

THE HFF DISPATCH



THE HOFFMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



ISSUE NO. 10 | FALL 2017



2017

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

NEW LOOK. SAME DRIVEN PURPOSE.

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.

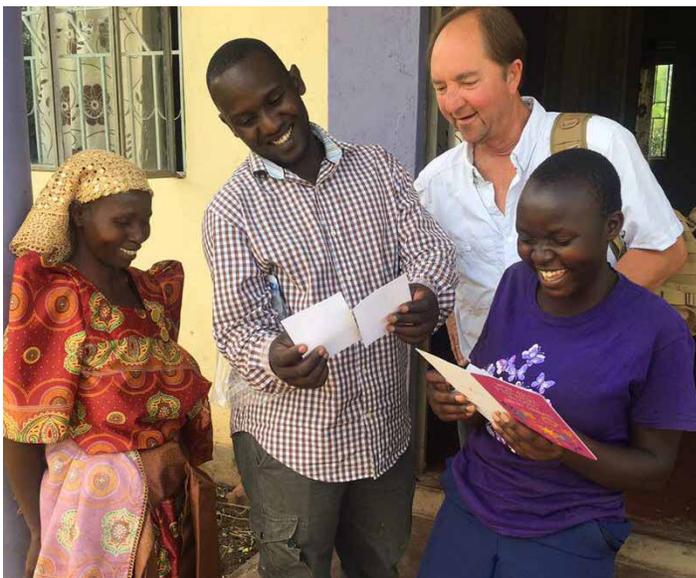
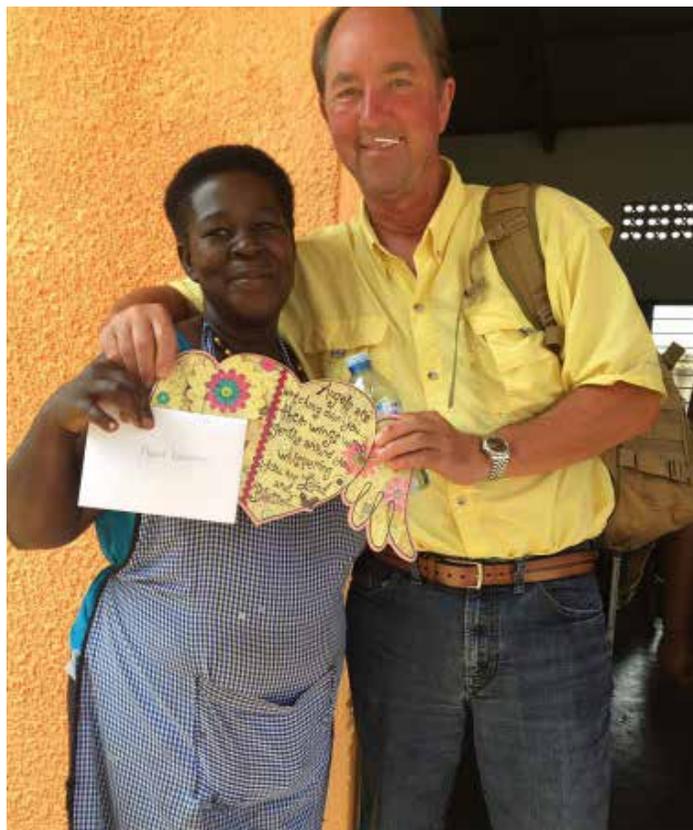
With this newsletter, we hope to share with you the improvements we are making in other people's lives across the globe. Perhaps you'll be inspired to help in your own way or to donate for one of our causes. With your help, we can truly make a difference.





QUICK OVERVIEW

- 5 A SEPTEMBER JOURNEY
- 6 SOMEONE LOOKING IN
- 9 WILEY'S WHEELS OFFICIALLY FUNDED
- 10 A SPIDER BITE BAPTISM
- 12 THE CAPTIVATION OF UGANDA
- 15 SIMPLICITY OF LIFE
- 17 JOIN OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM
- 20 OUR NEXT PROJECT
- 21 DONATION FORM



A SEPTEMBER JOURNEY

By Dave Hoffman

Going back to Jinja, Uganda after two years to visit all my new friends and the children of Rays of Grace school was a rewarding trip. I was thinking on the way that this is a great thing to do for others, maybe adding some significance and some meaning to my life. Well it was quite the opposite. I am not giving them something but they are giving me a perspective about life and a lesson on Love . I watch these people love each other and help each other in the most unselfish way ...and it makes me embarrassed the way I treat others. The lesson I was getting is way more than what we give them. We have so much we don't appreciate and most of these people don't have anything but seem happier than most people I meet everyday in my regular journeys. My lesson here in Life is not what I can get but what I can give, that makes me Like who I am and Love who they are .

