



Fall 2023



Guess what will be traveling to Uganda in a few weeks (besides Jonathan!)...

It will take six suitcases to transport and will make our team members, farm workers, and widows very happy. It's a hammer mill! Up until now, our people have had to pay to ship their corn into town and then pay to have it ground into flour. Now not only will they be able to save money by grinding their own corn, but they will also be able to earn money by grinding corn (or any grains) for others! Stay tuned for the next newsletter to see pictures of the assembled mill in use. (As long as Jonathan can figure out how to put it together, that is!) If you wish to help get them over, that would be wonderful, because baggage fees for transporting that many suitcases will be \$800.

Next up on the wish list...?

A corn sheller! And carts for hauling the corn and other produce. If you would like to contribute to this cause, your donations would be excitedly received. The estimated cost for a corn sheller, including shipping, is around \$5000, and carts for transportation of crops from field to farm would be around another \$5000.



Repairs in Congo

Your generous gifts to HCCA have enabled us to repair the meeting building of our widows in the D.R. Congo, and even add an office! But that's not all. There was enough money left to finally replace the dirt floor with a concrete one! With a real floor, the meeting place has become a more permanent, secure structure that can be used for many additional functions and special projects. Thank you for letting the Lord use you to bless so many!

Thanks for your support

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction."

- James 1:27

URGENT MEDICAL NEED

The director of our work in the DRC, Pastor Emmanuel, has had headaches and pain for over a year. On this trip, as the team comes from the DRC to meet Jonathan in Uganda, Pastor Emmanuel is coming early to see medical experts in Kampala since medical care in Uganda is more advanced than in the DRC. We don't know the exact cost for his testing and care, but we would like to be able to provide an estimated \$2500. Please consider directing your funds this way.



The next trip

Jonathan will be heading to Africa shortly after Thanksgiving. This time he will be traveling alone (unless you count the many suitcases carrying the pieces of the unassembled hammer mill!). Unfortunately, he will be unable to go into the D.R.C. due to it being an election year (which is always accompanied by much violence). Even though it isn't necessarily safe for them either, the team from the Congo plans to travel to Uganda to meet with Jonathan there.

Challenges

In 2023, we served 113 widows with micro loans at an average cost of \$750 per widow = \$87,750. We sent 285 orphans to school at an average cost of \$75= \$22,800. Hope Centers for Children of Africa functions only on the

gifts of donors like you, gifts that in addition to micro loans and school tuition provide things like sewing machines, livestock, salaries for our team members, and non-budgeted expenses like building and vehicle repairs, as well as emergency medical expenses. We are now setting our goals and budget for 2024 and pray we can reach even more widows and orphans in the coming year. Your generosity in these last two month of November and December will set the goals for next year. Will we have to cut back, maintain, or grow the work? As we now approach the final months of 2023, would you please consider what you can do to help fund HCCA. You may not be able to go to Africa yourself, but you can make a huge difference right from your own home!



Ways to partner with HCCA:

- Give to the special project (listed above) _____
- Give to the gift of an education _____
- Give to the gift of a micro loan _____
- Give the gift of health to provide medicine _____
- Give to the general fund so we can meet the meet the most pressing needs _____



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