COU PS
14.	Joanne Nakiwala	P.2	COU PS
15.	Evelyn Piashele	P.4	COU PS
16.	Poni Irene	P.4	COU PS
17.	Kaka Payesu	P.3	COU PS
18.	Tumusime Denis	P.4	COU PS
19.	Aaron Fabias	P.3	COU PS
20.	Fatuma Cheka	P.1	Kihura RC PS
21.	Scovia Mercy	P.3	Kihura RC PS
22.	Jokodu Jamali	P.4	Kihura RC PS
23.	Razaki Adrole	P.5	Kihura RC PS
24.	Akamumpa Saida	P.5	Kihura RC PS
25.	Opio Joel	P.6	Kihura RC PS
26.	Akot Janet	P.1	Jeeja PS
27.	Abdul Akmedi	P.2	Jeeja PS
28.	Katerega Swale	P.2	Jeeja PS
29.	Meble Kunihira	P.4	Jeeja PS
30.	Olaa Junior	P.6	Jeeja PS
31.	Gloria Bridget Apolorot	P.4	Christ Foundation PS
32.	Urema Joshua	P.1	Kitaleba PS
33.	Nyan'goma Hope	P.4	Kihura 2 PS
34.	Yasin Mugerwa	Crafts	Masindi Centre for Handicapped
35.	Asiimwe Philip	P.4	Masindi Centre for H
36.	Driciru Agnes	P.1B	Masindi Centre for H
37.	Kato Sam	P.2	Masindi Centre for H
38.	Nabukwe Joseph	P.1	Kamurasi Model PS
39.	Kato Gavin	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
40.	Nyangoma Gift	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
41.	Pirwoth Savior	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
42.	Siyama Agnes	P.1	Kamurasi Model PS
43.	Subra Nyuthi	P.1	Kamurasi Model PS
44.	Atim Mary	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
45.	Kazungu Lucky	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
46.	Nelima Mercy	P.2	Kamurasi Model PS
47.	Omirambe Godfrey	P.3	Kamurasi Model PS
48.	Karamere Sam	P.4	Kamurasi Model PS
49.	Odoch Isaac	P.4	Kamarasi Model PS
50.	Mideva Mercy	Tailoring	Kamurasi Model PS
51.	Kundu Brian	Home Schooling P.1	

We have eighteen CWD in the Schools Programme. Nine are deaf, four have mental health issues, five have cerebral palsy and one has restricted eyesight. It gives us great joy to help these children.

Our policy towards helping CWD attending school comes down to the type of their disabilities and if God provides sponsors. The more severe the physical and mental disabilities a child has, the more challenging it is for them to live away from home. The nearest specialist schools for these children are in the next district, therefore they have to board if they attend these schools. All of our children in boarding schools have sponsors due to the high cost (we cannot afford to pay for them from our general funds). So when we become aware of a CWD who is able to attend a specialist school but has no way of paying for themselves, we then pray and ask God for a sponsor.

Medical Assistance Schools Sponsorship Programme

During the year we helped the sponsored school children when they needed medical assistance and were not able to pay for themselves;

Child Name	Medical Intervention
Nyangoma Judith	Malaria x2/Skin Rash x2/Cough
Siyama Agnes	Malaria
Mubiru Yasin	Asthma x2/Dentist
Mamella Adam	Root canal/Malaria/Typhoid/Rash x2
Ijang Marion	Malaria x3/Cough x2/(Guardian needed meds)
Mideba Mercy	Pregnancy Review & Scan
Kato Sam	Chicken Pox/Nutrition/(Guardian had dental/Malaria)
Saida Akamumpa	Malaria x3/Typhoid/Cough/(Mother had dental treatment)
Mercy Scovia	Fainted-Treatment/Treating Pregnancy
Fatuma Cheka	Malaria/Bacterial Infection
Opio Joel	Malaria x2
Nyangoma Hope	Typhoid
Scovia Mercy	Sore Eyes/ Dental
Owechi Lamulati	Eye infections/Typhoid x2/Malaria
Pirwot Savior	Hospital costs for Accident

Other Interventions

We built a small house for Kato Sam, Nyangoma Hope and their elderly grandmother. They are a very poor family with the guardian too old to do physical work. Their grass thatched house was damaged and they had no way of building another home. But they now have a new small brick house with a permanent roof. Hallelujah!

We bought a new wheelchair for Kato Sam to use at school since he had out-grown his old one.

Ijang Marion and Judith Nyangoma-we helped both of these students with their national identity cards. They need these for secondary school. It is quite a lot of work with trips to the Government District Headquarters. We also helped Kiiza Robinson get his birth certificate so that he could learn to drive.

Asiimwe Phillip-we bought and fitted new tyres for his wheelchair which he takes with him to boarding school.

EMIS- we had to step in and help the boarding schools we use to complete this national census of school pupils. The schools needed details of all the children's guardians who were far away at their homes.

We helped two of our Secondary students during school closure with lodging and food as they do not have homes and they do not have any income or guardian to look after them.

