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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2022 WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

DRIVE + PURPOSE + GOD'S LOVE

Hello, and welcome to The Hoffman Family Foundation's newsletter: The HFF Dispatch. This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep you updated with all that the Hoffman Family Foundation is accomplishing. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for different communities, empowering women, families, and schools giving children quality education.

The Hoffman Family Foundation's vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

With this newsletter, we hope to share with you the improvements we are making in other people's lives across the globe. Perhaps you'll be inspired to help in your own way or to donate for one of our causes. With your help, we can truly make a difference.



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wonders have been created. Driving up to the campus was like seeing a brand new theme park that like no other. No matter what they was built. I knew that there were new buildings and fields but there were no words to describe how it felt to be back and for the school to be in full bloom. It's amazing how in just a few years it looks completely different. I'm so thankful I have been part of watching the growth in this beautiful foundation, to see all the work being put into Rays of Grace a safe, nurturing, and exponential place of learning for these children.

time, they had smiles from ear to ear when they saw us and gave hugs have personally going on I've always been amazed by their positive attitudes and relentlessness to just be your friend. Even though the flight days are tiring, all of that is soon forgotten because the kids bring so much happiness into our lives; and when you are there, all you want to do is bring happiness into theirs as well.

My family had already sponsored first started, but after going back exhilarating Uganda.

a little girl named Joy who literally flooded our hearts with joy.

The last part of our trip was an adventure. This included searching for wild game from sunrise to sunset, hiking through forests to find chimpanzees and trekking straight up and down the side of a lush rain forest to find silverback gorillas (by far the most difficult challenge). Overall, I was just grateful and astonished to be there this time, as I was the first time, and cannot wait to one child from when the school return and experience more of the

























WHAT MY EYES HAVE SEEN...

By Sasha Vekic

can remember the day when Mama Tami told Elise and I that she was taking us to Uganda, Africa. Our faces were quick to lighten up. I was really excited mainly because I had no idea what I had gotten myself into, but all that was going through my mind was just being there and not the 43 hours of travel time. When we landed in Uganda we were greeted by some of the most amazing people: Robert and Vinny. It's hard to find the perfect words to describe these two. They're like the dynamic duo Batman & Robin! And not only these two but Uganda is full of incredible kind souls and especially the whole dedicated staff of HFF and Rays of Grace. I was very excited to meet the kids at the school and to see what kind of lives these smart, funny and beautiful kids live.

After having the experience of being able to go to Uganda it made me understand this saying better: "sometimes less is more". I say this because I do believe that more people in Africa are happier than most people in America because they can appreciate things more. When something is expected in life and that expectation is not met, then comes disappointment. I guess you can say one of the highlights that I had in Uganda was handing out candy to the kids in the village.

It's hard to explain the joy in these kids' eyes, and for just one little sweet. And yes I also loved going on safari and having the opportunity to see lions and find the gorillas; but there is something about being able to brighten someone's day that's surprisingly rewarding in the nicest way possible....

With that being said, Elise and I were able to find a way to sponsor a little girl named Joy. We hope that we can be an important part of Joy's life by supporting her all throughout her years at Rays of Grace through sending her gifts, letters, and pictures.

When people think of Africa the first thing that comes to their mind is most likely safaris and seeing the wildlife, but that's only a small fraction of what Africa is all about. What I think makes Africa "Africa" is the authentic people and their culture. I can't thank Mama Tami enough for showing me such a phenomenal place. And now I can understand what that sign meant while reading "The Pearl of Africa".

I would like to thank Mama Tami and Elise for being the best travel partners and especially the whole staff at HFF and Rays of Grace..... keep up the great work. Sending love from America.

... AND MY HEART HAS FELT



THANKYOU FROM GET HOPE GLOBAL



By Julie Melton Executive Director, Get HOPE Global

et HOPE Global is an organization which exists to transform the lives of at-risk women through redemptive, faith-based business training and support. Based in Colorado, HOPE has partnered with individuals and organizations all over the developing world as we envision a world where women are hopeful, empowered, and free. Thanks to a new initiative with Hoffman Family Foundation, the HOPE programs have expanded their impact in Uganda.

