



Shepherd's Love

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TWINOMUJUNI
Twinomujuni Orphanage, Kabale, Uganda

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P7 Graduates from Roseville Preparatory School Celebrate at Twinomujuni Children's Home. Our school has a very good reputation and is outgrowing itself. Please see the plans for a much needed new building on page 4.



Prossy helps distribute food to needy People in the community at Christmas. All extra Christmas donations went for the Twinomujuni children to distribute food in the community to those who are too poor to feed themselves.

What's New at Twinomujuni

by April Dobbs

We accomplished so much in the 6 weeks we were in Kabale last August/September that not a lot has seemed to happen since then. We began almost immediately after our return planning for the winter fund-raising activities which consist of attending as many Holiday boutique/craft fairs as possible with the beautiful baskets and jewelry we bring back from Uganda. These items bring in some funds and also help us to get out the word about the Children's Home and School. They make wonderful gifts and help the people who crafted the items as well as the orphans.

Now is the spring fund-raising season. Next on the agenda is the Resurrection Run which will be held on April 7, the day before Easter at Glen Hall Park in Sacramento. This race is hosted by Koinonia Sports and Fitness Association in Sacramento. See the flier on page 6. The proceeds from that race over the last several years paid for the security wall around the Twinomujuni compound.

In May will be the giant Estate Sale at Grace Episcopal Church in St. Helena. It is amazing and definitely worth the 90 minute drive (through beautiful country) to get there and check it out. Last year, the parish hall where it is held looked like a large, upscale antique store. The portion of the proceeds given to Shepherd's Love from this sale paid for the tiling of most of the inside of the Children's Home and a giant water collection tank.

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In July we will have our fireworks booth. Last year we had a wonderful crew of volunteers who helped us put \$5000.00 into the account to help with monthly expenses. At the moment, we send \$2500.00 per month for operations. I would like to be able to increase that to \$3000.00 since we just accepted three new children and prices go up in Uganda just like they do here.

Then, in August, we will be going back to Uganda for the entire month.

We would love to have people join us there, to meet the children, meet people in the community and just get a feel for what Uganda is like. In order to go you need a valid passport, a yellow fever immunization (and whatever other immunizations you might choose to get), a prescription for anti-malarial medication to take while you are there, and airfare (usually about \$2200.00 round trip) plus an extra \$500.00 spending money for transportation expenses while there, souvenirs etc. You can stay for free with a family, or, if you prefer privacy, you can get a fairly good room for about \$40.00 per night. **If you are interested in going, please give me a call as soon as possible.** We will be going on August 1 returning on September 1. You do not have to stay the entire time.

Deaf and dumb girl abandoned in hospital

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I have included an article below from a Ugandan newspaper, the New Vision, to let you see the types of situations that happen to orphaned children in Uganda. As you can see, a Good Samaritan did help her, and the hospital staff and social workers are trying to help her, but the needs are great, and multiply this situation times many thousands of children abandoned due to disabilities (like our own Prossy), and you begin to get a clearer picture. I would love to be able to offer help to this girl!!

By Gladys Kalibbala

Blessing Namara, aged 13 is both deaf and dumb and gives a sweet smile that shows very white teeth when you approach her hospital bed. Unfortunately, behind her charming smile hides the misery of a teenage girl who was abandoned at the reception desk of CoRSU hospital, Kisubi on January 15 this year. An unidentified woman reportedly from Mubende district said she was only helping the orphaned girl when she brought her to the hospital. Sadly before the administration at CoRSU concluded how she could be helped, the woman vanished leaving her behind.

For years, Namara has been moving on her knees and hands because of disabilities in her legs and her hands. With that much friction over time, her limbs have visibly become rough.

Operation

According to Irene Nabalamba, the Public Relations & Program Development Officer at CoRSU, Namara was recently operated on and it is hoped she will be able to walk in the near future.

"Namara is deaf and dumb and she also had severe bilateral clubfoot which had never been treated before since her birth," Nabalamba explained. She added that communication with her is very difficult. "She cannot even speak in sign language and has not been able to direct anyone to where her home could be," Nabalamba noted. The Hospital has approached several children's organizations looking after abandoned children but because she is physically disabled and above 10 years, no organization is willing to take her. Other organizations reasoned that, at 13 years, "she is too big".

