



# Shepherd's Love

Newsletter - November 2013

**TWINOMUJUNI**  
Twinomujuni Orphanage, Kabale, Uganda

(Pronounced Twin **ohm** zhu nee)

## Shepherd's Love

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October 2013—Surrounded by Love!!!

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## What's New at Twinomujuni

by April Dobbs

The building of the new dormitory is almost complete. The first floor is complete and the school boys who board during the school months are moved in. As soon as the second story is completed—a matter of a few more weeks, the school girl boarders will be moved in and our kids will have their home back to themselves for the first time in five years! It will be freshly painted and they will be able to keep it clean, have pictures on the wall that will stay, and be a family unto themselves. We have waited a long time for this and give a big “thank you!” to Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena and to the Resurrection Run in Sacramento who were the major contributors to this project.



The building of the new dormitory—from this November 2012



To this (January 2013)



To this— October 2013—and all done by hand!





The school boys who board during school months are now moved in to the ground floor. They are in one half, the other half will be used for classrooms. Soon, the girls will be moved in upstairs.



The Twinomujuni boys get their own space back. No more beds stacked in threes! No more leaves stuffed down the toilets by kids from deep villages who have never had indoor plumbing. Pictures will stay on the walls. The boys can take pride in their home.

## Graduations and Confirmations



Ven. David Rurihoona—Bachelor's of Divinity



"Kindergtrten" to Primary School— Three of our kids, Barbara, Mariam and Prossy were among the graduates



Thirty one children from the Children's Home and the School were Confirmed. Among them, Elizabeth, Ruth, Daphine, Mosiko Isaac, and Arinda Isaac. Bishop George Katesiwgye celebrated.

## Facts of Life

### **Malaria**—a Clear and Present Danger in Africa



Staff noticed Rickey was feeling warm and was lethargic.



A trip to the clinic confirmed he had malaria



He is given several injections and kept for observation in the “admitting room” at the clinic.



A couple days later—back to his old self. In this picture I had just stopped him from chasing one of the little girls. The total cost for his treatment—about 50,000 Uganda Schillings or about \$20.00. Three thousand children PER DAY in Africa are not so fortunate, and die.

**Sponsors are always needed for the children.** You can look on the web page to see their pictures ([www.shepherdslove.com](http://www.shepherdslove.com)) The kids pray daily for their sponsors. I cannot tell you how much they love and appreciate the people who, without ever actually meeting them, are willing to send the money every month to help them to survive. If you are not currently sponsoring a child, please consider it. The cost of \$50.00/month helps to pay for all their needs—food, shelter, medical attention, academic and religious education, clothing, recreational activities and, most important of all, a loving family environment. If they were not at Twinomujuni, they would be either on the streets or living as second-class family members with already over-burdened relatives. There is a form on page 5 to fill out and send in if you can be a sponsor, or if you would like to make a donation of any amount.



## What It Is Like to Meet Your Sponsored Child

### Halina Muller

Here are my first experiences of meeting Daphine.

Meeting Daphine was an amazing experience. She is very tall and has a beautiful smile. When we were passing out shoes to all of the children, Daphine couldn't find any her size. I felt bad that she couldn't find any shoes, so I bought her some and they fit! She was very grateful. She also enjoyed the dresses I got for her.

When the children sang, she was one of the leaders. She would sing out with a very strong voice. She has an amazing voice. Not only that, but she was also one of my piano students and learned very quickly.

One day she walked up to me and gave me a hug. I knew that was a big step for her because I know she had a mother who has mental issues and used to beat her. She also smiled a lot like she never used to do. I hope I can see her again someday.



Halina with Daphine



Judy with Moreen

Meeting Moreen for the First Time  
Judy Saxelby

The moment has arrived! At last I am at Twinomujuni Orphanage in Kabale, Uganda and about to meet the girl Fred and I have sponsored for ten months. Her name is Moreen and she is eight years old. I have imagined this moment; anticipating her response to meeting me and opening the gifts I am bringing. Eagerly I scan the group of expectant children's faces looking for our little princess. There she is. I easily recognize her from the snapshot April gave me months earlier. She shyly glances at me and then quickly looks away. Mama Emily, the orphanage director, calls her to come, speaking to her in Rugika, her native language. Obediently she comes forward and curtsies, but still does not look at me directly. My heart melts! I hold back my emotions and give her a brief hug! There will be opportunity for bigger hugs later on. The gifts are ready to open. She is ready too! Two new dresses are just the right size. Then she sees the black curly haired doll; her beautiful face lights up with a big smile! Her eyes shine brightly and I am further captivated by this Mugika with her expressive face, round flashing eyes and wide smile. Without saying a word she checks out the pictures of my white skinned, blue eyed, blond haired grand daughters. I wonder what she is thinking. I must go now but I am looking forward to many more times together with Moreen during the month I will be in Kabale.