In June 2022 a training team from Get HOPE Global traveled to Jinja, Uganda to provide a 3-day Train the Trainer conference for 19 leaders of the HFF Women's Empowerment Program.

In a fun, engaging, and comfortable environment these leaders had the opportunity to be introduced to the HOPE Business curriculum. They were inspired to grow in their own knowledge as they prepared to lead others. We learned from one another during our formal discussion times, activities, skits, and informal fellowship over delicious meals.

Get HOPE Global is grateful for the grants from HFF and from Concordia Lutheran Ministries that provided local leaders with access to teaching materials and resources necessary to provide practical hope to others in their communities.

WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE WOMEN ARE HOPEFUL, EMPOWERED, AND FREE.













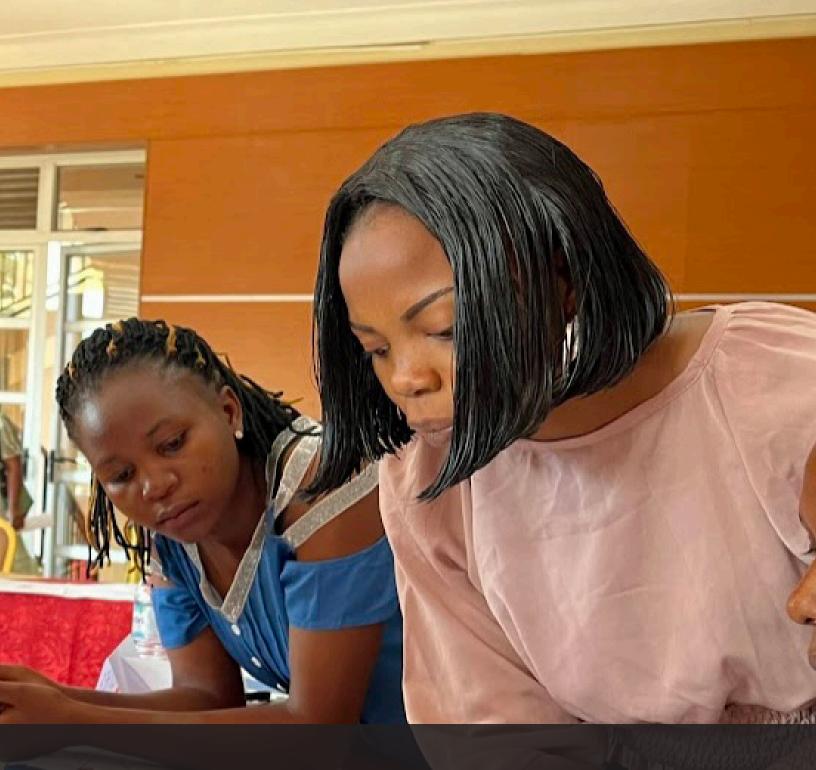












AJOURNAL FROM JINJA: TRAIN THE TRAINER

JUNE 2022

By Beth Ratzlaff Steering Team, Get HOP<u>E Global</u>



DAY 1

I look around the conference room at the Source of the Nile Hotel in Jinja. Our team of teachers from the U.S. joins Loretta and Sarah, the two talented Ugandan women who lead HFF's Women's Empowerment program here. This Get HOPE Global Train the Trainer Conference is co-sponsored by Hoffman Family Foundation. Together we pray at each chair for the women who will sit here. The room is ready for our new friends. Zam, Stells, Charity, Immaculate...Their names are handwritten on folded paper in front of each seat at the table. As we pray, each one is traveling from her home, leaving children, business, and other responsibilities to join us for the conference. Loretta and Sarah greet the women when they arrive. They have chosen these women to attend, two from each local Women's Empowerment Program savings group. They are natural leaders who serve in leadership positions. They will join Loretta and Sarah as trainers, co-leaders who will guide their empowerment group through the yearlong HOPE Business Program. Here, as in other countries where it is used, we hope to watch from the sideline as GHG's tagline "Training that Transforms" is lived out in the lives of atrisk women in Uganda over the next year.