My trip included a stay at the Haven Lodge located on the Nile River in the jungle outside of Jinja, the most beautiful place on the earth . Overlooking the water falls of the river, I will never get tired of this place. PEACEFUL is the word. You must go there sometime and then you will know what I mean . Me and some of our HFF staff even took a day to raft the river and see the falls firsthand. It was a great day and a "must do" while your here. I spent the week at the school with our 350 children and caught up on the progress here. It is awesome to see them learning and growing. They have hope for their future and they have a chance to get an education and to change their world. There are many needs for these children still but we are moving forward with a good direction. Most do not have a sponsor yet! Maybe you would want to help sponsor one of these great kids?

Three years ago I met with 15 women from the Mukuno area and we started a women's group to help them create businesses for themselves and they have multiplied into some 80 ladies now. I was able to spend some time with these ladies and the return on this investment is phenomenal. I am so proud of each and everyone of them.

We also started 3 women's groups in Jinja that have multiplied to 120 ladies. These women just needed a hand up as well and some startup money and they took it and ran . Many new businesses have been started and they help each other get it done. Very exciting to see what they are doing and how these programs are growing . They are now part of the Cure not part of the Disease ! Their hope is changing the communities they live in and now can help their own children.

I also got the privilege to stop by "Daughters of Charity" home for the disabled children. This lady deserves a set of angel wings. She has dedicated her life to these children over the past 30 years. It was wonderful to just stop and say hello and bless these children with food and suckers. This was one of the places I stopped in 2014 and it seems like the children never forgot who I was. Just an old friend stopping by to say Hello. .

Also saw Sherifah (the blind lady) and her family. It was like a family reunion getting together again. My friends for Life.

I am so thankful that we can bring love and hope to Uganda. My life has been touched with their LOVE as well and I know it has changed me from the inside out. Thank you UGANDA ! **I AM ONE BLESSED MAN.**



SOMEONE LOOKING IN

By Bree Salazar

As I read the Summer Hoffman Family Foundation newsletter (a NON-profit organization whom gives all the glory to God!) given to us by Chris's cousin Dona who lives in Colorado, it takes me back to high school when Lawrence of Invisible Children from Uganda came to PHS and told us their stories. This summer Dona visited Uganda, Africa with her dear friend Tami Hoffman and many other volunteers, who have made such an incredible impact on a large group of children, and ultimately their families and country as well. They have changed Kirugu in ways that every kind hearted person in our school would have loved to...upon hearing the stories we heard that day!!

Tami and her volunteers/sponsors have not only had Rays of Grace Academy built, a solar powered school for 350+ children, but they have teachers, cooks, a nurse with connections to doctors if needed, a dormitory for over 115 boarding students, a clinic, and housing quarters for some of their staff. They have two working water

wells, a soccer and netball team, new school uniforms, plus they raise their own chickens and grow veggies! The school is even licensed by the Dept. of Education! There is also a Women's Empowerment program which gives micro loans to groups of women to start businesses. ALL of which allows this change to be possible! Y'all this only scratches the surface on the difference these folks have made in the lives of children who have such enormous dreams and ambitions. Their lack of what we take for granted doesn't take from their hearts, and it shows in the photos I saw in the 24 page summer newsletter!

But it doesn't stop there...