Guardian's Signing Meeting

In March we had our annual Guardian's signing meeting where each guardian makes a mini-MOU with JLtLC. The agreement covers the guardian's and our responsibilities to their children. For example, children should arrive at school promptly, clean in body and uniform. For JLtLC we promise to pay all fees, lunch, uniform, shoes, bag and scholastic materials.

The annual meeting is a great opportunity to catch-up with all the guardians, tell them any news, share a bible message and spend time worshipping together. They also get to meet each other, have some chai and mandazis (donuts) and

when there are new children and guardians, they get to know everyone. This year we also gave them some good quality clothes, shoes and bags donated by Chinese missionaries.

Stories of Two of Our Children

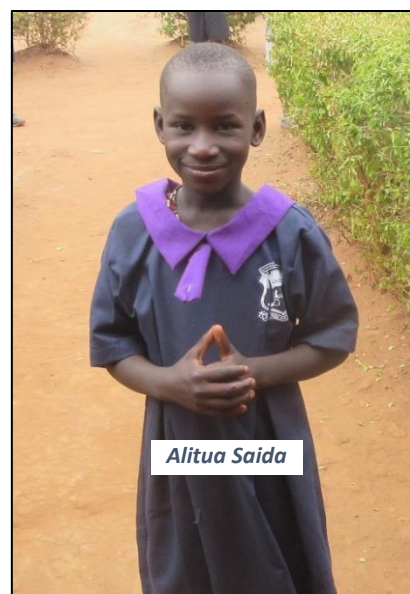


Akot Janet

Akot joined us full-time at the beginning of the year. She lives with her mum and four siblings in a mud hut with a grass roof. Her father is alive but rarely visits and has a drink problem. He does not contribute towards the family. The mother has a one-acre plot on which is their home and they grow crops by hand including the cultivation. They often go without food and feeling hungry is a normal situation for them. Akot has completed the first year at a local government Primary School and her results were very good. Her mother is a strong Christian and walks six kilometres to go to a good church on Sundays.

Alitua Saida

Saida lives with her single mother and Muslim, Zahara. Her father died in 2017. They have their own little house with seven children and a little land. The mother works hard manually slashing grass on road verges for the local government. But even though she works she cannot raise enough income to pay for all her children to attend school.



Janet and Saida love to go to school and during 2022 when schools were closed they walked a long way from their homes to attend private lessons we organised in Kigumba town.

Jesus Club

Jesus Club is our monthly get-together with the children in the Schools Sponsorship Programme. It is an opportunity for them to develop their social skills and confidence, grow in self-esteem, learn about God, Jesus and the bible, eat a nutritious cooked meal and have lots of fun. (The meal can be fish or meat which they do not have at any other time.)

We had two Clubs each in February and March and one shorter meeting in January. The meeting in January was mainly to give children their scholastic materials and for those in boarding school, all of their personal items too. The children went back to school on 10th January. In February Hugh Pilcher of JLTLC talked about 'Who Jesus is' and in March Mr Adjuna Leonard from Miracle Healing Centre Church spoke about, 'Following God and Not falling Away from Jesus.'

For Easter holidays when we took them on a short excursion to a village church. The rural church had grassy grounds where the children could play outside in spite of the morning rains. We also had a special message from Sarah Mukisa who is a gifted children's speaker. Then we played Musical Chairs and another new game which the children really enjoyed, gave gifts, and ate cooked food provided by the locals and of course worship and prayers. It was a great day and we are very grateful to Living Faith Church for hosting us.

In May we showed the children part of the famous 'Jesus' film. It was something we had promised them for some time but due to technical issues had not been able to until then. We wanted them to see the portrayal of the arrest, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ Jesus. The children enjoyed it and even the deaf children could understand much of the film. Afterwards two children responded by giving their lives to Jesus Christ and four children rededicated their lives to Him.

In August we invited Nyakaisiki Doreen, a local teacher to speak to the children and in September Pastor Jaddu Joseph, a member of our Executive Committee and someone who loves vulnerable children, spoke.

We also repaired the wooden kitchen at Miracle Healing Centre Church so we could keep cooking hot meals for the children.

In December it was time for the Christmas Party and in 2022 we did things a little differently. On the Saturday week before Christmas there was an outdoor children's party at a new local hotel and we decided to join them for the morning. There were trampolines, bouncy castles, miniature cars, face-painting, balloon animals with a wonderfully presented snack especially for us of chapatis and soda. It was lots of fun in a lovey place and some grandmother guardians said they had never seen anything like it! Then we went back Miracle Healing Centre church for cooked food with presents, prizes and a Christmas message from our Programmes Officer, Pastor Shadrack. The presents included a bar of nice smelling soap, toothpaste with a tooth brush and Movit skin smearing jelly. The prizes were mainly story books this year, donated by friends in Kampala. It was a long but happy day.

The Jesus Club is generally a happy time for the children with the occasional serious moment if someone needs disciplining. It is important for them to be shown respect and be expected to behave responsibly. At schools there is a lot of strict discipline with some caning. Children are expected to keep quite in lessons and are not always encouraged to ask questions. Children are not always encouraged to problem solve but learn by memorising. But at the Jesus Club we want the children to feel free to join in because they want to and let their personalities develop.



