

## Newsletter - February 2016

20 Years of History and a Bright Future Ahead !!

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January 23rd was an exciting and productive day for the 2016 ChristAid Board of Directors, who spent the entire day in a planning Retreat for the future of ChristAid. Newly elected Board President, Pastor Bruce Van Dusseldorp, led the brainstorming session which resulted in the following conclusions:

ChristAid's impact in the village of Kicuna has grown exponentially in the past two years creating a need for additional management on "both sides of ocean". Therefore, the Board is actively searching for a part-time Executive Director which will be a paid position, reporting to the Board. There are simply so many new activities needing oversight, that an all volunteer Board can simply not dedicate enough time to keep up!! (THIS IS A REALLY GREAT PROBLEM TO HAVE, IF YOU TAKE A MOMENT AND THINK ABOUT IT!!)

Our second challenge needing immediate attention is the often mentioned request by our well loved Founder and In-Country Director, David Mporampora, to retire...after 20 years of exhaustive effort into the work and ministry of ChristAid. Fortunately, David has trained an awesome staff in Uganda and they are in many areas ready to take on more responsibility.

The transfer of authority to the Uganda staff and the hiring of a full time local Accountant this spring in Uganda, will be the focus of our efforts towards that goal.

Also, we are seeking a full time missionary to manage our current staff in Fort Portal. We envision this to be a Ugandan local, but would also consider an American missionary team for this position. Our timeline is to have all needed changes in place by <u>March 31, 2017</u> to facilitate David's request. We would like to begin making changes as soon as possible.

The Board is actively seeking resumes of persons who might be interested in executing the duties of our part-time Executive Director here in the States and also persons who would consider active missionary service in Uganda. We need to cast a wide net to find the individuals that we need to move ChristAid forward.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH PERSONS SEEKING MISSIONARY WORK, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THEM.

Both positions will require signing documents professing belief in Jesus Christ and the promise to uphold our Christian beliefs in the performance of their duties, as the Board members are also required to do.

Resumes or questions about these positions may be sent to Board members, Terry and Darcy Oman at the following email address: <a href="mailto:omanterry@msn.com">omanterry@msn.com</a>

Please prayerfully consider any referrals you may be able to give ChristAid to assist us in finding persons "mature in Christ" that we need to carry ChristAid's life changing mission forward.

Sponsoring additional children at ChristAid Academy is an important goal this year. We realize that many of our sponsored Ahadi kids are growing up and graduating into area High Schools, leaving our own Christ-centered primary school in financial difficulty. Please consider sponsoring a young child like Moreen or Martin (below), which helps cover the salaries of our Godly teachers and teaching supplies at ChristAid Academy, as well as educating one of God's beautiful and deserving children. Please contact Kent Stannard, our Projects Manager, at 303-463-2932 if you are able to change a life forever ....for \$40 a month. May God richly bless your sacrifice to assist an innocent child living in extreme poverty and distress.







This little smiling face belongs to Moreen Kahunde, and she is nine years old. Her birthdate was May 12, 2007. She is in the third grade at ChristAid Academy and loves her English class. She is one of five children in a home where her father sells bunches of bananas from his bicycle to support them. Moreen helps out at home by washing the utensils and caring for her young sister (who is reportedly "very stubborn".) Moreen longs to be a nurse and give health care to kids. She desperately needs help to stay in school. If you would like to help this precious child with her dreams, please call ChristAid today. If you think you can't make a difference in this world, you are wrong!

This handsome young man is Marvin Mukonyezi. His birthday is January 25th and he is eight years old. He is in the second grade and his favorite subject at ChristAid Academy is Social Studies. Marvin's dad is in prison and his Mom has three other kids to support. She sells vegetables from her garden but can barely bring home enough money for them to survive. Marvin will have to leave school soon, if he does not receive a sponsor. He dreams of being a doctor so he can help other poor people. If you would consider helping Marvin stay in school (\$40 per month) to bring hope and God's love into his life, please contact our Programs Manager, Kent Stannard, 303-463-2932. God bless you!







A new house for <u>Grandma Florence Tibagwa!!</u> Here is our newest ChristAid block house, funded by Lutheran Church of the Cross, Evergreen, CO. A mission team from the church went to Kicuna to help construct the house in November of 2015. At left is ChristAid Board member, Pastor Philip Reimers, who led the team and is shown here hauling water to the building site with the "Shelters in the Storm" crew. His wife, Elizabeth (center) is hauling 17 pound blocks from our block press on her head (in true African style) to the site. On the right, is Grandma Florence's family rejoicing at the house dedication. Thank you Church of the Cross for your generosity in blessing this family for generations to come!!