The Sister of Providence Home Nkokonjeru has agreed to take her in but says she can only provide accommodation. Namara will have to be taken to a Special Needs school like Bishop Brown in Mukono for a start and later on to Ntinda School for the Deaf for her primary education. This all requires money to pay for school fees, scholastic materials and other basic needs, besides she will need to see an ENT and a speech specialist to examine why she cannot hear or talk. "All this will cost money and that's why she needs people who can stand by her during this trying time." Nabalamba noted that education is the only way to help her become self-reliant after being abandoned by her family. According to her, there is need to establish whether Namara can be able to hear or not and asks well-wishers to come forward and take her to ENT professionals. "That's why we are appealing to Good Samaritans to come to her aid and take her to school for the deaf," Nabalamba appealed.

Interest in drawings

Namara spends time making drawings she copies from the TOTO Magazine pull-out of the *New Vision* paper. "She seems to be a bright child but since none of us can communicate with her, we cannot tell whether she has ever been to school or not," explained Nabalamba, adding that the girl is clean and that she used to bath and wash her clothes before the operation.

Nabalamba calls upon government and other actors to come out and help provide free medical care, special needs education and other basic necessities to children with disability. "Such is the plight of children with disabilities. Many parents abandon them in different places like hospitals, villages and other places where many times they are left to die off," she observes. She acknowledges that with good care, such children can also grow up into productive adults. "Parents should not abandon children with disability. They should instead stand by them as they mature into responsible adults," Nabalamba concludes.





Miriam

Miriam's parents are sick and homeless and have several older children to feed. Miriam is probably about 3 years old.



Edith

Edith was born 23 March 2008. She lost her father and her mother is also ill and helpless.



Arthur

Arthur is 2 years old. He is the youngest of 6 children. The father committed suicide when Arthur was 7 days old and the mother is unable to care for all the children.



Justine

Justine lost her father and her mother is mentally ill and unable to care for her. Justine's birth date is unknown.



Miracle

Miracle was born 19 December 2008. Both of her parents have died. She and her elder brother were "digging" (turning soil with a pick) for others to make money for food when her brother accidentally hit her in the eye. She is now blind in that eye.

These five children are still without sponsors at the time of this newsletter. 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 pays 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.

Wish List

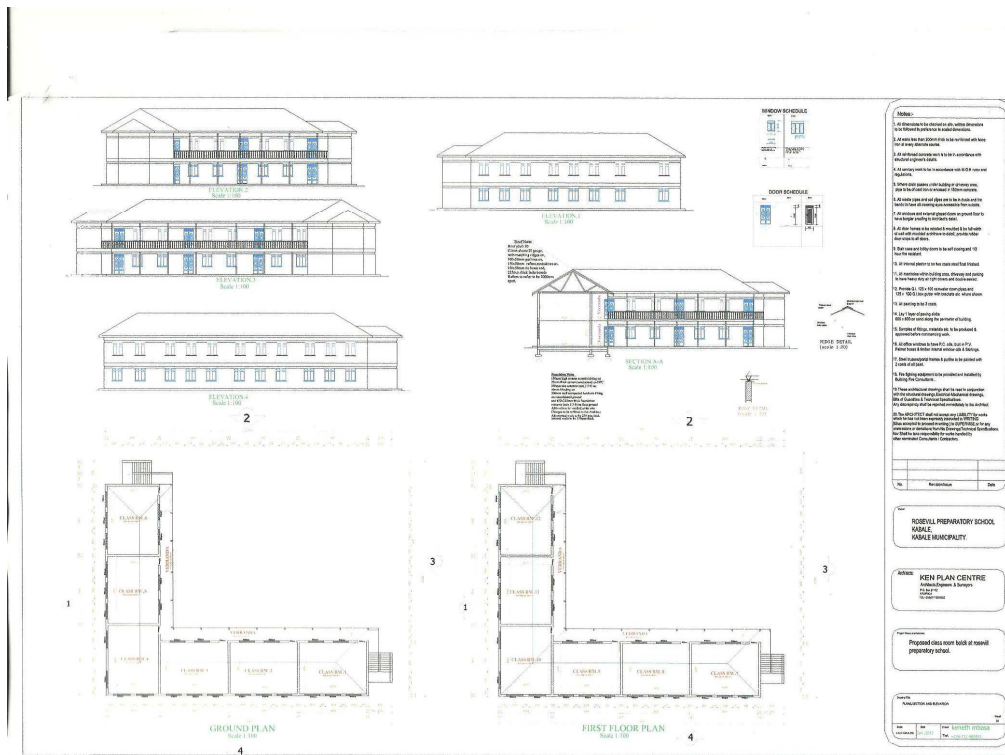
The next project will be to purchase another piece of land adjacent to the compound and begin building the permanent school buildings. The land is available right now and will cost about \$9,000.00. It is a large piece of land almost as large as the original piece the orphanage is built on. Then, the 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.