Glory Kids Programme-Children with Disabilities

"Glory Kids", our programme for children with disabilities (CWD) continued into 2022. Each week guardians continue to bring to the office new children which we have not assisted before. That is to say the number of CWD in Kiryandongo District is huge and even after six years we have not met all of them and we have no real idea of how many more there are. Kiryandongo District covers a big area at 3,600km². There are new children being born with disabilities all the time as well of course. The Ugandan government is slowly starting to acknowledge the fact that many of these cases could be avoided. Cerebral Palsy cases could be reduced if doctors did not keep women waiting when they are ready to give birth. In some cases, Cerebral Palsy is caused by lack of oxygen to the baby during birth.

As these babies and children come to us, we make an initial assessment which is normally that they either need immediate medical assistance, they need physiotherapy, they need an operation or they need a disability aid. And normally they need more than one of these. We are not trained medical staff but we have local experts we can consult and contacts further afield in Uganda we are frequently in touch with. Even financing the cost of fares so that CWD can travel to get the right medical intervention make a big difference to most guardians.

This year the list of children needing operations, treatment and physical aids kept growing. The Schools Sponsorship Programme used much more funds than normal and we had less to spend on CWD.

We also provide free basic physiotherapy with our rural service where children needing physio are visited in their homes every one or two months. Visiting all the children takes about ten days.

We also want to support the mothers and guardians as much as possible and by resuming our Glory Kids Club these caregivers can meet to chat, have fellowship and feel welcome and 'normal'. God has shown us that He wants us to support these guardians and show His love to them. There is a lot of stigma and misunderstanding in regard to CWD in rural Uganda and fathers will often rather abandon their home than face the negative peer pressure and local disapproval. They may even deny that it was possible for them to father a cwd. Mothers or sometimes grandmothers are left with the child to bring up on their own. It is not unusual for mothers to abandon their cwd to a grandmother.



In September we had our first Glory Kids for Babies and Toddlers in Miracle Healing Centre Church since before the Covid 19 lockdowns. We are now encouraging the guardians to join in more through giving testimonies, singing and sharing from the Bible. They also organise the preparation of maize porridge for the children. At the meeting two people gave their lives to Jesus Christ and one woman was healed miraculously in her neck. In October we held a Glory Kids Club for Children. We split the children and the babies and toddlers into different months as there are so many of them. It is also true that the children with disabilities can be a bit clumsy and with babies around we have to be careful.

In November we held a third Healing Meeting for all of our Glory Kids in 2022 with 75 children attending. We also had Healing Meetings in April and August. We do this to really facilitate an atmosphere and occasion where God has every opportunity to touch and heal the cwd. We often see the guardians giving their lives to God through Jesus Christ in such meetings too. This is a very good thing as we have found that guardians who know and follow Jesus Christ become much better parents and we see God moving in the child's

life much more often when the parent is a real committed Christian. At the Healing Meetings we are finding that the presence of God keeps increasing at each meeting and this was especially in 2022. This is wonderful as many of the cwd cannot be treated for their disabilities by human effort i.e., their disability cannot be improved by an operation or other intervention. This year we heard testimonies of how God has healed cwd when they are at their homes. This

makes us very happy and we at JLtLC do not mind where God heals a needy child. If we pray for a child and they are healed later when they are at home, we will praise God and give Him all the glory due to Him.

At the meetings we have some refreshment, lots of worship (which brings people close to God), individual and corporate prayer and a bible message. Also, the guardians have fellowship and feel welcomed and loved.

Table Showing Children and their Local Medical Treatment

Child with Disability Name	Medical Intervention
Mungudit Daniel	Dental Treatment/Malaria/Respiratory Infection/ Oral Thrush/Diarrhoea
Nafula Hajara	Osteomyelitis in right leg bone
Okello God	Malaria Treatment
Okule Bernard	Boils
Bakama Isaiah	Malaria
Gloria Mondane	Epilepsy Drugs
Assimwe Abraham	Malaria/ Fare to rural clinic & meds/ Meds for Epilepsy
Nabukwasi Simposi	Eye review and drops for Glaucoma x 3
Echapu Brian	Assessment @ JLtLC
Berocan Doreen	Medication for swollen knee x 2
Namatovi Praise	Malaria
Mwambu John	Antibiotics for Osteomyelitis x5/Crutch
Atimango Francine	Dumbness and Trauma
Talemwa Amon	Epilepsy drugs and prayer/Epilepsy
Nyangoma Eveline	Malaria
Alinaitwa Favour	Eye Clinic/Bacteremia
Mama Okule Ben	Ulcers/Typhoid/Malaria
Okello Luis	Malaria
Kasinge Samuel	Malaria
Tumukwasi Kenneth	Physiotherapy @ Hospital
Okule Ben	Malaria/Dysentery
Achan Grace	Malaria
Mulira Jovan	Swollen joints & fare
Nyangoma Josephine	Malaria
Wambola Isaac	Fare to local rural clinic
Ivan Cyrus	Headaches
Watibini Isaiah	Fares & Nutrition supplements from District Hospital
Nalwombe Josephine	Eye drops
Asobora Brian	Malaria
Namalenge Prisca	Crutch for bent leg
Aloyo Milka	Fever/Bacterial Infection
Asaba Kenneth	Pneumonia
Mbabazi Salome	Malnourished (mother died at birth) x2
Akello Beatrice (Mama Okule Ben)	Fever/Severe Headache
Azyambo Genesis	Abscess
Chandiru Esther	Fever
Tumusime Alvin	Body rashes/Fever
Night Esther	Typhoid
Jako Kenneth	Pneumonia
Ahuru Joseline	(Cerebral Palsy) Fever/ Malaria
Achan Grace	Severe Diarrhoea/Fever
Mbabazi Salmi	NAN breast milk supplement
Isaiah Watibini	Milk for Nutrition/Nutrition x2/Bacteriama
Ramadan Taban	Carbamazapine