Loretta and Sarah escort each attendee to her bedroom and help her understand how to use the amenities she finds there. I am struck by the differences in our lives. To me, the room seems clean but basic. To them, the small air conditioner, water heater, and free Wi-Fi are unfamiliar luxuries.

Many of our conference attendees are strangers to each other as well as to us, since they come from different areas and groups. We can feel a bit of uneasiness in the atmosphere. As I look around the room, weariness is evident on the faces and in the body language of so many of our colorfully clad attendees, dressed up for this occasion. I wonder how early they had to rise and how much work they had to do before I crawled out of my bed this morning. We facilitate introductions and launch into our first session. Julie Melton introduces the idea that growing a business is like planting a garden: it involves planning and prayer, then preparation and prayer, then planting and prayer, etc.



DAY 2

I am eager to spend the day with new African friends. Already we have bonded. I am starting to know them, to learn they have husbands, children, and grandchildren and to share the same information about myself. We find we are much more alike than we are different. If I pay attention, I will learn at least as much from them as they learn from me. Cassie Kimbriel and I team teach today. We model the lessons and teaching techniques they will use with their own groups. HOPE's Business Program is built around a story. So, today our teaching begins with reading Anna's story directly from the curriculum. It is the story of a struggling young woman whose circumstances improve as hope grows in her heart. She learns to serve her community with a well-planned business as she grows in her relationship with God. We use drama, group brainstorming, discussion and other participatory teaching techniques to discuss key business concepts, to help them incorporate the things they learn from Anna's story into their own stories. These are the first steps they and the other women in their group will use to create their own business plans. We follow the curriculum as we teach the Bible lessons that are woven into the business lessons. The first is about hope and God's compassionate care for widows, orphans, and the poor.

DAY 3

We wrap up with our Train the Trainer conference today. We begin with a praise song punctuated with joyful ululations. I love the sheer African-ness of it. I am grateful that by coming together, without any of us being less than who we are, we are learning from each other while enjoying our differences. I am forever richer for having lived this moment. The shyness that dominated just two days ago has evaporated. Many of these women now call me "mother", "daughter", "sister". I reciprocate. I am grateful for the deep sense of connection and mutual affection I feel towards them. It is a gift born of their generous openness and hospitality to us. We laugh as they ham it up, demonstrating what they have learned through presenting group skits of businesses that employ honest business practices in businesses that are needed in the community and are different from other businesses around them. The creativity in these skits is quite entertaining. Women from opposite sides of the globe chuckle as one. We savor a celebratory cake together, and take pictures of our Train the Trainer graduates proudly wearing their new HFF/Get HOPE Global polo shirts and holding certificates. I am filled with two emotions: hope for these women and the positive impact they will have in their churches, families and communities over the coming years ... and gratitude that I had the opportunity to come, to learn, to love, and to be a tiny part of the big thing God is doing here.





GATHERING OF THE SAINTS

By Dona Sogbandi

t begins. You emerge from the vehicle that carried you to Rays of Grace... and there standing in straight lines, are vast numbers of children, their eyes wide with anticipation of what is to come!

They know Mama Tami since she is the one responsible for bringing them here to attend school. Most of them know Jaja (Grandmother) Joyce who has accompanied Mama Tami to Uganda on previous occasions. I am a stranger in the midst, to most; but there are a couple of brothers who Lahai and I sponsor, and I met five years earlier on a visit to Rays of Grace. To most of the rest, my face, and the face of my husband Lahai, we are foreigners in their world.

There are formalities: the singing of the "You Are Most Welcome" song, the introductions of the teachers and staff, THEN the best part: the HANDING OUT OF THE CANDY to these wide-eyed youngsters! The sweet treats were brought to them all the way from America. After the consumption of the chocolates, then...we can start our quality time with the SAINTS... time that will become more and more precious as the days go by.

First it starts with an intimate tour of the campus, holding hands with four or five of your "new" friends. Then a few more new friends come along and grasp each other's hands, then a few more and a few more. By the time you circle back to your original destination, you have a considerable following. There truly is nothing more heartwarming!