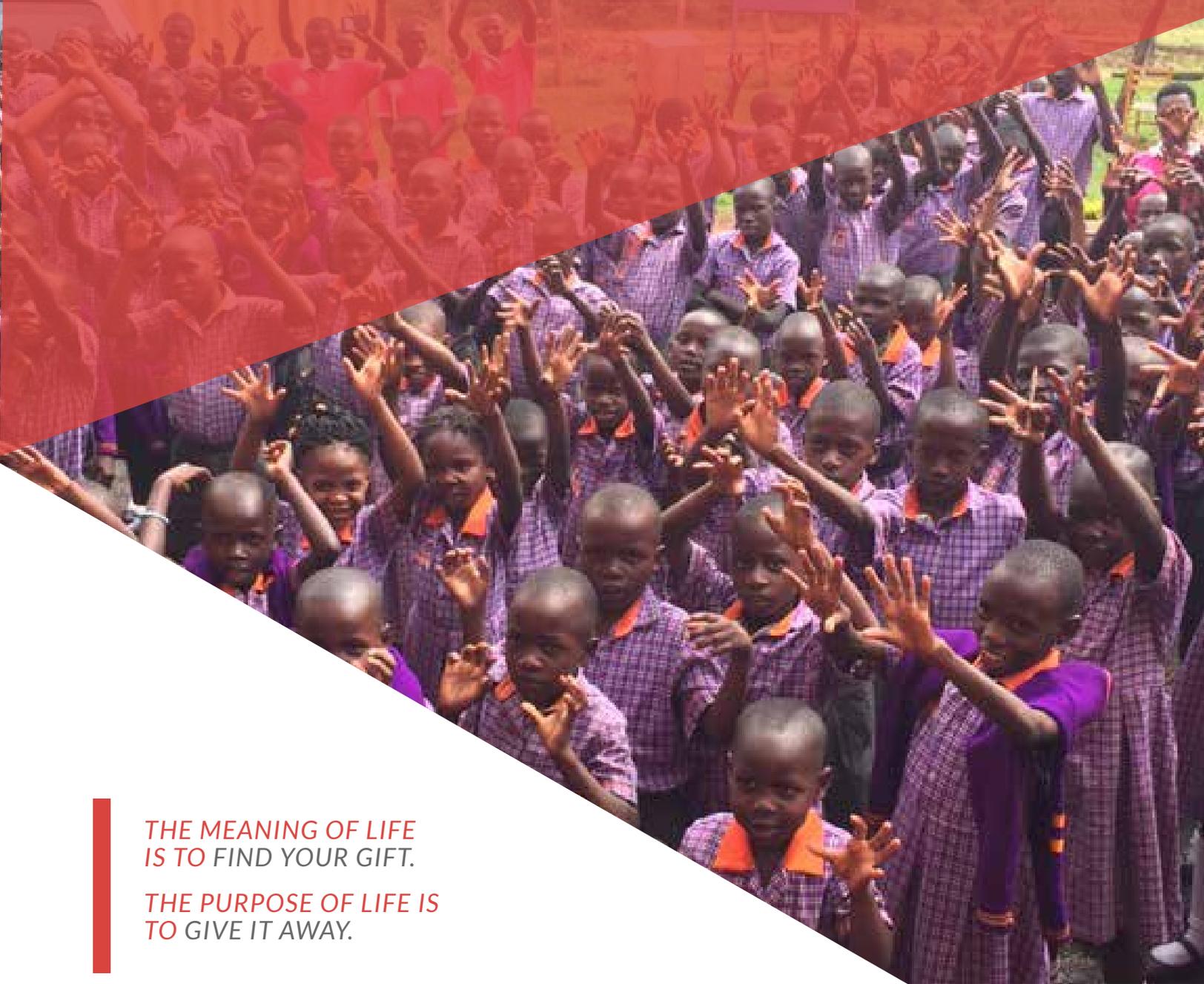
Their next project is purchasing a school bus for the children who still have to walk hours to school, for students who participate in sports and activities, and the bus will also save money on transportation that could go to the kids when volunteers visit Uganda! They also want to build a dining hall/chapel for the kids!

You see so many commercials: "For a dollar a day you could change a life..." and it's hard to commit these days when money seems so tight or when you hear so many stories of sponsorship money going to profiting organizations... But this is your opportunity to touch a country who's spokespeople are not talking the talk but walking the walk.

Some children still need a sponsor- \$30 a month for non boarders, and \$50 a month for full time boarders if you want to sponsor. BUT every dollar helps, even if you want to make a smaller contribution. Every coin will be used purposefully.

www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co

If you know me, you know Africa is a place I have always dreamed of visiting.. Chris and I will make a difference beside the Hoffman Family Foundation starting this week! Will you?



THE MEANING OF LIFE
IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS
TO GIVE IT AWAY.





GOD
SPECIALIZES IN MAKING THE
IMPOSSIBLE,
POSSIBLE!

