



Summer 2026

June Trip

Our trip to Uganda in June of 2026 was highly successful and very encouraging. As usual, the widows and orphans threw a lovely event to welcome us, greeting us with singing, clapping, and the traditional Ugandan "shout." We were served delicious local dishes, while Jonathan and several other men spoke and students performed traditional dances they'd learned. Twenty-seven widows were recognized for enrollment into the micro loan program, and there was much celebrating. Besides awarding widows with micro loans, we were able to add six high school students and two new primary students to our program. And David, one of our young students who is excelling in school, was provided with prescription eye glasses (so we think he'll be able to do even better in school now that he can see to read)! Our time together this trip was so Christ-centered, and I told Jonathan that this was the most joyful I had ever seen the widows.



Over the next two days, Jonathan and I had the privilege of visiting 16 widows in their homes, where they signed their loan agreements, and we presented them with their loan money. They were all eager to show us their small businesses or tell us their plans for the future. Many of them were so generous and gifted us out of the little they had, so we ended up with a small stash of eggs, matoke, sweet bananas, g-nuts, and beans in the van at the end of the days.

Thanks for your support
"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the
Father is this: to visit orphans or widows in their
affliction." - James 1:27



Malnutrition

While visiting with one of the widows via an interpreter, we noticed that her little granddaughter's hair was blond in the front. We had never seen that before, so Jonathan asked about it. Our field director pointed to the child's mottled skin and informed us that both her skin and her hair were showing signs of malnutrition.

We also learned that the child, who looked to be about two years old, was actually four. Thanks to donations from you, our HCCA friends, we were able to quickly provide the family with rice, posho, and other nourishing food.

Baptisms

Although we obviously care about the physical needs of the widows and orphans, their spiritual care is of even higher importance. In whatever we do, our ultimate goal is the salvation of souls, which made the news we received this spring so exciting. Four widows had given their lives to Christ! And Jonathan had the great honor of performing their baptisms at an outdoor pool in Luwero one morning while we were there. The four widows traveled via boda bodas (motorcycle taxis) for the hour-long ride into town to meet us. Afterward, we presented them with special certificates as a token of the significant event, then we all ate lunch at a local restaurant before giving the ladies a ride home. It meant so much to us that we could be a part of such a special day, one none of us will ever forget, and we pray there will be many more baptisms in the future.



DRC Update

Please pray for our workers, widows, and orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ebola cases continue to rise. Although none of our people have been infected, Ebola has driven up the cost of gas and food due to the DRC/Uganda border being closed. Any extra you could give to help alleviate the strain of the inflation they are experiencing would be a great help.

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- Give to the special project (listed above) _____
- Give to the gift of an education _____
- Give to the gift of a micro loan _____
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