Next you sit down with your walking buddies, and before you know it you have an audience (or are YOU the audience?) of delightful faces. The numbers of children will increase and increase to a considerable congregation of precious Saints. There will be songs, stories, and enough laughter to make the heavens open with joyous exultation—and that's not the end of it! There is dancing and more laughter, followed by more dancing. These amazing children just love to be a part of anything that makes them feel giddy inside. What a sight to behold.

It truly is the gathering of the Saints.



fter hearing all about Rays of Grace when my wife Dona was blessed enough to visit five years ago, I counted the days until I could share the experience. A subsequent trip scheduled for March of 2020 was thwarted by the pandemic; but knowing that God's timing is perfect, we finally made the journey in October of 2022.

Approaching the school to the melodic sounds of a couple hundred kids singing "You Are Most Welcome" brought tears to my eyes—knowing I was finally about to meet the boys that we've been sponsoring, writing letters to and sharing photos with for the past 6 years! I'll never forget the sense of anticipation and gratitude I felt upon reaching the school and hearing the joyous welcome song. Replaying that moment in my mind still brings tears to my eyes—three weeks later! I was caught off-guard, not realizing that this experience would rank right up there with the birth of one's own children or

grandchildren! The gravity of realizing how much we can help change lives for the better smacked me in the face that moment—and I'm forever changed!

The Director of HFF, Robert Kiwanuka, took us on a tour of the expansive facility—including the soccer field that the reigning regional champion soccer team (Rays of Grace students) practices and plays on. We were blessed to learn his vision for the facility, including turning the soccer field and surrounding area into a world class facility that could host tournaments for neighboring countries—and beyond. This was important so we know what to pray about and help fundraise for as well.

Personally, some of the highlights of the trip included (1) meeting our sponsored boys' family in the village and especially meeting the grandmother who raises them when they have a break in school (2) learning more about the impressive Women's Empowerment Group, which







started with 18 women and \$1500 in "seed money" that has now grown to 247 members who have earned an equivalent of \$34,000 in US Dollars year to date (as of 10/31/2022) and (3) increasing the size of our "family" of sponsored children from two to four by sponsoring twin girls just before we left to return home (we welcome Nahima and Bibirye into our family!). As great as these experiences were—awakening on the banks of Nile River each morning, witnessing monkeys swing through trees in their natural habitat, experiencing new cuisine, and being surrounded by perpetually joyful people—sharing Christ with the children of Rays of Grace by reading ageappropriate devotionals was likely the most rewarding for me, as that literally had eternal implications!

Speaking of the children—we were so very inspired by their level of maturity! While unsure if that is attributed to their culture or a testament to the teachers and staff at Rays of Grace—or a combination of both—we

were impressed nonetheless. Based on their maturity level and tenacity, we are confident that many of those students, who wish to become doctors, nurses, teachers and pilots will reach their goals and become change agents for Uganda and beyond. Out of approximately 450 children who attend Rays of Grace, less than 50 have sponsors. Without sponsors, many of these students may find themselves in sub-par Secondary Schools (8th - 12th grade), potentially creating a barrier to them reaching their goals. One of our travel-mates, Dr. Joyce Brooks, coined the phrase "103 in 2023!" meaning that we are seeking to have 103 children sponsored in 2023. Won't you join us in helping to transform lives?

I am forever grateful for what God is doing through the Hoffman Family Foundation and am also eternally grateful for being "a small part of a big thing" such as this!

JAJA JOYCE REJOICES!

By Joyce Brooks

ow happy I was to return to Rays of Grace after 4 long years. My sponsored children had grown so much! But thankfully, we were excited to see each other and reconnect at this new season in their lives. I was astounded at the expansion of our Rays of Grace campus. It was like stepping onto a college campus. Also, the grounds were immaculately clean and were always being cleaned by staff and students. Interacting with them was amazing. My most moving experiences while at the school for a week included:

