



Kisima Island Mission

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Kisima Junior School Mbazzi

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How is God Transforming your Life Story?

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 2Corinthians 4:7-9

- **God is transforming your life story right now through every event that occurs in your life.**
- **We don't have to be bold but broken to see God transform our life stories.**

Our greatest trials can serve as the most real defining moments in our lives. When you connect with your emotions and sense feelings of hurt or are overjoyed by good news, God is transforming your life story. No one can deny the relentless need we as humans share of making sense of whatever is happening in our lives. "These days are confusing" is often heard on the lips of teenagers and the empty nesters alike. And if you wind up your days without drawing close to Christ; you are most likely closing your books with a deficit of despair. Can you imagine what would have happened if the occupants of the Apollo 11 lunar module had landed on the moon and they had lost interest to step out? The test drills they had attended had prepared them only for the predictable occurrences enroute. I bet they had a very different reality in space as compared to what their tutors



had promised it will be like. The bedrock of pain and misery in our human relationships is often broken promises. A mother nursing her baby singing a sweet song is a promise that "little one I will always be around to sing you one more sweet song." But the next moment the baby's mother is gone and the child will have to grow away from that promise. This is terrible to witness a sweet song that stops when you are still enjoying it or even more when your life depends on it. Is there a song that you desperately wish someone could sing for you but they are not? None of us can outgrow our need to be comforted because we are all but jars of clay. God purposed and promised to put

His treasure in these fragile jars of clay. Whether you feel a failure right now or you do not see meaning in the light of day; God is singing a wonderful song to you.

There has only been one promise keeper who never fails to keep His promises. His name is Jesus Christ who comforts all who mourn from the heart breaks we all have to endure. On the night that our Lord Jesus was betrayed, he took the cup and gave thanks and told them "this is the cup of the new covenant, drink this in memory of me." He also got bread and after giving thanks broke it and gave to them saying "this is my body, eat this in remembrance of me." The life stories of these disciples would never be the same as Jesus broke bread and drunk wine with them. God is calling you to visit a neighbor and share a loaf of bread and a cup of wine. The fellowship of two wounded soldiers who have invited Jesus is the epi-centre of transformation and revival that we long for in our land. We don't have to be bold, but broken to see Jesus transform our lives.

Happy Easter!

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Welcome! Happy Easter

Dear friend
Welcome to our Newsletter for the January to March 2023 quarter.

Please receive our stories of God working to transform lives in villages around Mbazzi hill in central Uganda Mpigi.

We at Muduuma Baptist Church, Kisima Junior School &- Mbazzi and Kisima Island Mission are so thankful for your partnership in prayer and support.

We commend you to draw closer to Jesus as you trust Him to transform you through every event that occurs in your life.

May God bless you. **Happy Easter!**

If you are led to give towards our ministry please visit <https://www.ugandablessing.org> for a Tax deductible gift of any amount as the Lord will lead you.

**Patrick & Ritah Bongole
Team Leaders**

New Babies Testimony!
On Sunday 15th January we received our twins **Elizabeth Bongole & Ethan Bongole** weighing 2.75 and 2.65 kilograms respectively.

They were born by cae-sarean and we are so thankful for your prayers, love and support.



Elizabeth & Ethan

January had the child ambassadors' camp, teacher training, brick laying & construction of the Boys' dormitory.

January 2023 Highlights

From 17th to 20th January 40 of our children and 4 teachers attended the Child Ambassadors' camp at Dove School Mukono. We were privileged to take part in organizing this camp in collaboration with Alliance for a Uganda Without Orphans and Dove Church. The camp focused on equipping children to prevent violence against children. Children coming from families that have

experienced years of violence need help to unlearn these violent ways and overcome the trauma that has resulted. We looked at practical ways children can be instrumental in identifying and reporting violence against children. From scripture we discovered that children who have trauma from violent relationships can best be healed through trust based relational interventions.

Children learnt how to use games to engage with other children whom they've observed to show signs of trauma and to be positive influence for Christ among such children who have faced severe abuse
I was honored to train 30 caregivers who served during this camp in tools they can use while serving children.



Kisima Junior School—Stories



AISHA



AKRAM



ALLAN



ALVIN



BLESSING



DAPHINE



ISMA



LEONARD



SANDRA



We invite you to pray for these finalist children completing their primary level education this October.

