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Victory Newsletter

Victory Educational Sponsorship.

Thanks to your generous support, in past six months have witnessed a heartening surge in child sponsorships, with 21 new children joining the program during the Executive Director's US visit. This brings the total number of sponsored children to 85, spread across different educational levels.



Primary School: Out of the 85 children being sponsored, 57 are enrolled in primary school. The breakdown by

grade level is as follows: 7 students in primary seven, 5 in primary six, 7 in primary five, 8 in primary four, 9 in primary three, 5 in primary two, 6 in primary one, and 10 in kindergarten.



Secondary School and University:

Moving up the educational ladder, we have 19 students in secondary school. Among them, 4 students are in senior six, 2 in senior four, 6 in senior three, 2 in senior two, and 5 in

senior one. Additionally, we are proud to announce that 5 students have successfully made it to university. Their fields of study include teaching, tourism, agribusiness, and law.

Assessment and Improvement: Recently, our dedicated social worker and administrator visited the children at their schools. They had the opportunity to interact with 20 girls and 22 boys from Akanyijuka Primary and those in high school. We are delighted to share that the assessment report indicated significant progress in the children's physical, social, and emotional health compared to the previous report.

Wellness Assessment Results:

The assessment covered various aspects of the children's wellness, and we are pleased to report the following percentages of children who are excelling in each area:

Children's Wellness	Scores	Percentage
Physical	62	77
Emotional	70	85
Spiritual	58	66
Social	81	97
intellectual	64	78
Environmental	68	83
Financial	59	78
Life skills	51	69

Support and Care: To ensure the well-being of these children, our social worker provided medical care, psychosocial support, and spiritual guidance to 5 children in need. Additionally, we made sure that all children received adequate food both at school and during holidays with their adoptive families. During holidays, our sponsored children stay with their foster families. To ensure continued support, the Project Social Worker and Administrator organize weekly "centre days" where children gather for bible study, fun, and games. Home visits occur weekly as well, offering counselling, guidance, and psychosocial support.



Ongoing Monitoring and Support: We believe in a holistic approach to support our sponsored children. Monthly assessment reports, prepared by our diligent social worker and other appointed individuals, were shared with the responsible person at the district. Furthermore, we provided an assessment report specifically focusing on the children's well-being and safety during the holidays.

External Support and Engagements: We recognize the importance of external psychosocial support in fostering the development of essential competencies for our children to thrive. Through our efforts, we organized 14 center days, during which scholastic and personal effects were provided to all sponsored students. With your continued support, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of these children. Together, we are creating a brighter future for them and empowering them to reach their full potential.

Mentoring Young People: Young People Mentoring: Our collaboration with

Alongsiders International remains instrumental in providing support to young individuals who face isolation. Over the months of December and January, we organized four camps, with a remarkable turnout of over 600 young participants. These camps offered a blend of enjoyment and communal dining, fostering a sense of togetherness among the youth. Each location we visited



was brimming with excitement and amusement. However, the most captivating experience occurred during our visit to the Nakivale Refugee Camp. Despite the challenging circumstances in the camp, it was truly heartening to witness children reveling in joy and laughter.

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Victory Micro Small Agro Based Business.

We are excited to share the latest updates on our efforts to empower marginalized women to start Small Agro based Businesses. In December, we conducted interactive training sessions focused on financial competencies for our women's groups. The participants learned valuable skills such as prioritizing loans, debt management, and saving for the future. This training equipped them with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed financial decisions.



In January, VAME disbursed 3 million shillings to two groups, Kabirizi and Hamushaga Farmers, to kickstart their agri-based businesses. Each group received 1.5 million shillings to invest in their chosen ventures. The Kabirizi Group purchased chicks for poultry raising, while the Hamushaga Group implemented a piglet distribution plan and cultivated Irish potatoes for income diversification.

In addition to the aforementioned groups, several others have embraced various Agri-based Businesses, including vegetable farming, goat and rabbit rearing, chicken rearing, and zero-grazing practices. These initiatives are enabling women to diversify their income streams and build sustainable livelihoods.

Competency-Based Training for Holistic Well-being: Our program focuses on the eight dimensions of wellness, addressing crucial aspects such as physical health, mental and emotional well-being, financial literacy,



social connections, environmental awareness, spiritual well-being, occupational fulfillment, and intellectual stimulation. By providing comprehensive training in these areas, we empower women to break free from limiting circumstances and foster holistic well-being.

Success Stories: We are thrilled to share success stories that highlight the impact of our program. Ms. Leah, from the Rwembugu Tukwanise group, has transformed her small farm by raising a zero-grazing cow and utilizing cow

dung as fertilizer for her vegetable garden. She is now providing food for her family and showing great promise for the future. Another inspiring story comes from Jenifer, a member of the Rwamutasya group. Despite opposition from her husband, Jenifer pursued her dream of raising rabbits instead of growing potatoes. Through our training and support, she now has a thriving rabbit business, selling rabbits to generate income for her family. These stories exemplify how our program empowers women to make independent decisions and take control of their lives.

Impactful Results: Through our competency-based wellness training and small resource grants, we have witnessed remarkable progress. Out of the 30 women who participated in our program, an impressive 24 have actively translated their learnings into practice. Moreover, 90 women underwent training and gained valuable skills, including financial literacy and micro-entrepreneurship. As a result, 20 women have escaped domestic violence and are now able to provide for their families' basic needs.