- Teachers and students were engaged in enjoyable learning experiences in the classroom and outdoors throughout the property.
- The students were dining in the new dining hall appreciating it after eating only outside in the past. I relished sitting amongst these tiny kings and queens in their new banquet hall.....
- I loved watching the students prepare for the Friday P7 celebration in our new creative arts building, playing their musical instruments and singing. Others were outside dancing. In all cases, they were "all in". It was evident that they thoroughly loved what they were doing.
- I loved the cleanliness and neatness of both the boys' and girls' dormitories. It reflected the responsibility and great training that the dorm mothers taught and expected of the students.
- I was so impressed with our women's empowerment groups and the great work that they continue to do. Each time we have met with them, they show their vision and hard work. They also show a sense of pride in what they do and an appreciation to the Hoffman Family Foundation staff.
- The Friday celebration of our P7 students for their hard work and preparation for the national exams was an unbelievable ceremony. The entire school celebrated the effort and demonstrated their own hard work. The dedication conducted by Father Joseph set the tone for the event.
- Finally, I am grateful and so appreciative for the Rays of Grace teachers and staff and the HFF staff. Each of them has a spirit of excellence in his/her work. It starts with Tami and Dave Hoffman and Robert and their dependence on God for His vision and direction. Our God is doing amazing work in and through all of these adults for the students and for this community.













New play equipment in a new kindergarten facility



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JOIN OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

HOW TO GUARDIAN BECOME A ANGEL

What is the Guardian Angel Program?

The Guardian Angel Program was designed to help local Ugandan parents provide a safe, happier, healthier and purposeful life for their children. We believe that together, we can make a difference in the future generations one child at a time. Through the Guardian Angel Program, individuals can make a personal and lifetime impact in one of our amazing need-based Rays of Grace children. For just \$50.00 a month, sponsors can help our dream-seeking children pay for their education, boarding, school uniform, food, counseling, and any hygiene or medical needs.

421
CHILDREN
At Rays of Grace

194 Boys

227 Girls

CHILDREN
Are Sponsored

What is covered through your monthly donation?

- A safe, happier, and healthier environment where children can spread their wings and soar
- A robust educational curriculum which includes reading and writing skills, arts, drama, music, counseling, and sporting activities such as netball and soccer
- School uniform
- Faith-based Christian classes
- Well-balanced meals are covered Monday through Friday
- A clinic and full-time nurse to care for the medical needs of the children.
- A dormitory facility for those children who live far distances
- Transportation to and from events in our HFF bus mobile



What is unique about the Guardian Angel Program?

100% of your donation goes directly towards your sponsor child

Your \$50.00 per month contribution goes directly and specifically to your child's needs.

There's no administrative fees or any other miscellaneous costs that are deducted from your contribution.

Live interaction with your child

Communicate with your child via Zoom at least twice per year!

Written words are good but seeing the beautiful smiling face of your sponsor child is absolutely priceless and adorable.

We continue to work hard in the improvement of technology through the recent construction of our computer lab.

Fully staffed Ugandan team

Our staff in Ugandan is comprised of local Ugandan natives.

We don't intend to hire teachers or staff members from the Western World.

We believe Ugandans are best to know the conditions and needs of their own people.

Long-term sustainable community impact

When a child is sponsored, the family and ultimately the community are empowered.

We help families build stable homes, start sustainable businesses and help feed their children.

We want to empower men and women to provide for their own families.

The goal is to not give people a handout but rather a hand up.

Our desire is to encourage a healthy patriotism, independence, self-reliance and sustainability.

We are a non-profit

All donations are tax-deductible.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Golden, Colorado.

Is anyone paid a salary?

Yes, the members of our Ugandan team are paid from the resources of our generous founders.

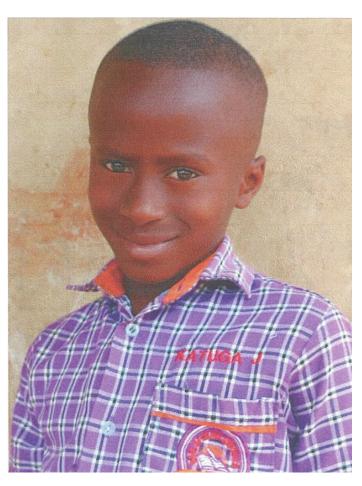
U.S. team members serve as volunteers.