Children are telling their transformational stories

We've been inspired to listen to our finalist children begin to share their transformational stories in their own voices to fellow students. The **TellYourStory** exercise is affording every boy and girl an opportunity to reflect on their lives and recognize how God has been weaving it. Memories of despair that trigger fear from their past and present experiences are not random but are in Abba's plan. Our school administration believes that **TellYourStory** will give perspective that God is not outside my life but He is the author

making use of all my experiences to shape me into the child He delights in.

Because we are committed to raise strong Christ loving leaders; we want every child to see the harmony Jesus is pointing them to notwithstanding their broken past. Trauma coming from years of abuse and broken family relationships can grow a child away from trusting. This destroys their opportunity to relate meaningfully with others. Mental illnesses are developing in the next generations that have not been guided to a healing path-

way from ever-present trauma.

After sharing these stories, each child is being encouraged to write a piece which will be published in the TellYourStory magazine for 2023.

We invite you to pray for these candidates that before they seat for their National Primary Leaving Examinations in October 2023; God grants them grace to break free from the past trauma, receive His healing and forgiveness. May God open their hearts to receive dreams and visions from His Holy Spirit concerning their future. May Abba cultivate hope wherever there's been hopelessness.

Pray specifically for Aisha, Akram, Allan, Alvin, Blessing, Daphine, Isma, Leonard and Sandra



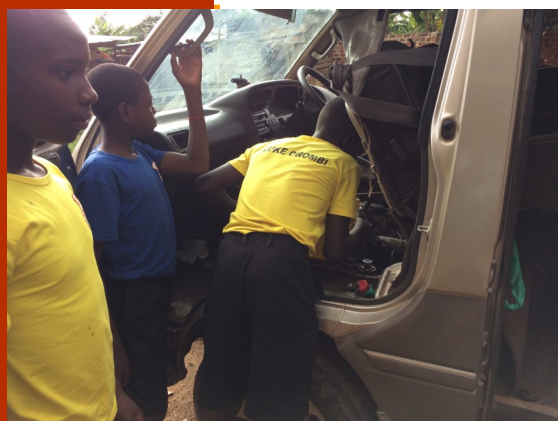
Skills training

Because Education affects destiny, we are equipping our students with skills that will prepare them to become problem solvers in their communities. Primary 5,6 and 7 are learning how to use a tailoring machine to repair cloths and make new cloths. A child who has learnt these basic skills

will in the near future use them to serve his or her family and meet their own needs for cloths. Even today; these students are helping our tailoring tutors when they are producing uniforms for the school /

making and repair to our skills training program. The sweaters will enable children stay warm. We are looking for a sweater making machine that will enable us make sweaters for the school and community children to warm up their bodies during cold days.

Future plan: We are planning to add Sweater



Driving skills to teenagers

When we commenced driving lessons for our teenagers in their final year of school, we had one goal in mind to equip boys and girls with driving skills. The fruit from our labour has since multiplied to inspire confidence among girls, giving boys an eye for details and building courage to face our fears.

“Caring for the car is teaching me to pay attention to many things that make us the car.” Allan



Driving the car is teaching me to be patient. Alvin



Driving this car gives me confidence. Sandra

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Construction

All our classrooms now have a ceiling and children are learning without the impact of heat from the iron sheets nor the noise of falling rainfall. Thank you for your

prayers. During the December–January school break we commenced installing ceilings in all classroom buildings and plastering all walls to make our learning space more safe and clean.

Last year we had observed bats starting to habitate our

roofs and we installed these ceilings to reduce on chances of bats gaining full access to our building roofs. With the ceilings in place, population of bats has significantly reduced in our school premises and our goal this year is to become completely free of any bats.