Tumukuzige Vincent	Bacteremia
Isigoma Richard	Bacteremia/Rash
Azemba Moseniro	Lymphoma
Mwesigwa Daniel	X-ray/Osteomyelitis/Lab & Treatment

Table Showing Hospital Interventions

Child with Disability Name	Hospital Intervention
Akandwanaho Frank	2x Review for Hydrocephalus-CURE Hospital Clinic, Gulu, and meds
Alinaitwa Favour	2 x Review for Hydrocephalus-CURE Clinic @ Lira
Stella Shamim	Review for Cleft Mouth @ CoRSU/ Mbarara Eye Hospital costs
Nandawula Mary	Operation for elbow skin graft x 3 visits-CoRSU
Tumusiime Alvin	Review Elbow Joints Splints with therapy (ongoing)-CoRSU x2
Akugizibwe Linos	Review Club Feet Post Operation-CoRSU
Nsubuga Faraj	Mental Health Treatment-Assessment Occupational Therapist, Katalamwa Centre, Kampala x 2 visits
Kaligonya Ronald	Deformed Feet, Review-Kiryandongo Hospital
Talemwa Sunday	Hydrocephalus Assessment-Cure Hospital, Mbale and Review Mulago Hospital, Kampala
Mwambu John	X-ray and hospital stay for Osteomyelitis in Leg
Akakunda Adela	Review for Club Feet post operation @ CoRSU Hospital, Entebbe
Wambeze Abdul	Assessment and Operation for Club Feet, Corsu Hospital/ Remove cast for Club Feet
Okule Ben	Review TB in Leg, Corsu Hospital
Simposi Namukwaya	Review Glaucoma in eye and meds x2
Opira Brian	Assessment and Operation on Foot/ Review and Foot Brace at Corsu Hospital
Mukisa Kenneth	Treat Broken leg
Nyangereki Flavia	2 weeks Therapy and Physiotherapy at Katalamwa
Alinaitwa Favour	Review for Spina Bifida-Cure Clinic, Gulu x2
Kainarugaba Fred	Hospital review for Hydrocephalus & malaria
Mpurire Favour	Hospital review for Hydrocephalus
Kwaoli Rita	Cerebral Palsy Hospital review
Nyangereki Flavia	Hospital review for cerebral palsy and speech therapy
Amooti Susan	Genital Infection & Urinary Treatment @ Katalamwa with cost of items for stay
Omar Mercius	Tongue-tied Surgery
Hayemba Morine	Mulago Hospital consultation/biopsy/ accommodation
Rachel Kangamet	Hospital costs for nutrition
Lubankene Moses	Physiotherapy at Kiryandongo
Jovia Nakanya	Fare to Hospital
Namanya Sharon	Malaria

Table Showing Disability Aid Assistance

Child with Disability Name	Type of Assistance
Omara Job	Repair Wheelchair
Kundu Brian	Repair Wheelchair
Tumukuzige Vincent	Adjust Posterior Walker
Nyangereki Flavia	Adjust Posterior Walker
Tumusiime Alvin	Small Table for Elbow Exercises
Isaiah Thomas Watibini	Received a Cerebral Palsy Chair
Aniku Denis	Replace Wheel on Wheelchair

Obong Bright	Repair Walker
Abdullah Yasin	Posterior Walker (wooden locally made)
Alinaitwa Favour	Posterior Walker (wooden locally made)
Wambezi Abel	Club Foot shoes
Agufa Manas	Mbarara costs/Glasses x 2
Talemwa James	New Wheelchair

Stories Behind the Medical Interventions and Hospital Referrals

Mwambu John

The mother brought John to us in April. About a year previously he had broken his leg and nothing had been done about it (this is mainly because they live far from the nearest medical centre and cannot afford the fare to get there). After taking John for an x-ray we found his leg bone was heavily infected, a condition known as Osteomyelitis. After a week in hospital the doctors wanted to amputate the leg but the mother quickly took John back to their village before that could happen. When we found out we took John to an experienced doctor in Kigumba we trust and we started a course of powerful but costly antibiotics to stop the infection. This continued up to the end of the year when there was some improvement. However, in January John came to us and we saw that the top of the broken bone was now protruding out of John's leg! So we quickly took him to CoRSU Children's Hospital in Kampala and.....well we can't tell you yet what happened because this report is for 2022 but it is good. See the next Quarterly report to find out what happens!

