

# Ugandan Orphanage Relief Fund

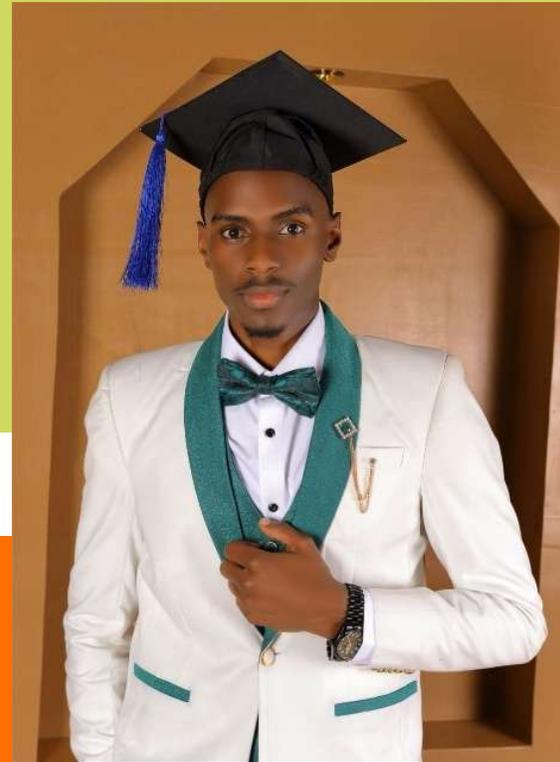
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## January Interviews

The Ugandan school year starts in late January. It is a great opportunity for me to travel to Uganda and meet with each student. I love to ask them about their holiday time with family, their anticipation of the new school year, share a letter from their sponsor, and ask them to write a letter back to their sponsor. January, 2026 is a little different. Uganda had Presidential elections in January and that can involve some unrest. We were advised not to travel to Uganda during this time and we have not planned any team trips for the Spring of 2026. Elections took place last week, our staff and all our kids are safe. We are so thankful for that! If you sponsor a child through UORF, even though in person interviews will not be done, you will soon be receiving an update on your child. Thank you to each of our sponsors and supporters for your continued faithful support.

Val Persenaire

**Each month when food items are delivered to homes, our staff takes the opportunity to have Bible studies with the children. There is a time to learn & reflect on Gods work, apply it to daily life, and pray together in thankfulness for provisions received. Thank you to our supporters for providing this daily bread—for body and soul!**



## Edrine's graduation

Edrine has been supported by UORF since the age of 6, when his father drowned in Lake Victoria. He graduated from Nkumba University, and had this message for UORF.

*You did more than just support my education, you shaped my life, gave me purpose, and built a foundation that will forever guide me. I am proud to be one of the many lives that UORF has transformed through kindness and dedication.*

*May God richly bless you all for the hearts that give, care, and uplift others. Thank you for everything you have done for me and my brother.*

*With heartfelt appreciation,*

*Ssenkubuge Edrine*

# 2025 UORF Ministry Wrap-up

## January—Back to school with school supplies

The Ugandan school year starts in late January. Once again all UORF students were blessed with a school supply packet lovingly put together by volunteers from Emmanuel CRC in Sauk Village, IL.

## March—I2U

Illiana Christian High School's Mission team joined Rick & Val Persenaire and Jeff DeYoung for 10 days in Uganda. The team spent 2 days at Ebenezer Home in Katosi, interacting with the kids and helping to install fencing around the compound. One day was spent at Wakiso Crisis Pregnancy Center where the students met and talked with each of the girls. Bins of baby clothes, supplies, and gifts were shared.

## May—Spring Fling fundraising dinner

A time for hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream, but more importantly great fellowship. Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants.

## June—The gift of a Bible

Bethel CRC Lansing's VBS kids brought in their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, raising \$800 for UORF! This money purchased Bibles for our children. What a wonderful gift for each of our kids to possess their own Bible to read and treasure.

## Graduation

The end of the school year brought graduation time. This year UORF had 5 vocational graduates who are ready to pursue careers in agriculture, plumbing, catering, fashion, and auto mechanics. Two of our students graduated from University, for Business Administration and teaching. Please pray for these young people, that they may continue to be strong in their faith and become the future leaders in their Ugandan churches.



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