Next phase: In this coming quarter we are working to install doors and windows, paint all our classroom buildings and

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”



Boys' dorm and perimeter wall



Our 70 decimals (0.7 acre) school property is being improved to make it a multi purpose centre of transformation in our community. We are laying bricks to build a security perimeter wall around the school, working to complete the boys' dormitory and plant more



Partnerships: One Hope

One Hope Ministries Uganda continues to strengthen our ministry to children, youths and families through scripture engagement. This January God revitalized our partnership during a strategic partners' meeting held in Kampala where we prayed for and planned for the next phase of our working together. One Hope has committed to train the children and

youths ministers we mobilise from our communities and is facilitating a regional network with other children ministers across the East African region. Through the Affect Destiny program One Hope will support us with material and digital content to mentor teenagers and youths who have successfully gone through the foundational scripture engagement mate-

rials including 17 Stories, Stories of Hope and media The Godman movie. The young people we have identified with leadership potential are going to take structured training and internship opportunities to prepare them to become active in reaching the next generations. We are excited for the opportunity that One Hope is providing to train our network of churches across Muduuma Sub County.

Summary Statistics

Through our partnership with 30 churches across Muduuma Sub County, God has provided the following fruit.

30 churches have had 75 children and youths workers, Sunday school teachers, pastors and pastors' wives trained in engaging children in Scripture.

10 churches have completed setting up child protection policies and safe guarding teams.

Over 4000 children have been reached with scripture engagement materials. The Godman movie has been shared with over 2,000 children.

Over a dozen churches have started ministering to children in primary and secondary schools around them.

Other churches have started weekend bible clubs for children.

Student led Weekly Chapel Services

The stories of the bible are so educative taking children back in time when God was working in the affairs of man. We are using chapel services to tell children that these stories are as real today as they were in the past. Every week has a memory verse that children take and share with their families. God is building hope in these children's lives.



Bringing Safe Clean Water to Mbazzi communities

Moses is aged 12 years and is in primary 4 class. Before we drilled the Jesus Fountain Well, he and his 3 younger siblings used to spend 2 hours every day fetching water. They had to go to the swamp and climb back uphill through an isolated eucalyptus forest early mornings and late evenings. Some days when it rained the ground uphill became slippery leading to unplanned falls. Their grandmother was disappointed whenever Jericans reached home half full. When we started serving safe clean water, Moses and his siblings now spend

30 minutes fetching clean water on a safe road just a distance away from their home. Moses can even come to school with his Jericans and leave with them in the evening when they are full.

“The well is enhancing an eco-system for our school, church and community programs drawing us closer to clean water as Christ would want us united in Him.”

How the well enabled us make 25,000 bricks and build a Boys’ dormitory.

We thank God for the availability of the Jesus Fountain Well because from it we pumped water that enabled us mix and lay 25,000 bricks. These bricks have enabled us construct our phase 1 of the Boys’ dormitory. Can you imagine if we were without the well and had to fetch 12000 litres of water? It

would have required manpower of four men with 2 motorcycles felling 6 Jericans of 20 litres each for 50 trips. We thank God for the availability of this well and for the technology that enables us with one press to pump enough water for the school, community and construction.



Partnerships: Hope Church

We celebrate the partnership between Muduuma Baptist Church ministries and Hope Church. Through this partnership; our ministry leaders are enjoying periodic virtual prayers and fellowship. God has blessed us through the generous sup-

port of Hope church to commence the building of our boys’ dormitory phase I. We had laid and baked 25,000 bricks and Hope Church came along through their support that enabled us procure sand, cement, iron bars and timber.





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Appreciation

We thank all our friends and partners for your continued prayers, love, advice and support. Because of your support, we have been able to provide safe clean water, feed, educate, skills and disciple children and youths.

Happy Easter!

Patrick & Ritah Bongole

Happy Easter: Second Quarter Highlights

April

- ⇒ Easter break – children will break off for the Easter weekend to go and be with their families. We will have an Easter service on Easter Sunday at Muduuma Baptist Church Ministries
- ⇒ Jesus Film shows at our school and surrounding villages.
- ⇒ Annual Sports and Talent Appreciation day in April
- ⇒ Roofing the Boys' dormitory block – pray for provision
- ⇒ 2 day Training for Pastors and Children's Ministers

May

- ⇒ May 5th 2023 Kisima Junior School term 1 will close for a break of 3 weeks.

- ⇒ Boys' Mentorship Sports Camp
- ⇒ Training for Pastors, children and youths ministers.
- ⇒ Holiday club
- ⇒ Pastors' Conference in Mukono

June

- ⇒ School term 2
- ⇒ Parents' training
- ⇒ Etc.

