



Shepherd's Love

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Twinomujuni Orphanage, Kabale, Uganda

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(not pictured is Lillian Kalyuzhnyy.)

What's New at Twinomujuni

by April Dobbs

This August, we are so excited to have 6 people accompanying us. These six women (pictured above) all bring special gifts and talents they are eager to share with the children. We are looking forward to travelling with them and sharing with them our love for Uganda and especially the children of Twinomujuni Children's Home and our Ugandan family in Kabale.

Andrea and Kimberly are students at Epic Bible College. They also have a non-profit called Beyond the Brush. Their mission statement:

We are a community of local Christian artists who donate God inspired pieces to further the gospel and bring hope to the nations. We hold events and presentations selling art pieces to raise funds for various needs around the world. Once our predetermined goal is reached we will personally deliver the offering to the community in short term mission trips.

Julia wrote: Our family consists of four people, **Lyudmila**, our mom, and her three daughters: **Julia, Lillian, and Diana**. Lyudmila is a Ukrainian refugee now living in the states for 22 years. She came over here for religious freedom and instilled the love for God and a passion for service in her three daughters. Julia (21 years old) is the oldest, currently going to Sac State for her business degree and will then go for her teaching credential. Lillian (20 years old) is living, independently might I add, in Texas working on her Nursing degree. Diana (19 years old) is attending Thrive Leadership School at Bayside of Granite Bay with units from Azusa Pacific University Online. She is currently the leader of the high school worship team. Diana and Lilly are both musicians who love to jam on guitars and their keyboards over Skype. We love music and spending our time admiring the outdoors. We all feel called to serve not only in our communities, but overseas as well. We know this is something God wants us to do so we are all stepping out in faith and following.

We have been blessed in the past to have volunteers go to Kabale to visit the Children's Home in various capacities. First to go was Katie Gabler, a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sacramento who felt led to go actually help with the physical building of the orphanage in 2008. She stayed for a whole month during which time she carried rocks, assisted the builders in various ways, and also got to meet many local people and attend cultural events while she was there. She is still remembered by

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the people of Kabale. Next, in 2009, was Breeana Warner (now Cazel) who was member of St. John's Episcopal Church's youth group. Breeana brought with her toys and games to share with the children. She helped by playing with the children, teaching them some games, serving them snacks and whatever she could do to interact with the kids. She also got to experience a five day period of no power and water and never complained. Later in 2009, Joe Ross, who was at the time the Youth Group Director for the St. John's youth group, and his son, Rickey, came with us to Uganda for Christmas. That was quite an experience for us all as Rick and I had never been there for Christmas either. It was also wonderful in that Joe is our son and Rickey our grandson, and sharing that experience with them was very emotional. We brought the kids stockings supplied by their sponsors. For 100% of the children, it was the first Christmas gifts they had ever received.

Joe went with Rev. David early one morning to see where the street orphans spend their time. He filmed a heart-wrenching video of the town slaughter yard. The cattle that would be sold in the town market that day were being killed. Their throats are slit, and the blood is drained into jerry cans. But a lot of the blood spills out into the dirt. This spilled blood is sopped up by the street kids with dirty rags they get from the garbage dumps, and that blood is sometimes all they have to eat that day. Seeing that video affects me just as strongly no matter how many times I see it.

Joe was able to speak to several youth groups there in Kabale, we attended a Baptism of a family member, and visited the Uganda Martyr's Shrine, also a very moving experience. And, of course, we went to the Children's Home almost daily to play with the kids.

The people of Kabale, and especially the children at the orphanage, are excited and honored every time someone from the U.S. comes to visit them and shows they are cared for by people around the world.

If you are interested in visiting the Children's Home with us, please let us know. It takes some time to prepare for a trip like that. We typically go every August, but if enough people were interested in going at another time of the year, we could work with that. **Come join us!!**



Sherri Reese & I give prizes to the winners

The Resurrection Run is a project of Koinonia Sport and Fitness. Proceeds help support Twinomujuni Children's Home. It is held the day before Easter and is a fun family event including activities for the kids and a raffle. Last year the donations from Koinonia built the wall around the compound. Thank you Koinonia Sports and Fitness!

We are already looking for sponsors for next year's Run. If you have a business or know someone who does, and would like to help support the orphanage by making a donation of either cash or a raffle item, please contact Sherri Reese at the website below or contact me, April Dobbs at office@shepherdslove.com. Sherri will put your name or business name on the tee shirt given out to all runners.

Check out their web site at www.kfitness.org.

Grace Episcopal Church St. Helena Estate Sale

is a project of the GO (Global Outreach) Committee at Grace Church traditionally held in May. It has become a major community event. Rick and I helped to set up the day before. It is so well organized! Everyone had a job, everything was planned in advance. We were amazed when we returned the next day for the actual sale. It opened at 09:00 and people were lined up for a block down the street waiting for it to open! It stayed crowded all day long. Rick and I contributed to the proceeds by finding a couple of things we couldn't live with out. I sincerely hope you will all attend next year. The drive to St. Helena is beautiful. The sale is really fun especially for people who love to find a good deal.