WILEY'S WHEELS OFFICIALLY FUNDED

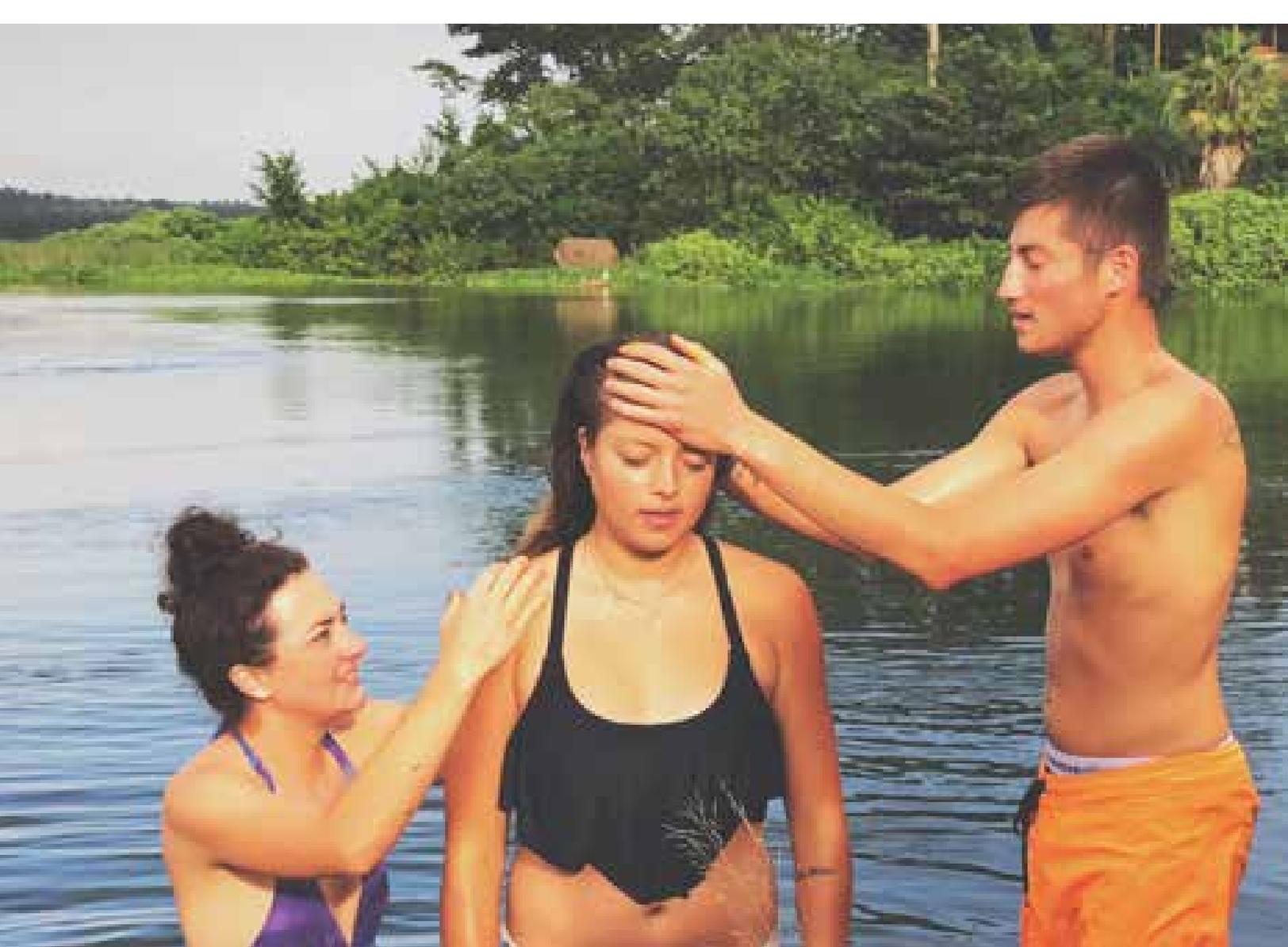
By Tami Hoffman



We are so excited to let you know that our school bus project has now been FUNDED.

We are so thankful to the Smith family for hearing God's voice to partner with Rays of Grace School. This bus is a game changer for these beautiful children. Many of our children still walk long distances to get to school each day. Now we can get a bus route started that will be able to pick these kids up, take them home and when adverse weather occurs they can still come to school. Our sports teams will now be able to participate in competitive tournaments that we have joined with other schools.

Just recently the school bus was unveiled and the kids were so excited. Check out the smiles on the faces.. A picture is worth 1000 words. Father Francis even joined in on the celebration. Thank you for blessing this community We are forever grateful.



