



Friends of Tusubira,

Finally, we have another update for you! We are so fortunate to get to continue journeying with our friends in Uganda and working together in partnership to care for the communities of Namagera and Kamuli districts. It has been a great year so far, and last month we received the best set of updates on our 22 Tusubira scholars, to date. I'm so excited to share a couple of their stories with you in this newsletter. They are truly remarkable kids, with hopes, dreams, and plans for their futures.

This summer, we are continuing to sell jewelry at local area farmers markets. We are actively seeking volunteers to help grow and expand the jewelry program. If you are interested in spending one Saturday or Sunday per month running a farmers market table and telling folks about our friends in Uganda, we'd love to hear from you. The jewelry sales directly impact both the women of the Namagera community as well as our scholarship students, as we're able to use a portion of the proceeds from the sales towards the scholarship program.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We couldn't do this without you!

With gratitude,

Kate – for the entire Tusubira team

Thank You Lighthouse!

Recently, Tusubira was awarded a grant from Lighthouse Church in Bellevue, Washington. This grant will allow us to grow the scholarship program, allowing more students to attend school, and support our current scholars - including one of our students who is entering college next year! We are so grateful for Lighthouse's generosity. Thank you, Lighthouse!

Updates from Students

These are updates from two of our students, Elizewo and Betty. We asked them to share about their past year as a Tusubira Scholar, and this is what they wrote:

Ndimukika Elizewo, 18 years in senior five at Bright College Nawanende, Kamlui district: Dear Tusubira Sponsors, this is Ndimukika Elizewo a student at Bright College Nawanende under Tusubira Group. I am lucky that you are sponsoring me in my education since 2010 thus from senior four to now in senior five. With this allow me to say greetings to you all. However it is a bonanza for me to have this initiative to write to you and talk to you as Elizewo aged 18 years. Orphan as I am, I am at school now because of you and your thoughts about me, plus the good heart you are having about helpless people like me Elizewo. I am really pleased and impressed with you to an extent that I even thank God because of what you have done for me that I am again at school of which I had dropped out not for my own sake but due to misery in life as orphans are always and helpless due to lack of money. I again thank him for having created you in order to me that now I feel happy always. With much hope in you I am willing to an engineer thought I wished to be a doctor but I was transgraced to engineering because of disturbances in life that I am perturbed with headaches that has caused a decline in my studies thought I wished it not. But I am still sorry that I haven't seen you physically to show you how happy I am for your deeds about me. I am again informing and appealing to you that I will perform better than ever better due to God I know that He has the reason as to why He decided you to help me study and acquire my goal as education is the key to success. So as He decided that he will still give me wisdom and I become brighter than ever before and make my life health as it is supposed to be his name. Allow me to say good bye to you and I leave you in the hands of the Lord to bless you always because you plan for orphans. I remain aspiring engineer Ndimukika Elizewo from Bright College Nawanende, and a Tusubira member.

Mukyala Betty, 20 years old joining Kampala University as a freshman this year: Dear sponsors at Tusubira, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray for all the endeavors to support to support the vulnerable children of Uganda enabling us to access education. I am very grateful dear our beloved sponsors to have been picked among the children of Uganda for your support and I want to praise the mighty God for the golden chance. May the Lord bless you. I started schooling in Busoga Church of Uganda primary school, one of the rural schools in Kamuli, Busoga region where I attained primary leaving certificate where I got Grade II thus from 1997 to 2003. Here I was appointed as a prefect of compound and academics. Good performance could at times help me survive fees payments and it was a blessing when the government introduced Universal Primary Education. I started my secondary Education in 2004 at Bright College Nawanende and hence a chance got me when my uncle was teaching mathematics as a licensed teacher. I went up to senior four in 2007 where I got Grade II in the Uganda Certificate of Education. From there the conditions seemed hard for me to get through because I had no money to either go for a small course or join A-Level. So I had to sit for a year at home a time that became hard for me as a girl to be at home when most of my friends had gone for further studies. While I was home sitted without hopes of going back to school, Mr. Kalulu Robert came home looking to support orphaned children then the chance got me. May the birth of TAGEN and Tusubira in Uganda, Kamuli district, Bugulumbya sub-county, Nawanende Village live to be globalised. I was given sponsorship by this organization and I am proud to have completed senior six in Advance level and now I am admitted to Kampala University in Jinja hoping to join in early August on 15th this very year 2011 for

a diploma course in development studies. I have a strong feeling about education and I feel that's been my way to good life a live and respect I continue to get from the public. I loved development studies as a course to be taken at the above mentioned university because I have learnt that through here I can plan using the little resources available to transform my community and country at large. I love reading novels, making friendships as a sign of kinship. May the almighty Godly father in heaven reward you abundantly. Mukyala Betty.

Board of Directors Changes

We wanted to update you on a couple changes to our board of directors. After three years of tireless work to oversee our Jewelry Project, Suzanne Philen has stepped down from the Tusubira board. We are so grateful for the time and energy that she has given to Tusubira, and will be greatly missed!

On a different note, Sarah Lee will be joining the Tusubira board, effective July of 2011. Sarah was one of the original Tusubira co-founders back in 2006 and we are grateful that she is stepping back on board with us. Sarah currently lives and works in Baltimore, Maryland, doing HIV/AIDS research.

We are currently recruiting to add two additional board members to our team by the end of 2011. If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about becoming a board member, please contact Kate at: kate@wehavehope.org

Volunteers Needed!

These are our current volunteer openings – please contact staff@wehavehope.org if you're interested in volunteering with us!

Jewelry Project Manager

Tusubira Annual Fundraiser Volunteers