Become a Guardian Angel today!

If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or if you would like more information, please give us a call at:

(303) 949-0831.

BECOME ONE OF HFF'S GUARDIAN ANGELS





MEET JEREMIAH KATUGGA

When I grow up I want to be a pilot!

Age: 8 Birthday: August 15th, 2014

Jeremiah is the eldest of the four children. His parents separated in 2018, when he was four years, however his grandmother took them on and is the sole provider for these children. His grandmother depends on farming and loans to take care of the children, however, most of the times the income received from farming is not enough to pay off the loan interests and sustain the family's needs and utilities. Jeremiah was in primary two at Rays of Grace Junior School before the pandemic and was one of the best 5 pupils in his class. However due to financial distress at his home, Jeremiah is not certain as to whether he will be able to get back to school in order to chase his dream.

MEET FAITH NAMUGGA

Age: 12

Faith is the oldest of 3 siblings. She has had an opportunity to attain quality education at Rays of Grace, but unfortunately her family has failed to raise school fees for her. Faith's mother stays with the children; her father is tailor. They use the small tailoring business to generate school fees for the three school-going children and also to sustain the family. Faith is a smart girl, well-behaved, who loves school, but she has hardly completed a school term due.

Through your kind support and partnership with Hoffman family foundation, children like Faith will learn about the love of Jesus Christ. HFF focuses on peace building, giving hope to hopeless and improving community well-being.

Are you wanting to make a personal and lifetime impact on one of our amazing kids?

You have an amazing opportunity to become one of HFF's Guardian Angels. As a Guardian Angel, you will be supporting one of our need-based Rays of Grace kids. You will be lifting them up, helping guide them to graduation, and their personal prayer warrior. For just \$50.00 a month, you are helping our dream-seeking kids pay for schooling, boarding, clothes, food and any hygiene or medical needs in order to help them spread their wings and fly. If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or would like more information, please give us a call at (303) 949 - 0831.





MEET RITAH NANKANJA

When I grow up I want to be a doctor!

Age: 14 Birthday: February 20th, 2008

Ritah is the third born of four children in the family. She was neglected by her father in 2016 when she was in grade three and since then has had no help sent in to keep her in school. She lives with her mother and siblings at their grandmothers' house. Her mother struggles to find food and essentials but cleans her neighbors' clothes and digs in people's gardens to get food for her children and to take care of their grandmother who is sick with cancer; Ritah has missed classes and exams several times due to failure to pay school fees.

Through your generosity to give Ritah a hand, you are truly our partner towards leaving a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

MEET TASHIRA NASSANGA

When I grow up I want to be a teacher!

Age: 7 Birthday: April 1st, 2015

Tashira is a resident of Kangulumira, living with her mother. Her father left home because of conflicts with her mother and since the breakup, Tashira's father has never rendered a helping hand to support the family and Tashira's schooling. However, her mother practices subsistence farming to take care of Tashira and her other siblings. Before the COVID 19 pandemic, Tashira was a student of Rays of Grace Junior school in kindergarten, However, even before then, her mother could not afford the school fees dues. Tashira does not have any hope for having a continuous education because she is always being sent back home for school tuition.



OUR NEXT PROJECTS

School Outside Toilets Renovated

Our sanitary, sewage and water project looms on the horizon. We are needing to raise \$5,000.

Power System

We need to build a full power system with power lines to assist with frequent power outages. We are needing to raise \$20,000.

Generator Power Backup Supply System

As the campus continues to expand, we need to create a backup power supply for the entire complex. **We are needing to raise \$30,000**.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to accomplish these current projects?

Your donation will go directly to the current projects we are working on. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers as we continue to leave a Legacy of LOVE transforming the lives and communities God has called us to. May He be GLORIFIED in ALL that we do together with YOU!





The Hoffman Family Foundation's Vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

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WHERE I AM TODAY IS PREPARING ME FOR WHERE GOD WILL TAKE ME TOMORROW.

I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN FORMED WITH A PURPOSE.

TODAY, I WILL ENJOY MY JOURNEY.





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