Last year some of the proceeds purchased a water collection tank and finished tiling the floors in Twinomujuni Children's Home, this year's contribution paid to buy the additional land we needed to build the permanent school building. Thank you, Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena!



The Estate Sale Side



The "Garage Sale" Side

Isaac's Story



We first met Isaac Ayobare in 2007. He is shown here with his mother, Janet, in front of their home. Their home is a small mud hut about 12 feet square divided into a front and back room. The walls are crumbling and inside are a couple of grass mats for sleeping and some blankets and cooking pots. Not much else. Outside is a latrine, a small cooking lean-to, and a small vegetable garden. Isaac, his mother and two sisters live here. Janet is a widow. None of them had shoes until Isaac was given a school uniform and shoes provided by a sponsor who also paid his school fees. At 18 years of age, Isaac would be starting at the fifth grade level. He proudly showed us his shoes and uniform and told us how happy he was to be able to go to school. Up to this point, he had been trying to provide for his family by walking the surrounding hills to find pieces of charcoal dropped by others which he would sell. He probably earned about 50 cents per day that way. When we visited, Janet was doing laundry in a piece of a truck tire she had salvaged from somewhere.

Isaac was born with severe kyphosis and scoliosis. As a result, he is only about 4 foot 10 inches tall, has a large hump on his back and had two extra ribs which caused his chest to protrude unnaturally.

Several times, Rev. David “had a feeling” he needed to go visit Isaac. The first time, he found Isaac near death from malaria. Rev. David took him to the hospital where he was successfully treated for the malaria. The next time, in 2009, he found Isaac lying helpless in his home. The kyfosis/scoliosis had progressed to the point where he had lost the use of his legs. He could no longer collect charcoal, or even get to the latrine by himself. His mother was trying to care for him by herself. We made the decision to bring him to the orphanage and get him a wheelchair. He was much better off there, and eventually we were able to arrange to have surgery for him which restored the use of his legs. Next, we were able to get him into a tailoring school. Last year when we were there, Isaac came by the house on his way home for school holiday. He proudly showed us a skirt he had made for his mother.

Just this month, he graduated from tailor's school. He will now be able to be gainfully employed, help his family and feel proud of himself as a man.

Without help of sponsors through Shepherd's Love, he would most likely not be alive today.

Thank you!!!!



Isaac in 2009



Isaac at his graduation

Sponsors are always needed for the children. You can look on the web page to see their pictures (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.

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, just specify that in the memo section of your check.

Wish List

The next project will be to purchase another piece of land adjacent to the compound and begin building the permanent school buildings. The land is available right now and will cost about \$12,000.00. It is a large piece of land almost as large as the original piece the orphanage is built on. Then, the building of a two-story building with permanent (brick instead of the ones in the picture below) classrooms for several hundred students and a dormitory for the boarding students will cost an estimated \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 depending on exchange rates and inflation at the time we can actually build, so we would appreciate your prayers for a miracle of funding to come through for this. Some immediate needs not covered by the regular monthly budget are:

A duplicating/copy machine: \$1,000.00

Two sewing machines to begin tailoring classes for the children: \$500.00 (\$250.00 each)

Our school, even with the temporary rooms, has an excellent reputation in the entire area now. We have students coming from other areas of the country to attend. While we were there, the results of some of the local students' testing was published in the newspaper. This is standard practice there. Our students placed very high, along with the students from the most established and respected schools in the area.

With a good, permanent structure and dorm for the boarding students, the school could become the major source of income for the orphanage. Our ultimate goal is for the orphanage to be entirely self-supporting.



Our current temporary classrooms have cement floors and metal roofing, but the walls are split logs. (The taller, two-story building in the background is Trinity College next door)



Plans for a two story school that will accommodate grades nursery (kindergarten) through P7 (seventh grade) - about 300 students.

Estimates to begin the building of the new school (at current exchange rates)

Property:

~~\$12,000.00~~ Provided by Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena

Foundation and ground slab: \$14,000.00

Walls and second floor slab: \$17,000.000

Roofing: \$12,000.00

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

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If you have glasses you can no longer use, any prescription or just reading glasses, they are always welcome in Kabale. Please call us if you would like to send them with us, we will make arrangements to get them from you. We can also use protective goggles to give to the people who work breaking up rocks in the hills.

*"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



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.

All proceeds will go directly to the Orphanage.

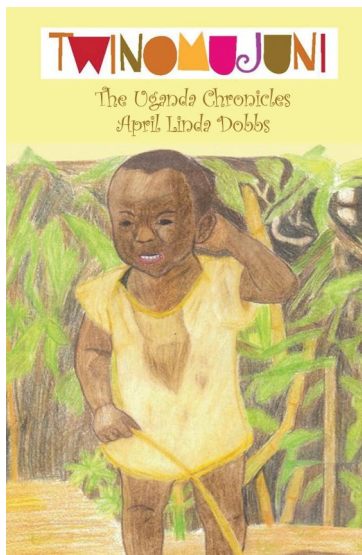


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Available now!!

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.

"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!

If you have read and hopefully enjoyed the book, please go to Amazon.com and do a review!! It may help someone else decide to buy it and read it. Thank you!