A SPIDER BITE BAPTISM

By Brandon Pleiman

We all know that God works in mysterious ways, but this specific encounter may be one for the record books. Being in Uganda was one of the most remarkable experiences I've ever had. And to be honest, in those two weeks, the Holy Spirit has never given me such a continual outpouring of love and direction. And what makes this occasion so special is that I got to enjoy this trip with my little sister along with five other beautiful women. One of the other women on our trip is named Meg Delagrange, and she

is so distinctly individual that you could never find another person like her. But, Meg also had the pleasure in bringing her younger sister along for the adventure to Uganda. Both of our younger sisters are about the same age and they both were blessed financially to be able to come on the trip with us.

As we started out our week serving at the school, we had the privilege to help the construction workers transport bricks from one area to another. And as we were unloading the

bricks, we saw a little boy sitting in the dirt playing with an old car wheel. He was entertained by just watching us work. I decided to walk over to him. We gave him some water and some love, but little did he know that he was actually giving it to me. This encounter pushed me to tears as I went back to our hotel. I decided to go pray down by the Nile River. And as I sat there in gratitude, God told me to baptize Meg and I's little sisters. I knew it was his voice because it pushed me to step out in faith. I unknowingly ended up getting bit by a spider at the river.



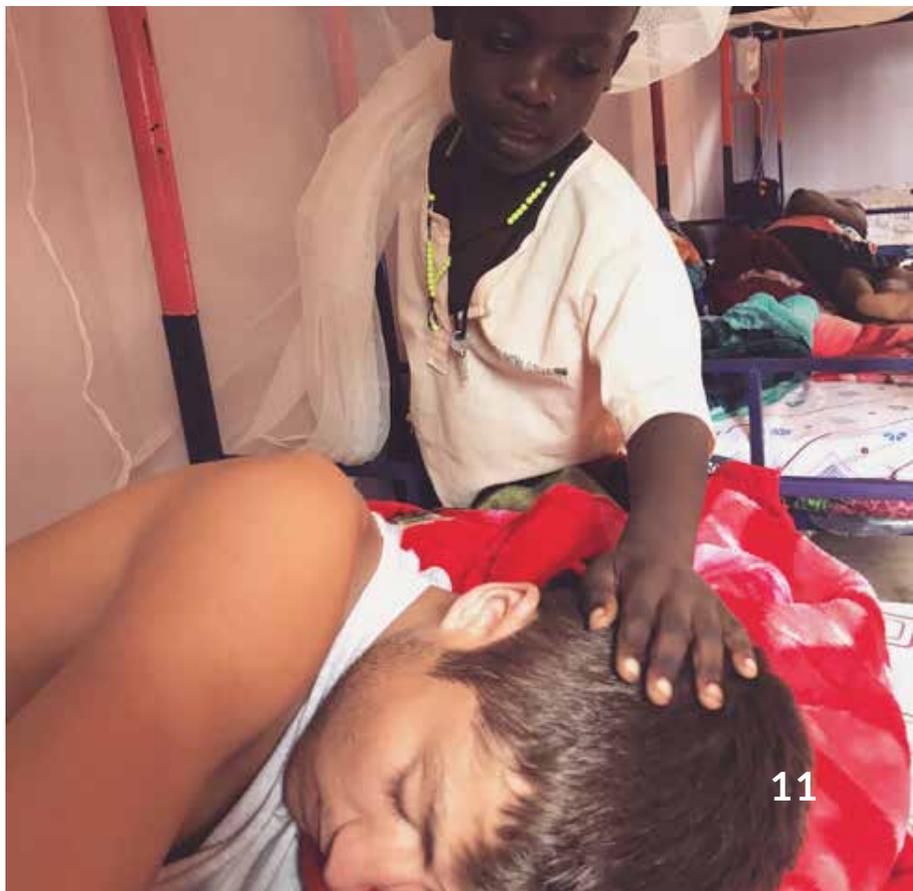
**FAITH
ISN'T
ALWAYS
EASY...**

**BUT
IT IS
SIMPLE.**

*"I WAS
HUNGRY
AND
YOU
FED ME."*

-JESUS

And the next day I was thrown into a state of hallucination, nausea, and abdominal pain. I was planning on baptizing them that day, but it just wasn't going to happen. I spent the day in the clinic where the kids would lay sick from malaria, which causes similar symptoms to what I was going through. I endured the sickness, and the next day I got to baptize our sisters in the Nile River. You know how pain produces perspective? Well when I was baptizing my sister, I had an even more powerful perspective full of gratitude because of what I went through just to get to this opportunity. It was all worth it. And God gets the credit because He didn't let me go through the bite alone, He was with me the whole time.