## Fun with Our Kids



Judy does the Hokey Pokey with the kids



We take the kids swimming



Birthday Party for all the kids. We don't know many of their birthdays so just one big party a couple times a year!

## New Child at Twinomujuni



Owen

Owen was brought to our attention by the local Probation Officer (which in Uganda is sort of like a Child Protection worker).

Owen is about 12 years old. His father died and his mother remarried. In Uganda, children are not normally brought into blended family situations. When the mother remarried, Owen was no longer welcome in the home. He was found living in the goat pen of a relative who also would not allow him in the house. He was starving. He was noticed by neighbors who brought him some food and notified the authorities. They, in turn, asked us to take him.

Owen is now a member of the Twinomujuni Children's Home family, and he needs a sponsor.





Cheering for Roseville Preparatory School in a soccer match. We won 3-1



Visiting nurse gives polio vaccine



Halina gives music lessons to Daphine and Elizabeth.



Sharon has an abscessed tooth pulled.



Getting height and weight for the kids. This is Prize.



Showing the kids how to take "selfies." This is me and Elizabeth.

**To make a tax-deductible contribution to Shepherd's Love:**

- ☐ I would like to make a donation to Shepherd's Love. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ I would like to sponsor a child for \$50.00 per month. (*Contact Shepherd's Love if you have questions about child sponsorship*)
- ☐ I would like to make a monthly pledge to Shepherd's Love in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_.

By automatic monthly withdrawal on my credit card ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** My first check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (You will be mailed a receipt each month)

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I am interested in information regarding future mission trips to Twinomujuni Children's Home.

*100% of all contributions go directly to build and operate Twinomujuni Children's Home*

*Shepherd's Love does not share or sell addresses or personal information of supporters*

**Always needed**

**Ongoing Monthly Pledges of Any Amount—**

These are what will keep the orphanage operating into the future.

**To donate specifically to the building fund or the education fund,  
just specify that in the memo section of your check.**



**Recycle for Twinomujuni Children's Home!**

Save your aluminum cans and plastic bottles for the orphans. Rick will be happy to pick them up from you on Mondays (if you live in the Sacramento/Placer County area). Just save the cans and bottles, and when you have a full trash bag of them, call Rick (916-212-7747) and he'll come pick them up and take them to the recycling center.

*"Religion that is pure and  
undefiled before God  
and the Father is this:  
to visit orphans and widows  
in their affliction, and to keep oneself  
unstained from the world."*

James 1:27, RSV

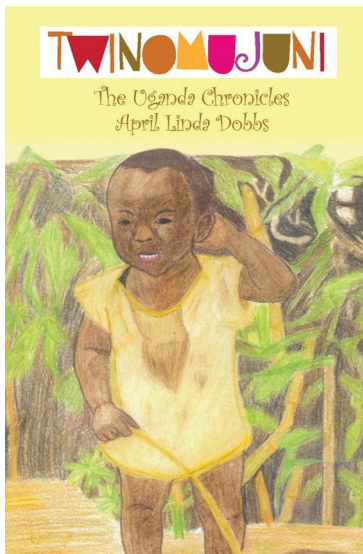


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### **Available now!!**

Read the entire story of the founding and building of Twinomujuni Children's Home from the unfolding of the dream to the dedication of the building. The book is available for a donation of \$20.00 or more (includes shipping) to Shepherd's Love. The book includes dozens of pictures. You can make a donation and request the book on our website, [www.shepherdslove.com](http://www.shepherdslove.com).

**"Twinomujuni: The Uganda Chronicles" is now available as an e-book on Amazon & Barnes & Noble. If you don't want to type in "Twinomujuni," you can just put in my name (April Dobbs). Easier!**

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