Wambeze Abdul

Abdul was born with Club Feet. After he came to us he was assessed and we sent him for several weeks of feet casting at the local hospital where they slowly adjust the position of the feet. He then had a successful operation at CoRSU Hospital, Kampala. He then needed special shoes to ensure his feet adjust correctly. A wonderful success story of a little boy who used to walk on his ankles but now can walk and run like his peers. Praise God. His Muslim grandmother guardian, Nalongo Athena, has been very attentive and helpful.

Amooti Susan

Susan was bought to us by her aunt and we took her to the local clinic we use. We found she had a highly infected groin and was incontinent. In the past she had suffered from Hydrocephalus and there was a shunt which deposited excess fluid near to her groin, we wondered if this was the cause of the infection. We tried to treat her locally but the mother took her back home, 20kms away in a bush village, before the infection had cleared up. Meanwhile Katalemwa Centre for Disabled Children was visiting the areas and asked us if we knew any children with hydrocephalus. We directed them to Susan's home and when they examined her decided to take her to their Centre post-haste. With their treatment and some financial help and prayers to Lord Jesus from us, after a long stay, Susan went home and the infection is gone.

Omar Mercius

We sent Omar to the local district hospital to free his tongue-tied tongue. They performed the simple operation without any complications and Omar is now ok. Something nice and simple we could facilitate for mother and little boy but which she could not achieve alone due to their poverty. Glad to be of service!

Abdullah Yasin & Alinaitwa Favour

These two both received locally made wooden Posterior Walkers. Obviously, these are to improve leg strength and encourage walking. It is good to support local carpenters and it is also quicker and saves a bit of money by spending locally.

Agufa Manas

Agufa had rapid eye movement and when he first came to us we did not even know if it could be treated (we are not doctors). As we waited for surgeons to come to the eye hospital in south-west Uganda (delayed by covid), Agufa's condition improved a little. When we could finally send him to the appropriate hospital, they actually prescribed special glasses and a small telescope to help him clearly see nearby objects such as the blackboard in his Secondary School classroom. He did not need an operation.

Nyangereki Flavia

We have been helping Flavia for several years with a sponsor paying for a carer for her. She has been too disabled to go to school. Recently we sent her for intensive physiotherapy and other treatments in Katalemwa Cheshire Centre, Kampala. This has helped her and she can now stand on her own. Next, we are praying she will be able to walk unaided.

Talemwa James

We mentioned James in our last report for 2021. He normally lies on his back all day in a village in the bush having severe cerebral palsy. We have now been able to provide him with a bespoke wheelchair which includes a support to stop him slipping down and out of the chair. When we gave it to him at his home we spent some time getting him comfortable. James did not realise that the chair actually moved and rolled along. So when we finally started pushing him he was so happy. He has never had such a thing. Thank you Lord.

Nandawula Mary

When Mary was little, she was burned in a fire. This resulted in the skin on her left arm welding together so that the arm was permanently at a right angle and she could not straighten it. We sent her for an operation so that the arm could start to move freely. STOP PRESS-at the writing of this report we have seen Mary and she can now move her left arm freely! Praise God.

Nutrition Project (income generating)

This project has continued from 2020 and was sponsored by a couple in New Zealand. The aim of this initiative is to help poor families increase their income so that they can improve their nutrition. Poor families may eat only staples such as cassava, maize meal and sweet potatoes. They never eat meat or fish and may only occasionally eat beans; thus, they consume very little protein. They may often add some green vegetable which they can afford or scavenge or beg from their neighbours. Improved diet will help a child have more energy, help their immune system and they will be able to perform better at school. It will also help them avoid stomach ulcers which are common in young people and are caused by poor, irregular diet.

The process of the project is simple; we supply known families with a goat. The first female doe offspring is then given to another family known to us and all subsequent offspring belongs to the first family. This continues each time a family receives a goat, they pass on the first new born doe. Goats are relatively easy to keep and breed and can be sold mature for around \$35, a large sum for such families.

In March we took three female weaned goats from three families in the project and gave them to three new families.

The families who returned one goat are now free to breed their own goats and sell or keep them as they wish. We will now monitor the three new families along with all the other families who are yet to give one female doe.

Table of New Families Receiving Goats 3.2022

Child of Family Returning Female Goat & Village	Child of Family Receiving Goat & Village
Saida Alitua-Kitwanga	Kazungu Lucky-Kaduku II
Katusabe Monica-Kitwanga	Nelima Mercy-Nyama II
Driciru Agnes-Kihura II	Atimango Brenda & Fatima-Kihura I

In all we are currently helping families in the villages of Mile 10, Nyama II, Jeeja II, Nyakatugu, Nyakatiti, Apodra, Kihura and Kingengere. They will pass on a female kid when they are born and we will help another family.

By the end of 2022 some goats were ready for breeding, others were pregnant. One goat had an abortion so pregnancy will be tried again. Another mature goat was stolen but had already given birth to male and female twins. So now we are waiting for the young female to grow up so that it will give birth.

Finances

Please see the separate independent auditors report supplied with this annual report for detailed finance report.