THE CAPTIVATION OF UGANDA

By Zoe Tartz

I walked out of the doors of my MCAT exam feeling a wave of relief. Not necessarily because I believed I mastered the test or because I was finally finished with countless hours of studying but because in three short days I would step back onto the red, Ugandan soil that made me feel alive.

The allure of Uganda is being able to slow down and live more intentionally than you ever imagined. Slowing down to smile with a stranger, to hold hands with a friend, or to laugh over a meal with a loved one. Life in Uganda is simpler, quieter, and you are able to feel life all around you. You are able to hear the mosquitos buzz by your head, feel the red sand squish through your toes, and feel the rays of sunshine warm your face. And without all of the distractions that pull you away from the present, you can

tangibly feel God's goodness.

While I was in Uganda for the second time, I was able to do what I love and that is help heal people back to health. One of my best friends and I set up a health clinic for over 250 community members to receive check ups and screenings for malaria and HIV. It was amazing being able to gain medical experience and learn from wonderful Uganda doctors but what really made the clinic so special was that God was noticeably present.

My second time in Uganda, the biggest lesson I learned is that if we slow down and pay enough attention, God is all around us. I know I will return to Uganda but until then, I have learned to bring stillness into my very busy and fast paced life back in the US, especially on my journey through medical school.



—
USE YOUR
SMILE TO
CHANGE THE
WORLD,
DON'T LET
THE WORLD
CHANGE YOUR
SMILE.
—





"God is looking for those of us who will BEND LOW with Him and be the hand that He can pull others up with."

SIMPLICITY OF LIFE

By Jaimee Anderson



In a world full of distraction and unworthy stealers of attention, traveling to Africa was a wake up call in which I didn't even realize I was asleep.

We often find ourselves, as Americans, chasing the next "big" thing. The newest technology or newest fashion trends, forcing our minds to be constantly consumed with everything but the right here and right now moments we so frequently miss. After 24 hours of traveling, and a long drive ahead of us, I sat back eager with excitement to be submerged into a culture I had been dreaming about from a young age.

With eyes wide open I watched each person we passed, each home we drove by and was in awe of what I was witnessing. Every person was an entrepreneur, taking what little they had to make a profit for their family to live off of. From the child selling candy in between cars to the mother selling clothes, they all played a part. I wasn't surprised by the work ethic I was surprised by the joyful attitudes and the radiating happiness that washed

over each face. It was beautiful.

We saw children turn old tires and sticks into a game that would entertain them for hours and the unity that each community had with each other. There was an unspoken rule in the neighborhood that shouted volumes to me which was to take care of each other.

Mothers and grandmothers stood on their porches to watch the kids make it home safely from school, while giving the last of what they had away to the family who needed it the most.

What it took to make each person smile was so simple. A wave, or a hello and their face would light up. There were no TV's, no cell phones just pure human connection and friendships that made even a stranger feel welcomed.

I believe I saw the heartbeat of Africa during this trip and that was love. Pure, simple yet captivating and contagious. An experience full of memories I'll never forget but more than that I learned principles and values that changed my life.

**IF YOU WANT
TO GO FAST,**

GO ALONE.

**IF YOU WANT
TO GO FAR,**

GO TOGETHER.

- African Proverb





JOIN OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM



BECOME ONE OF HFF's GUARDIAN ANGEL



MEET MUNAWALA NAMUSABE

When I grow up I want to be a Pilot!

Age: 14 Birthday: September 10th, 2003

Munawala lives with her mother and five siblings. She is in grade six at Rays of Grace Academy. Her mother works hard day and night to ensure her family's survival. Munawala's father abandoned the family six months ago; the mother has since struggled to feed the six children and pay their school dues. As a result, five of the six children have dropped out of school. Munawala rarely attends school due to her need to stay home and help her family. She wishes to join the boarding section so as to concentrate on her studies in order to fulfill her dream to become a pilot, but her mother cannot afford the cost.



MEET RHODA NINSIMA

When I grow up I want to be a Doctor!

