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God is Good

The goal of reaching self-sustainability for the widows in the D. R. Congo would be well within reach if it weren't for the reality of war. Their small businesses may be going well, but when the fighting destroys them, the women are forced to start over again. In spite of this discouraging situation, however, there are success stories.

During the past several months, several women were able to build houses. Some bought cattle; others bought goats. All the most recent university graduates that HCCA has helped support have been hired at various jobs. Many of the pupils who got state diplomas are now working or teaching in primary schools.

Our Congolese team members have also found great success with their own HCCA loans. Ucama, HCCA student supervisor, has been able to build himself a house and had purchased two goats. Jeanne, HCCA microloan supervisor, has also been able to build herself and her family a bigger home and has purchased 13 goats. John, HCCA secretary and translator, was able to get the necessary documents to begin building a house for himself and his wife. And Pastor Emmanuel, the coordinator of HCCA in the D.R.C., was able to build two houses for himself and his large family.



Byaruhanga received his diploma in 2019. He studied pedagogy and is now teaching in a primary school in the village.



Kasaidaja Kabaseke received his diploma in 2022 and is now a taxi driver.

Thanks for your support

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

Kandole Mugisa is also one of our former pupils. His parents died due to war in 2009, but last year he got his diploma and is now teaching in a primary school. HCCA has been supporting him since the death of his parents.





Meet Harima

Harima Nambalirwa is in the unique situation of having a HCCA microloan without being a widow. Instead, she is the wife of a local chief. She is the treasurer for the widows and cooks at the farm during get-togethers. She and her husband have ten children and have taken in three orphans, ages 15, 12, and 2. The children became orphans when their

parents were poisoned by their father's second wife. Harima's loan has allowed her to purchase a cow and hens, raise crops, and keep bees. (I found the bee hives in Uganda to be quite interesting!) See below.





Meet Sabina

Sabina Bugaru is a 68-year-old widow in Uganda. She is responsible for twelve children, five of which are orphans. As she welcomed us into her house, she shared a recent disappointment. Her pig, which had recently given birth, provided her with only one piglet instead of the large batch she had hoped for. In spite of the setback, she smiled and



happily filled us in on her small home business of raising maize, coffee beans, cows, goats, and pigs.

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