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Press Toward the Mark...

Our school theme for 2019 is from Philippians 3:14. In my last letter, I featured the stories of two of our orphans, Ekeu Vincent and Acipa Josephine. They are both teenagers, but because they struggle academically, they only just finished primary school (elementary school) this year. In my last letter, I asked you to pray for them to pass the National Primary Leaving Exam (PLE) that all pupils have to take upon completing primary school. We are all praising the Lord for His mercy! They both passed! Everyone, including Vincent and Josephine, acknowledge that this was a miracle—all glory to God! Thank you for praying! Now they are ready to “Press Toward the Mark” God has for them in 2019.

Josephine was borderline and passed by one point. (She made the lowest score our school has ever had, but she passed!) Josephine has always wanted to study tailoring so please pray for us as we try to find a course of study for her. Most vocational schools require students to have at least completed level 4 of secondary school before they accept them. We have to find options for P7 leavers who have not had secondary. Josephine does not have the academic ability for secondary. Josephine will be staying in our girls’ dorm to help our girls’ matron as we look for a course she can take in tailoring—perhaps as an apprentice to a tailor.

Vincent’s score was higher than Josephine’s, but not so good. He wants to try secondary school. He will have more options if he is able to pass secondary school and at least finish level 4. But secondary school in Uganda is very hard to pass and he is not gifted academically. We have had another orphan who had to drop out of secondary and try a vocational course. Vincent will be on probation to try first term. If he fails, we will look for vocational options for him.

Although not gifted academically, Josephine and Vincent are fine Christian young people. During this past long holiday before the new 2019 school year, our teenage orphans were able to attend some Christian youth conferences. Our 2019 school year begins the first Monday in February. We have added eight new orphans, and I will introduce them to you in my next prayer letter. Also we had some of our orphans take the leaving exam for secondary level 4 and some others took the exam for secondary level 6. We do not have those results yet, but I should be able to update you in my next letter. Thank you for your prayers!

....For the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus!

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