Age: 10 Birthyear: 2007

Rhoda lives with her mother and three siblings. She is a learner at Rays of Grace Academy. Her parents divorced in 2010 when she was just three years old. Her dad has since disappeared and completely left her family to fend for themselves. Rhoda's mother struggles to provide meals for her family let alone keep them in school. Rhoda's mother recently secured a job in the police force as a junior law enforcement officer, however, is still struggling to keep Rhoda in school full time.

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 \$30.00 a month, you are helping our dream-seeking kids pay for schooling, clothes, 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.

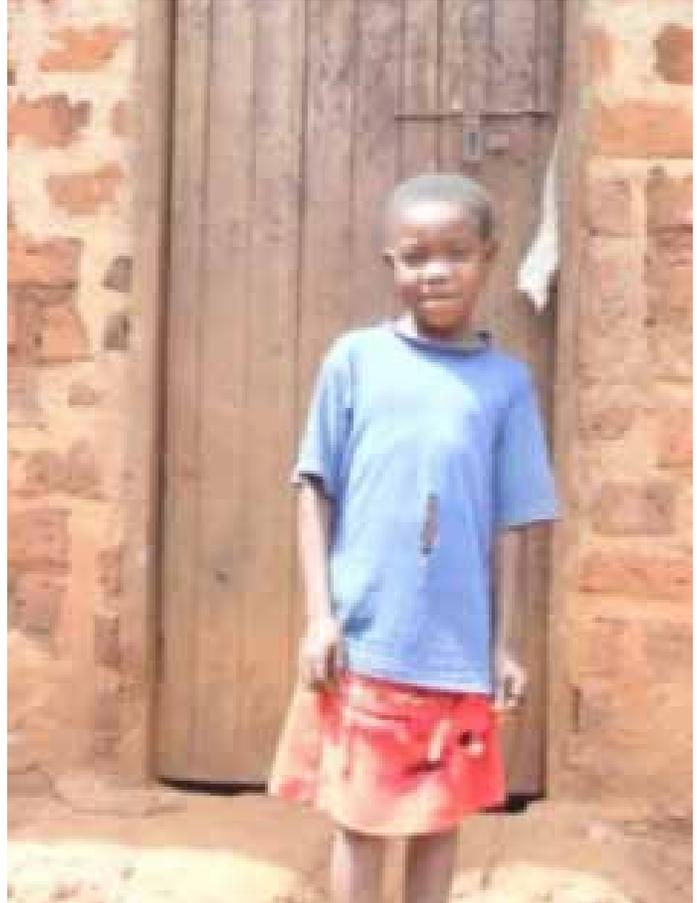


MEET MARIAM NANTAMBI

When I grow up I want to be an Artist!

Age: 8 Birthday: September 21st, 2009

Mariam is the first born in a family of three children. She was neglected by her father before she was born. Mariam has lived with her mother, grandmother, and seven siblings. The family's survival entirely depends on their grandmother's tailoring business at home. Mariam has studied at Rays of Grace Academy for three years now but at times is unable to attend school because she stays home to help her family. Her dream is to stay at the boarding school full time.