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)



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

Property:
\$12,000.00

Foundation and ground slab:
\$14,000.00

Walls and second floor slab:
\$17,000.000

Roofing:
\$12,000.00

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

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.

"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 Orphanage!

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.

7th Annual 5k Resurrection Run & Walk

Saturday, April 7, 2012 at Glen Hall Park

5415 Sandburg Drive, River Park Neighborhood Sacramento, CA 95819

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and help us raise funds to support the Twinomujuni Orphanage in Kabale, Uganda. This orphanage and school was established to care for children orphaned as a result of the AIDS epidemic in Uganda. For more information, please go to: www.shepherdslove.com or www.kfitness.org.



5k Course: Fast, flat and winds through the beautiful River Park Neighborhood. USATF sanctioned and certified.
Start and Finish: Glen Hall Park near Sacramento State University (see below for directions, website for map).



Schedule of Events: Racing Rain or Shine!

7:30 a.m. Race Day Registration / Packet Pick-up

8:30 a.m. Free Kids Run

9:00 a.m. 5K Run & Walk

10:00 a.m. Awards, Raffle and Kids' Easter egg hunt

5k Awards: Trophies for the top Male and Female finisher.

Medals to the top 3 Finishers, male and female in age divisions:

under 12; 12-15; 16-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59;

60-69; 70-79; 80-89, 90 +

Registration Fees:

\$ 20 Postmarked on or before March 3rd, 2012

\$ 25 Postmarked March 24 – April 6 and race day

Free.....Kids ½ Mile run (no t-shirt)

(Please do not mail after March 28th).

All Paid Entries include: Post race refreshments & Entertainment, Cotton T-shirt, goody bag and raffle entry.

In Person Registration/Packet Pickup: **Raceday at Glen Hall Park**
Friday April 6 5-7 pm: Capitol Foursquare Church,
2418 O St. Sacramento 95816

Virtual Runner....Can't make the race but would like to donate?

Please consider a donation as a virtual runner!

Safety: Strollers OK. Please no pets, bikes, headsets or skates.

The Biggest Heart Award to the Largest Team!

Team captains, please bring list of team members to race for verification. Team Members, write team name on registration forms.

Camerer Inspiration Award: our Eldest Participant!

Directions: Race start is at the intersection of Carlson and Sandburg Drive. **From Hwy 50:** Take Howe Ave. North, turn left on Fair Oaks Blvd. After the bridge, stay to the right and continue on H St. Drive past the Scottish Rite Temple to the stoplight. Turn right onto Carlson Dr. Follow Carlson Dr. to the end of the road where Glen Hall Park is located. J St also intersects with Carlson Dr. directly in front of Sacramento State University. Follow Carlson past H St to Glen Hall Park. See map on website: www.kfitness.org

For more information, please contact Race Director: 916-457-4726

• 7th Annual Resurrection Run a 5k Run/Walk Registration

Name: _____ Gender: M F Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () - _____ E-mail: _____

Age on Race day: _____ Shirt Size: S M L XL (circle)

Team Name (if any) _____. Team Captain _____

Virtual Runner: If you can't attend the race but would like to donate, please check here _____ Thank You!

Registration Postmarked by March 23: \$20_____ Postmarked March 24 through April 6, 2012 and Race day: \$25 _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Koinonia Sports and Fitness Association

Mail to: Koinonia Sports and Fitness Association, PO Box 19523, Sacramento, CA. 95819 **Please do not mail after March 28, 2012**

Waiver: In consideration of accepting this entry of the activities of the Resurrection Run, April 7, 2012, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may accrue against Koinonia Sports and Fitness Association, the Capitol Foursquare Church, the City of Sacramento, the USATF, their representatives, their employees, all sponsors and volunteers for any and all injuries that may be suffered by me at or en-route to or from the event. I attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for this competition, my physical condition verified by a licensed MD during the last six months. I will assume my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident or other incapacity or injury resulting from or occurring from my participation. As part of the waiver, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the above.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____ All entrants must sign and date waiver.

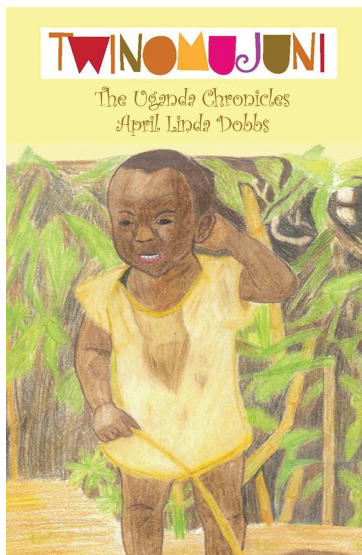


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Available now!!

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!