Expanding Business Opportunities: Thanks to the Small-Agri-Based grants, 30 women qualified to start their own businesses. The impact has been significant, with women venturing into diverse enterprises. Five women have started chicken rearing businesses, four are involved in rabbit rearing, three operate kiosks, two sell second-hand shoes, two run retail shops, and five are engaged in food sales. Additionally, one woman established a salon business, four sell Irish potatoes, two sell fruits, one is rearing a dairy cow, and one started a tailoring business.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, which has enabled us to transform the lives of marginalized women and empower them for a brighter future. The success stories of women like Ms. Leah and Jenifer are a testament to the effectiveness of our program in creating sustainable change.

Humura Boys:

We are delighted to share with you the latest updates from Humura street ministry a project of Victory Africa Ministries dedicated to rescue young boys off the streets of Kabale City. Currently, we support a total of 22 from street children. We are proud to announce that 9 of them are attending primary school, while the remaining 11 have embarked on their secondary school journey. Additionally, Jonn and Dismus completed vocational college training. Jonn did Tour and travel course while Dismus completed a course in Plumbing and Sewerage management. Academically, our Humura boys continue to shine across all levels. Remarkably, two of Humura boys completed primary seven. Two achieved first grade and the other two obtained second grade.



We are happy to report that the children are thriving in good health and are experiencing joy in their lives. Their well-being is of utmost importance to us, and we ensure they receive immediate medical attention in case of any illness. Moreover, they are well-nourished during their time at school, ensuring they have the energy and focus to excel academically.

At Humura, we believe in nurturing the spiritual and leadership qualities of our boys. They actively participate in church services, engage in gospel preaching, and take on leadership roles within their respective schools. We are proud to witness their growth in these areas, as they develop into well-rounded individuals.

In December 2023, our esteemed Partners in Humara Project, Michelle and Tylor, accompanied by their children and Jane Aaron with their two children, visited the project. It was a memorable occasion filled with various activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed. These activities included engaging bible study sessions, exciting games, and heartfelt home visits.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of these



remarkable children, empowering them to reach their full potential. Your belief in their abilities and dedication to their well-being is truly inspiring.

As we move forward, we remain committed to providing the best possible care, support, and education for our Humura boys. We will continue to keep you updated on their progress and achievements. Once again, we extend our heartfelt appreciation

for your continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these children.



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Akanyijuka Nursery and Primary School:

We are excited to share the recent accomplishments and developments at Victory Africa Ministries with you. Our school community has experienced growth and achievement in the past three months. We celebrated the successful conclusion of another academic year with a closing ceremony on December 15th, 2023. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the graduation of our top kindergarten class. These 21 students are now preparing to start first grade on February 6th, 2024, which is a testament to the quality education and nurturing environment provided by Akanyijuka Primary School.



During the term, we introduced Career Days, allowing parents to engage



with their children's academic progress and discover their talents and passions in extracurricular activities. This initiative has fostered a supportive and positive environment, leading to improved student discipline and overall well-being. Despite some

challenges, our dedicated teachers have implemented remedial lessons and other support measures to improve student performance. Our mission at Akanyijuka Primary School remains steadfast: to equip children with the knowledge, skills, and confidence for a rewarding future.

In terms of leadership and governance, we experienced a transition with the departure of the headteacher. However, a new headteacher was



promptly appointed during a PTA meeting, and a new school management committee was selected. This ensures continuity and effective management of the school.

Akanyijuka School has been actively engaged in various initiatives to enhance the education and well-being of its students. They collaborated with other schools to conduct joint exams, preparing Primary Seven students for the upcoming Primary Leaving Examination (PLE). The school strongly believes in the importance of parental engagement and has witnessed active involvement from parents and the

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in supervising their children's learning. To further improve the quality of education, Akanyijuka School imple-



mented a new curriculum and learning system, which includes assigning Learning Identification Numbers to all pupils. This effort has yielded positive results, with significant improvement seen in the end-of-year exams for both upper and lower classes, resulting in 90% of students being promoted to the next grade. Additionally, the school has provided breakfast and lunch to all students, leading to improved attendance, attentiveness, and overall performance.

Despite these achievements, financial challenges have been a concern for Akanyijuka Primary School, primarily due to delayed or missed school fee payments by some parents. This has resulted in delayed teacher salaries, reduced availability of materials, and other difficulties. Low student enrollment has also contributed to the financial strain. However, our students have shown significant improvement in their academic performance. Remedial lessons, homework, and storybooks have helped support slow learners. Additionally, our Primary Seven students completed their PLEs and are awaiting their results for high school placement. We were fortunate to have volunteers from Azusa Pacific University who provided school supplies and enhanced the learning environment by painting murals in classrooms.

Looking ahead, we have plans to overcome financial challenges through fundraising efforts and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. We will conduct sensitization programs for parents to address fee payment issues and explore alternative payment plans. Infrastructure development, teacher training, and community engagement are also priorities.



We are immensely grateful for your support and commitment to the education of the children at Akanyijuka Primary School. Together, we are making a significant

difference in their lives. We will continue to provide updates on our progress and achievements.