Chart Showing Budget Allocations

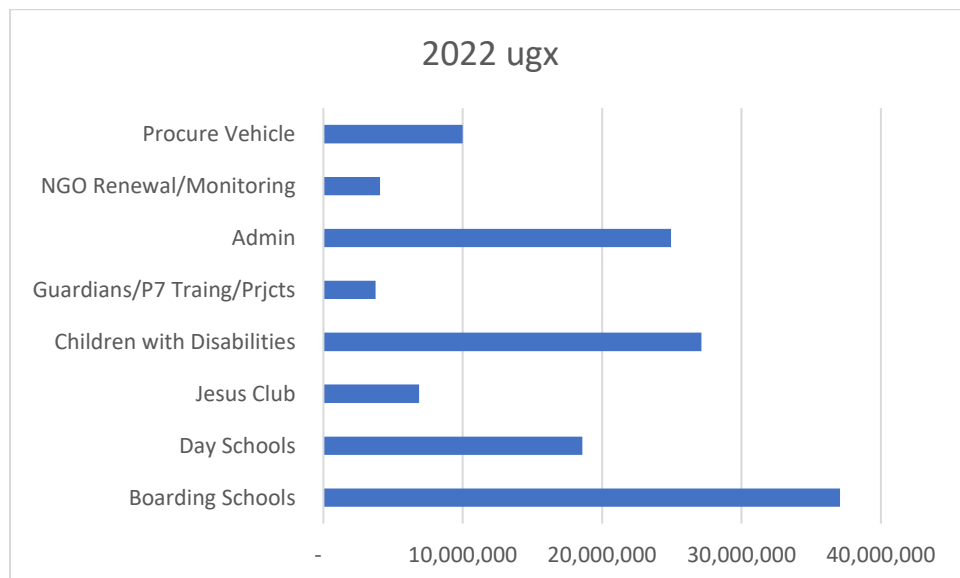


Table Showing Budget Allocations

Allocation	Amount ugx	Amount UK pound @ 4,500
Boarding Schools	37,068,398	8,237
Day Schools	18,571,900	4,127
Monthly Jesus Club	6,858,300	1,524
Children with Disabilities	27,116,966	6,026
Guardians/P7 Training/Projects	3,752,100	834
Administration	24,947,315	5,544
NGO Renewal/Monitoring	4,062,700	903
Procure Vehicle	10,000,000	2,222
Total	132,377,679	29,417

Pie Chart of Basic Spending



2022 was very interesting and challenging financially. With the sudden and extreme inflation triggered by the war in Ukraine, Europe, guardians were scrambling to find cash to keep their children in school. Some other East African countries had help from their governments but not in Uganda. Some schools actually increased their costs because they said that their teachers were also struggling (so take it from the children's guardians!). The prices of food staples maize and rice tripled and also the ubiquitous bean. This affected us in regard to the cost of school lunches. We provide all of our school children with school lunch of maize meal and beans as they usually do not have any protein in their home diets.

The children went back to school early in January and we spent over 20 million ugx on their school costs for the first term. This was easily the most we have ever spent in one month. But it was for a very good cause, helping children go to school who otherwise have no way of paying their school costs. We had to borrow some money and trust God would supply all our needs and that we were doing His will.

And 2022 became an amazing year for donations and the financial provision of God. Our spending during the year increased by 37% in 2022 and although year by year (except 2020 covid year) our spending has gradually increased the increase in 2022 was staggering. You may notice that we do not spend any money on fund raising nor do we spend time on fund raising. God is responsible for fund raising and we find this takes a lot of pressure off and also helps to guide how and when we use funds. A couple of times during the year funds were too low to reach the end of the week but God always came through and we always had enough when we needed it. We do fast and pray regularly and like to share what God is doing on social media and when we have the opportunity through giving talks. We ended the year with 17 million ugx (£3,770) in the bank ready for schools in 2023. All this was with a significantly lower exchange rate for the Great British Pound.

So the Schools Sponsorship Programme took a lot more funds than usual and this diverted some funds from the Glory Kids-Children with Disabilities Programme. In 2021 schools in Uganda were closed and so we did more with CWD from our general Funds. We have a waiting list of CWD needing operations, appliances and other treatments. As word of the assistance we give continues to spread out to the villages, as well as to other stakeholders, more and more CWD continue to come to us. Most of the children who need an operation will not get one unless we intervene, they will grow up to be adults with twisted limbs or else they will die. So it can be upsetting not being able to send children for the help they need immediately but we trust God for His timing and as this report is being written there is some good news for these children. You will have to wait for the next report to know more.

On the above charts and table you can see that Schools are the biggest item of spending with Children with Disabilities and Administration some way behind. Administration costs include a lot of good things like children's records, use of the vehicle to help children, and reporting which is important to let you know what is happening! In Uganda there are a lot of requirements to fulfil for the government. Each year we are required to pay for a full independent audit. Expensive and demanding but which provides a thorough and transparent report to show stakeholders when it is finished.

A wonderful friend from Manchester, England, paid for a better vehicle for us. We exchanged the old (dying) Rav 4 for a newer much better one. This will also save us money on repairs in the long run.