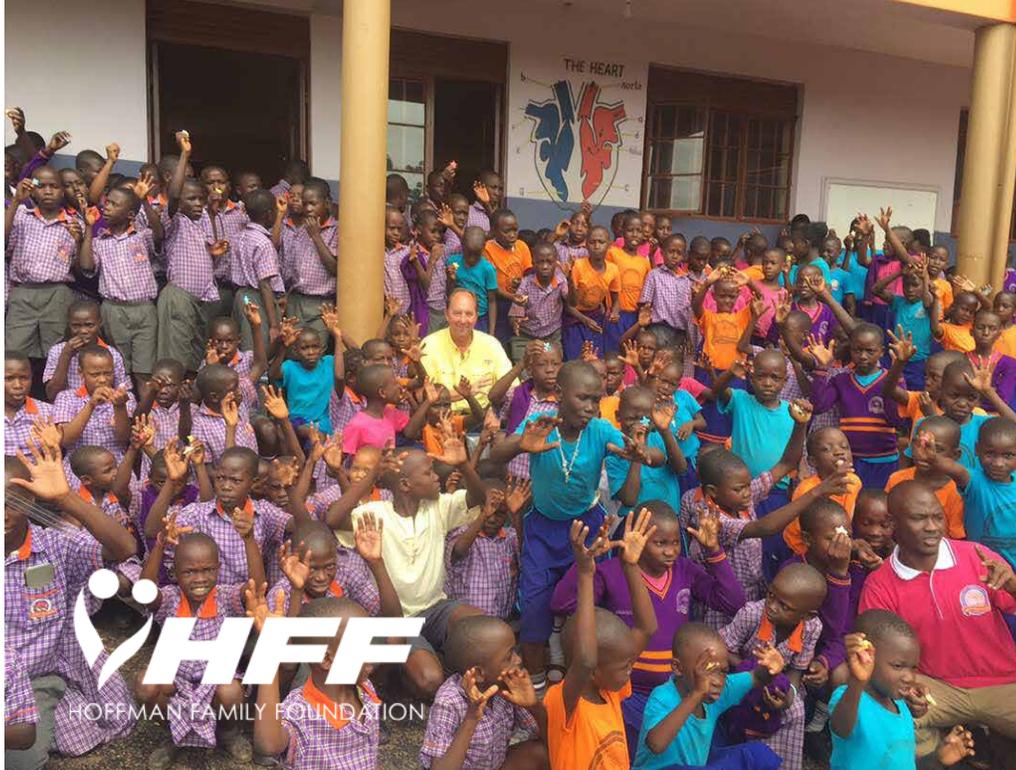


MEET HELEN LUMONYO

When I grow up I want to be a Teacher!

Age: 9 Birthyear: 2008

Helen is the second in a family of three children. She lives in a small semi-permanent house with her mother and her two siblings; Helen's father neglected the needs of his whole family and left them back in 2013. Helen's mother struggles to keep her three girls in school at Rays of Grace Academy by engaging in small scale farming to raise school dues for her children. Despite the fact that Helen is an excellent student, she missed last term's examinations because of her mother's need for help on their small farm.



OUR NEXT PROJECTS

WE WANT TO THANK YOU!

As the season of thanksgiving comes upon us, I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you that have been a part of HFF. Thank you for your support in prayer, in your finances, and your time in volunteering for those of you that were on the ground with us this summer, and most especially for your love and encouragement in believing in what we do. We are truly changing the lives of these children and also their families. And when your only motivation for going is **LOVE** that's when you can expect the unexpected to happen..

As 2018 is nearing I would like to share with you a few of our up-and-coming new projects.

1). We need a dining hall/chapel that will serve two purposes. Our children will be fed physically and also spiritually. This indoor dining hall will shelter our kids during lunch which is especially needed when it's the rainy season. They can have weekly chapels and also a place where they can do performances for their parents and guests that visit the school. It will also serve as a place of worship on the weekend for our children that live in our dorm.

2). We need to build a five room preschool/kindergarten. Right now this is being housed in part of the girls side of the dormitory. But now we have many other girls that are needing to come and join the school and they will be using this dormitory space.

3). We would also like to build an outdoor play area for these smaller children.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to accomplish these new goals in 2018?

It is so exciting! More children are wanting to join our school and God is paving ways for these little souls to be impacted with such a great love.. We are working in excellence and the news is spreading. It is such an exciting adventure to be apart of building God's Kingdom on this Earth for His Glory.

Their happiness has now become our BLESSINGS!! When I count my blessings I count you twice!



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

Hoffman Family Foundation Mail-In Donation Form

Leave a Legacy of Love - Donate Today and Start Transforming Lives and Communities. The Hoffman Family Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in the USA and all donations are 100% Tax Deductible. EIN 38-3945350. Please make checks payable to: Hoffman Family Foundation. 100% of your donation goes directly towards the current project we're working on.

Contact Information (* required field)

* First Name:

* Last Name:

* Organization:

* Address:

* City:

* State: * ZIP Code / Country:

* Email Address:

Phone:

Credit Card Information

* Credit Card Type: MasterCard | Visa | AMEX | Discover

* Credit Card Number:

* Expiration Date: Month: Year: * Security Code:

* Donation Amount:

Authorization (Please check appropriate box, sign and date)

- Please find enclosed check as my donation to Hoffman Family Foundation
- I authorize Hoffman Family Foundation to charge my credit / debit card for a one-time donation.

Signed: Date:

Mail to:

Hoffman Family Foundation
 4860 Ward Road
 Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN.



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.



CONNECT WITH US
ON FACEBOOK!

www.facebook.com/hoffmanfamilyfoundation

Our vision is to leave a **legacy of love**,
transforming lives and communities **around the world**.



4860 Ward Road | Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 | 1.303.949.0831

P.O. Box 33197 | Kampala, Uganda

www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co