



HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

June 2013



BARAKA ACADEMY

Many of the orphans have lost more or less of five years in the educational path due to the effects of the war in Ituri district, in Bunia town. Bunia Children's Hope Center (BCHC) evaluates each child selected for the program to determine where their education has reached. Then the child is assigned to the appropriate class where they can handle the material. An excellent school, properly certified by the government of Congo, has been developed by BCHC since September 2005, in Bunia town, near the airport of Bunia, and the school is called "Baraka Academy." Baraka in Swahili means "blessing". The academy provides for nursery, primary and secondary education. The school was created so that the orphan could learn at that school free of charge. As the school began to develop, other families living in the area offered to pay a school fee so their children could attend Baraka Academy. The academy started with just a few students and then, over the next 8 years, increased to 1,313 students. Today there are 42 students in the nursery school, 716 in primary school, (grades 1-6) and 555 students in secondary school, (grades 7-12). Of the 1313 students we have 685 orphans, 113 are children of the staff and 515 are paying school

fees. We have 15 orphans attending another secondary school and we are paying for their school fees. At the time they entered secondary, we did not have the teachers for them so we sent them to other schools. The nursery has three levels: first level is the Baby Class, then the Pre-unity class, and finally the Unity Class. Children pass from the Unity Class to the first grade of the Primary School. The Primary School has students spread across six grades called Standard 1 through Standard 6. Children pass from the standard 6 to the first grade of the secondary school by taking and passing the government test. In the secondary school we have form 1 up to form six. This year is the first time that the students of Baraka Academy in the secondary school will have to present the government test. In years past the students graduated from another secondary school. This is the first year we have been able to offer the complete educational path at Baraka Academy. When they have completed Form six, they will take the government test. If they pass the test, the government will allow them to go to the college or to the university. Baraka Academy continues to grow into an excellent school. That is why since the school started, students from the pre-unity and

the standard six who present the government test, all of them pass. This means each school year when the student of Baraka Academy present the government test, they have 100% success.



This year Baraka Academy has 17 students in the secondary school in form six. They will have to present the government test and we have estimated that all will succeed in passing the government test and they will move on to a college or university. Among the 17 students, 8 are orphans and 11 students are the children who are paying the school fees.

- Furaha



Expression from some of the orphan students at Baraka's Academy from Form Six:



Mave Tumaini: *If I will have the opportunity of going to college I will prefer to go to French department, so when I will finish I will come back and start teaching others at Baraka's Academy.*



Machozi Ngavele: *If I will get the opportunity to go in the college. I will prefer to do Economic and Science administrative.*



If I will have the opportunity to go to college I will be the happiest person in the world, who will have to achieve his dream. I will do Economic and Science.



Kyaligonza Bigogo: *Soon as possible if I will get the opportunity to go to college, I will feel proud because, I will have to go to college like other Congolese children who are leaving here in Bunia.*



Kisebo Bagaya: *I will feel very much okay if I will get a chance of going in college. I will do history*

Need of prayer: Please, keep praying for all the students from the Pre – unity, standard six and form six who will have to present the government test in this month of June 2013. Also keep praying for all of the orphan children at BCHC to achieve their dreams.



-Thanks, Furaha



Kandole Katabuka: *If I will get a chance of going to college, I will take Geography, economy and politics so that I will be able to serve the world and specially my country Congo.*



Heritier Bamunoba. : *If I will get the opportunity to go to college I will go to Geography department,*



Bonebana Amoti: *I will be very happy if I will get a chance of going to college. This will help me to achieve my dream.*

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Please consider donating now to keep the lives and dreams of orphaned children moving forward.

I would like to donate to the:

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An enormous Thank you!!! In our last newsletter, we appealed for your help in raising the necessary funds to increase all micro-loans to \$100. We offered a Matching Funds Campaign in which your gift would be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Through your gracious gifts, we matched the funds and reached our goal! Your gifts will be such a blessing to the widows. As they invest more dollars into their businesses, their profits will increase and because of that you bless the children within their households as well. The widows will have more purchasing power as they go to the various markets to purchase items for their household, and through that, your gifts will bless the entire community!

Earlier this year we received matching funds to begin the college fund. A donor set aside \$5,000 and you matched the funds! We are blessed to have so many donors that have a heart for orphans and widows!

May He richly bless you,
Glenn & Sherry Mork