Table showing Fund Accountability with Uganda shilling and UK pound

2022	Uganda Shilling ugx	UK pound £@ 4,500	2021 £ @ 4,800
Opening Balance	11,322,166	2,359 @ 4,800	
Donations	144,221,110	32,049	19,205
Expenditure	138,952,262	30,878	20,157
Closing Balance	16,591,014	3,687	

In the above table you can see how donations increased in 2022 to meet the extra costs. Donations increased by approximately 67% and expenditure increased by 53%. Extraordinary. Thank you Lord.

Personnel of Jesus Loves the Little Children Organisation

There were a couple of staff changes in 2022. We have been planning to add another female UK Director for some time and we are very glad to now have Lynn Hawkins on our Board. Lynn is known to most of the existing Board members. She is thoroughly involved through teaching with her local primary school (college) and in her spare time works with young people. She is a very strong Christian and has given significant support to the work of JLtLC.

Board of Directors

Hugh Pilcher	Chairperson
Jane Swift	Secretary
Stephen Clinch	Treasurer
Martyn Davey	Member
Lynn Hawkins	Member



JLtLC has a Ugandan Executive Committee which meets every six months. We are grateful to the Executive Board, made up from local Ugandans and the International Coordinator.

Ugandan Executive Committee

Hugh Pilcher	Chairperson
Pastor Zachariah Magam	Vice Chairperson
Nyangoma Annet	Secretary
Senyonjo Peterson	Secretary for finance
Pastor Jaddu Joseph	Member
Pastor Anaro Shadrack	Member
Juliet Happy	Member



Ugandan Secretariat

Hugh Pilcher and Anaro Shadrack

Now that the Glory Kids Club is meeting again we are very glad to have Adjuna Leonard back helping us and assisting CWD. He has his own role to play with the children.

Ugandan Staff

Hugh Pilcher	International Coordinator-full-time
Anaro Shadrack	Programmes Officer-part-time
Juliet Happy	Child Health Assistant for cwd-part-time
Nyakato Faith	Jesus Club Leader
Adjuna Leonard	CWD Club Assistant
Karisa Stephen	General Volunteer
Mbabazi Rose	Cook

Lessons Learnt in 2022 and Plans for 2023

Well, the biggest lesson we learnt in 2022 is that if we are in God's will He will supply all of our needs especially financially. And we are VERY grateful to all of those who donated to this work in 2022 and obviously many gave more than usual or for the first time. Being in such financial need and then finding God coming through and supplying what was needed at the right time actually encourages us. It also shows that not spending funds and time on money-raising is a good policy.

God sometimes use the lack of available funds to stop us spending. For example, in 2020 we were spending too much on local cases of illness, such as malaria, when we needed to save funds for the big cases such as operations. We were too free with our assistance and mothers were always ringing up and saying their children were sick. They were real cases but guardians have to try to find their own sources of cash to pay for these common illnesses. But of course, when a CWD has even malaria it can be life threatening so we are willing to help when it is an emergency.

It is very important that we keep being led by God so that we are assisting the people who will benefit the most. It is quite easy to spend time and money on assisting people and projects that are not sustainable. God knows everything, He is Omniscient. So it is wise to be led by Him.

We are still learning about which children are the most vulnerable, poorest and who's guardians are unable to fund their children's primary education. This is partly because the poorest are hidden away and are restricted in their movements because of their poverty. They cannot afford to go anywhere and even if they did, they have no money to spend once they arrive. Why go to the market if you have no money? We once bought a cabbage, some tomatoes, some onions, maize flour and cooking oil for one of our families and they were crying with joy. It was like Christmas dinner to them. Many citizens of Uganda do not realise how poor their own people are. Many other foreign organisations helping children in Uganda do not really reach the poorest. More and more guardians come to us for help with school fees and costs. We are only interested in those children who are not getting an education due to genuine poverty reasons. The good example of this would be a rural elderly grandmother who is not able to do much physical work and is stuck with the responsibility of two or more children. Because of this we are gradually assisting more rural families. This brings extra challenges for us due to distance from our base and finding suitable schools. We also want to bring the sponsored children to our monthly Jesus Club and if they live further away their transport costs to come in are more.

Another issue that we need to keep remembering is that we give responsibility for who we help back to God and not worry about all the children who need help but who we are not able to assist them straight away. It can be overwhelming when you see the needs of vulnerable children even if only in the district we operate. Many people have been burnt out from taking on the responsibilities of needy people. We are serving Jesus Christ and assisting the people He shows us, we need to leave Him in charge. Then we will survive.

Girls

We have been learning that getting girls to the end of Primary school and the significant national qualification is not only about protecting them from outside negative influences and pressure to get married/have children. The girls also need to take responsibility for not getting pregnant. Many female Primary students are late into their teens by the time of the last two years of their primary education. To that end we are talking more to our young female students about avoiding sexual activity until they are married. Waiting to have children until they are married is also for their security. Once a man has agreed to marry a woman in Uganda and agreed to the bride price (which is normally cows) they are much less likely to leave their wife. Some young women believe that if they are pregnant their boyfriend is more likely to stay with them but this is an ignorant fallacy of course.

We will also continue to hold female health seminars for them with a local experienced nurse who we often consult. We are also in touch with a Christian trauma counsellor in the next district who we hope will come and talk to our children as well as our mums. Many of them, children and adults, have gone through traumatic experiences like the death of one or both parents, separation from a parent (very common) and living in extreme poverty.

