



# AFRICAN HEARTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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Dear friends and supporters, warm greetings from African Hearts Community Organization. It is always a pleasure to share the latest happenings at African Hearts. Please take your time again and catch up with our world.

## ► Slums



The program is going on well as usual. We have treated several boys as well as feeding them and treating the simple wounds that we can. One of the biggest challenges children in the slums have always faced over time is access to toilets. Since they do not have a home, they basically have no toilets, and public toilets are expensive for them. Often times they have to ask us for money so that they can pay in public toilets. Against this background, we have shared this need with the leaders in the community, and the response is that they have no money, but they would give African Hearts permission if we wanted to put public toilets on the community hall that they gave us. In my last talk with the area leader, he allowed us to build these toilets so now we are looking for funds to pay for this project.



We have also identified a few children like Ibra who might be suitable for our home in Ssege. We just need the right paper work to be done. Please pray for this process.

## ► School

The first school term ended with a parents/guardians meeting where we exchanged views on the proper running of the school. It was so refreshing to see all the parents and the community owning the school and planning for its excellence. We have closed with a total population of 600 hundred children. We are so grateful to everyone who supports us in sponsoring a child. You are not only helping them to get knowledge, but knowledge with an eternal perspective. Our dream is to transform Uganda for the glory of God through education.



Dormitory/ Vocational Center construction first phase is on the final touches. We believe God for funds to start on the second phase. This will help a great deal in bringing in paying children in order for us to sustain the school and other ministry programs.



## ► Homes



All the Ssenge Home children and secondary students are on holiday. Serious structures have been put in place including house chores, quiet time/devotions, school holiday work, music training, and playing among other things. We hope to use this holiday to really pour into the lives of these young men and children. Our cow just gave birth to a new calf and we are all excited to have milk at our convenience and also make some money from the surplus.

## ► Success Story

This update features a young man called Ssenyange Edwin, commonly known as Eddie. Eddie joined African Hearts in 2005. Since then he has been supported by African Hearts through various programs including school, music, a bit of mechanics and home agriculture, as well as discipleship. Eddie is a natural social worker because of the desire God has given him to serve other people. He is now living independently and working full time but he always keeps in touch with us and helps with some work at African Hearts whenever needed. In his words he says, "This is how I give back to the ministry that raised me." We are proud of Eddie!



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### ► PRAYER REQUESTS

- God's wisdom and protection for us and our children
- That we and all our children shall grow to know Jesus and get closer to Him everyday
- Funds for:
  - Launching our Dormitory/Vocational Centre Phase 2 construction
  - Car for office for our African Hearts staff. A car would ease work but also reduce risks of accidents and being robbed. Many people have died in Uganda if thieves suspect that they are carrying money. A car is needed for safe travel.
  - Slum toilet, plates, cups, buckets, medical supplies, saucepans
  - Growing our own food for sustainability
- Please pray for the health of my wife Sandra and for Junior and all the staff and children we serve.

***"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."***

Philippians 4:19