



# HOPE CENTERS

## for Children of Africa

### October 2015

### Bunia, DR Congo

It all started with the Lord working in and through Furaha, Bisoke and the widows 11 years ago. Former street kids, orphaned at an early age, are now graduating from high school. The widows took them in at a tender age and helped guide them to become responsible young adults. Several orphans teach at Baraka Academy and care for the widows in their homes!

**God's Word in living color; Luke 10:27 He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "**



Thank you for living out His Word in the lives of so many. Today we celebrate 18 months of BCHC working without our financial support. It hasn't been without hardship. It's been a time of making tough decisions. They've had to trim back in some areas. They have made responsible decisions. Today they continue to provide for hundreds of orphans still under their care.

### Bogoro, DR Congo

Just 12 miles southeast of Bunia is the village of Bogoro in the Blue Mountains. Chaplain Emmanuel and Uchama are beginning a new work there. Bogoro was the home of Chaplain Emmanuel. He left Bogoro at the height of the war and is now returning to take on the challenges of orphan and widow care there. Uchama, former secondary headmaster at Baraka Academy, will work along-side Chaplain to ensure a good educational system is in place.



Chaplain and Uchama are pictured working with the local council to build the foundation for a school building. Additional photos show the completed work and students already filling the classroom. The region of Bogoro has a high concentration of orphans. When I last visited the area in 2012, it was estimated that 1200 orphans lived in and around Bogoro. We will cautiously grow the ministry in Bogoro as we continue to expand the work in Luweero and put the finishing touches on BCHC. Through matching funds you can impact



the lives of orphaned children in Bunia, Bogoro and Luweero. **A donor set aside \$7,000 to be matched, dollar for dollar, in the quest to help end the cycle of poverty through education and targeted skills training.**



### Luweero, Uganda

The ministry in Uganda continues to thrive. Three ladies in the micro business grant program completed their loan payments in September. They received \$100 grants. They each paid back \$110 to keep ahead of inflation. We've added an additional \$40 to their grants. Pictured below, the 3 ladies received new grants of \$150. We will monitor their progress to see how well this amount moves individual families towards self-sustainability.

Excitement is growing as the remaining participants eagerly await larger grants. As of October 12, I received news of 5 more participants that paid their grants in full! As soon as I'm able to wire the money, they too will receive their next grant of \$150 each.



Sulayina was able to build a new house from profits of the micro grant. She is relieved to have sturdy walls and a roof that will keep the rain out.



Nakabuka Juliet is a unique lady. When we began the work in Luweero her brother was the chairman of the Local Council. As vice chair, she volunteered to assist us as we began our work. She put in countless hours as we sifted through the selection process of identifying the widows who needed our help the most. Her sister was one of those selected. However, because of a lack of trust in us, she declined to participate in the grant program. Juliet asked if she could receive

the loan instead. We thought about other women who declined to participate because of their lack of trust in us. We decided to give Juliet the grant. She bought more chickens and 2 pigs. Her business thrived. She is building a new chicken coop as she prepares to expand even more. Chickens and pigs, she believes, will become her answer to self-sustainability. Her brother decided not to run for re-election. Juliet filed for the position of Chair. She loves the people and she loves the work we do in this ministry. She is spreading news of the success of this ministry throughout Luweero District. The District Chief visited with our staff and offered his assistance as we move forward.



You may remember Grace. We met her back in January of this year. Her husband had just died and left her with 8 children. We offered Grace a spot in the micro grant program. Grace used her grant to build a new chicken house and purchase more laying hens.



She works for a neighbor tending their cattle during the day. Before our arrival, she only knew a few neighbors. Today she has a whole community that loves her and supports her in prayer and friendship. Thank you!

**Another donor set aside \$5,000 in matching funds for the micro grant program. Double your gift as women rise from sub-standard living conditions. Soon they will no longer have to make a choice of medicine or education. They and their children will have both!**

## The Farm

The farm continues to grow in size and profitability. The wood chipper has been purchased. It will be shipped over to Uganda along with more drip irrigation equipment. A



## Widows helping on the farm

special thanks to the Missions Council in Scottsdale AZ for their help with this project.



## Meal preparation under way

At the end of September Alexa and Jonathan purchased banana seeds for planting. The older, stronger orphans assisted with the planting. *"They're such wonderful kids who work together as one team. I'm proud of them too. It was a rainy day but we managed to finish planting. Our truck is such a strong truck and ends up simplifying everything for us."*

Alexa,  
Director of Operations, Uganda



Banana seeds ready for planting



Finished before the rains started again



“This is Mulema Jonathan our new driver. He`s such a wonderful, humble young man and very hard working person especially while at the farm. He`s holding Max our new dog we bought to keep around for security.”

- Alexa

Thank you for your partnership. Together we are seeing the Lord use your gifts in incredible ways. \$10,000 in matching funds has been set aside for you to double your giving to the General Fund. From this fund we draw the money needed to keep all aspects of the ministry moving forward.

Thank you!

Glenn Mork,  
HCCA Executive Director

## Ways you can help

- Donate to Education/Matching Funds \_\_\_\_\_
- Donate to Micro Grant/Matching Funds \_\_\_\_\_
- Donate to General Fund/Matching Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up to receive prayer requests via email by sending a request to [gmark1@aol.com](mailto:gmark1@aol.com)

Donations can be sent by check to: HCCA, 500 Rudy Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313.

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## How to Help


Please continue to pray for the orphans, the widows, and the staff of Bunia, Bogoro and Luweero, Uganda. Please pray for HCCA as we strive to know the heart of Christ and follow in His footsteps. Your prayers are so vital to this ministry. If you desire to contribute financially, please make checks payable to Hope Centers for Children of Africa, (HCCA) and mail to HCCA, 500 Rudy Lane, Buffalo, MN 55313 or use Paypal if you desire to contribute through that format. Please visit our website at [www.africanhopecenters.org](http://www.africanhopecenters.org). Any questions or comments, call Glenn Mork at 612-310-2395 or email at [HopeCenters4orphans@gmail.com](mailto:HopeCenters4orphans@gmail.com).

Thank you.

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