Training

Our priority in Education is still primary schools with around 50 children each year in that Programme. But we are slowly increasing the assistance we give as young people finish primary school. If they want to go to Secondary education we can 'push' them a little with the cost of scholastic materials. Secondary education is not subsidised in Uganda. If they want to take on manual employment we can put them with a tailor, vehicle workshop, carpenter or hairdresser for a good period of time. Then we will pay for their lunches, materials they need e.g., overalls and tools, and whatever charge the employer asks for. We just have to be careful with our budget.

Closing Remarks

What a year! It has been very challenging but also very wonderful. How the money has come we do not know! God knows. We met all of our bills on time even though with some it was a close call. We would hope that inflation comes down soon but at the time of writing fuel prices are still high and staples are still very expensive and families are still struggling.

It is great that children are back at school and, in the case of years 1 to 3, after two school-less years. We find that 50 school children is a good number for JLtLC to manage at the moment. It is a joy to help children who are missing their education and who are very grateful when they can go to school. It is fun watching them grow and develop confident personalities.

2022 has also been a year of great testimonies for the guardians of CWD and a greater presence of God when we meet together with the Glory Kids and their worshipping guardians. We pray God will do even more in 2023 with His Glory Kid and their Carers, *"that the works of God should be made manifest in him (them)"* John 9:4. Amen.

Testimonies

Grandmother of Mary Wanyero-"Mary is now walking much better after using the (Posterior Walker) she got and she can now stand up straight and not bent as she was".

Lubankene Sylvester-his body is now stronger after physiotherapy, using a Standing Frame and prayers.

Grandmother of Obong Bright-"When Obong first came to JLtLC he was very weak but now is much stronger, he can walk a bit and uses his Posterior Walker a lot (his "car").

Mother of Talemwa Patrick-"After being prayed for Patrick was back at home some days later and I went out. When I came back I found him standing which he has never been able to do before. Soon after that he stopped defecating at night which also have never happened before".

Fatuma-Mama Tumiise Kemisa-"When I first brought Kemisa to this club (2017) she had many problems and was very weak with internal problems and physical disabilities. Her birth was very difficult and I was very weak giving birth. Now she can now walk and is much stronger". We previously gave Kemisa a special chair and a posterior walker and prayed for her.

Mother of Saida Akamumpa (Schools Programme)-"You have saved my daughter's life" (Saida was very ill).

Gallery

Schools Sponsorship Programme



Back to School with Books, Pens and Brooms



Our Four Children at Masindi Centre for the Handicapped Primary School



Children Receive New Uniforms



Mary is Partially Sighted and Learns on a Braille Typewriter



Kato Sam Gets a new Wheelchair He can Take to School



Guardians Signing an Agreement with JltLC for the Assistance to Their Children



Mercy (deaf) gets a new Mattress



Omirambe (deaf), with his Dad, prepares to go Back to School

Jesus Club



Bible Study for better Life



Praise and Worship!



Marion gets a New Bible



Face Painting at the Christmas Party

Glory Kids





Mary's Arm Before Operation..



**...and After Her Operation.
She can now Move Her Arm.**

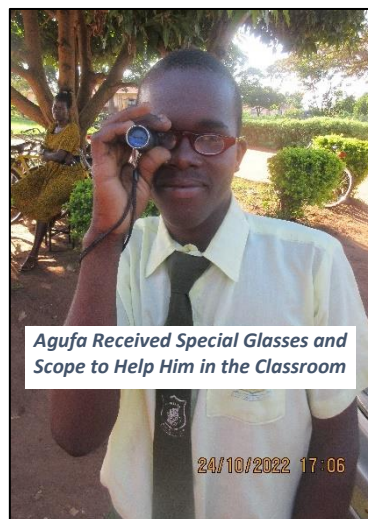


Flavia can now Stand-Up on Her Own

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**Abdul Enjoys his
Locally Made Walker**



**Agufa Received Special Glasses and
Scope to Help Him in the Classroom**

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**James can Sit in a Chair for
the First time in His Life**

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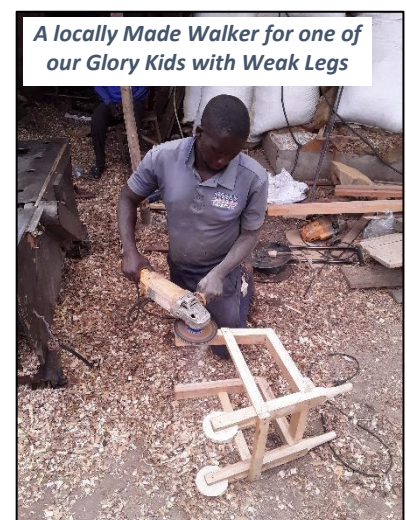


**John's X-ray Reveals His
Infected Broken Leg...**



**...Strong Antibiotics Stopped the Production
of Pus but the Leg Still Needs to Heal**

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**A locally Made Walker for one of
our Glory Kids with Weak Legs**

Physiotherapy in the Villages



Nutrition Project (goats for income)



Odds

