

Saving Life in Uganda



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Dear Lee,

Greetings in the name of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ!

The ministry of Juna Amagara is thriving here in Uganda with record numbers of children in our schools and new buildings rising out of the ground. We are thrilled to see so many visitors from America this summer. There are many familiar faces and we've made new friends too.

One of very best experiences for me is witnessing **the first time a sponsored child meets his or her sponsor**. It's difficult to convey the way a vulnerable, forgotten child feels when they first learn that a sponsor in America has chosen them; that someone, somewhere out there, cares for them. Suddenly they feel they are not forgotten anymore. God is watching over them. This knowledge is a powerful and

sustaining joy. Over the years, many letters and photographs may be exchanged through which both sponsor and sponsored child learn bits of information about each other.

And then, one day, the real person shows up.

The child now knows – my sponsor is a real, living person who loves me. The sponsor now knows – this child is happy and healthy, being cared for and educated because of my support, being raised by caring intentional people in the love of Jesus.

It is possible that a person's own children can never appreciate mom and dad in the same way that an orphan child appreciates his or her sponsor; gratitude and sustaining hope rooted in love and the chance at life they have been given in the face of tremendous poverty and adversity. That is the miracle of Juna Amagara Ministries.

We thank you so much. It is our hope and prayer that you will consider coming to visit us in Uganda and meet your grateful child.

In His Name,

Herbert Ainamani
Managing Director



Dormitories Nearing Completion

The new dormitory for 150 male students at Kishanje Highlands High School is ready for occupancy!

The building is now complete and the very last amenity, the latrine, is very near completion.

The dormitory will be dedicated as a part of the school's **Tenth Year Anniversary** of Kishanje Highlands High School in October. Our many thanks go out to the many generous donors whose gifts made the building of this dormitory possible.



The growth at Mary Cox Primary School continues at a robust rate. A new dormitory for 150 female students is almost complete. The girls will soon move in, which will free up the much-needed classrooms for teaching. Next up is the boys' dormitory at Mary Cox, due for completion this year.

Praise the Lord for his faithfulness in seeing these projects through!

American Missionaries Arrive to Uplift and Encourage



A mission team from [Village Bible Church](#) arrived in Uganda with a singular goal in mind:

Led by Kate Duff, they were determined to **connect with all 132 children** sponsored by VBC families.

The trip was an opportunity to provide encouragement to all of the children, staff and guardians at two locations. They danced with the kids, provided sponsored gifts (purchased locally) and distributed over 600 hand-sewn dresses donated by Dresses for Orphans. **“These are completely free,”** they told the children. **“Just like the gift of salvation that comes from Jesus Christ.”**

They met with more than 100 guardians in Kishanje Village and held staff appreciation dinners. “Overall,” Kate shared, “We see great things happening at Juna Amagara. Our hearts are with these precious children, their guardians and the Juna Amagara staff.”

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the complete report.



Sponsorship Rate to Increase in 2019





Did you know that it has been nearly ten years since we last raised the sponsorship rate for children in Juna Amagara?

During this time, the Uganda shilling has lost nearly half of its value. Costs have risen dramatically – encompassing everything from school fees to building materials, from food to transportation and more.

At the same time, our population of children is getting older, which means... they eat more. A lot more! You should see these growing children pack it away. This is what is required to grow up healthy and strong, in body and mind.

After taking these considerations to prayer and discussion, the U.S. Board of Directors has decided that the time has come to raise the sponsorship rate to \$40.00 per month or \$480.00 per year.

New sponsorships will begin at this new rate effective in August. Sponsors who pay annually in 2018 will not be expected to adjust to the new rate until their anniversary date in 2019. You will see several letters between now and the end of the year announcing the change and offering instructions about how to update your account.

We pray this change is not a great burden on anyone. If it is, or if you have questions, [please contact Clara Leonard](#).

Our goal is to facilitate the ongoing precious relationship you have with your sponsored child until he or she has grown to be a spectacular adult. We thank you for understanding.

The 2018 Wish List is Complete!

Every year, we share with Juna Amagara friends a list of critical needs.

These lists are carefully thought through and prayed over, consisting of items that would bless and improve our ministry to the children of Uganda.

So far, every list published since we started in 2014 has been completely funded by the generosity of Juna Amagara supporters like yourself.

This year's list includes classroom construction in Mbarara, support for ABIDE, support for medical ministries and more.

To see the complete list, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Celebrating Support by Amazing Mission Churches



Juna Amagara would not be the vibrant Christian ministry it is today without the ongoing and faithful support of caring churches and congregations throughout America.

In particular, we wish to express our appreciation for the deep and continuing involvement from the following churches:

[First Presbyterian Glen Ellyn IL](#) was the birth church for Juna Amagara. Members there continue to sponsor children and welcome ministry leaders into their family.

[First Presbyterian of Corpus Christi TX](#), which just celebrated its 150th year of ministry, was our first church relationship in Texas and has since been the anchor point for several other churches in the area.

[Crosswalk Fellowship](#) of Delavan, IL has been at the center of several interconnecting ministries including Juna Amagara for more than 10 years. They operate their own version of our ABIDE program there.

[Village Bible Church](#) of Sugar Grove, IL has the largest single population of child sponsors in the nation. They send teams to Uganda every year to build great relationships between the church, the children and staff.

[Cuyahoga Valley Church](#) of Cleveland, OH is the birthplace of Ride Amagara, an

annual week-long bike trek through the Allegheny Mountains that raises funds for Juna Amagara.

[Carolinas Cornerstone Church](#) of Ft. Mill, SC is deeply involved with the ministry with child sponsorships, evangelism outreach, medical support and capital development. Partners there have brought three other churches in to continue and grow the work.

[Willow Creek Community Church](#) of Barrington, IL does not support JAM directly, but many members do – sharing their time, talents and treasures across the ministry.

[Amelia Baptist Church](#) Amelia Island, FL supports our medical ministries every year with donations from their Kingdom Trust.

There are many others – *more than 50 in all in the U.S.*

**The children say special prayers for each and every one, thanking them...
thanking you... for your love and generosity.**

Thank you for your continued support of Juna Amagara Ministries. May God bless your life for caring about vulnerable children!

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"If we had the resources, we could take ALL the children." - Herbert Ainamani



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