

**Spring 2023**



Jonathan returned from his spring visit to Africa announcing that it was one of the most profitable trips he has had. This time he brought with three people from our church: Kim Gorka, her son Alex, and her friend Lisa Rensberry. Since Kim played a big role in the new chapel building out at the farm in Luweero, she was thrilled for the privilege of seeing it in person, and presented the widows with a gift of a framed photo of Kim's mother in whose memory the chapel was built. It was an emotional experience for everyone involved.



## Changes at the Farm in Uganda

The farm is experimenting with intercropping! The benefits of such a move can be huge in Uganda. Not only does growing two crops simultaneously increase profit, it also makes weed control easier, makes wise use of a small area of land, protects soil against erosion, and adds nutrients for the main crop. This year the farm is planting coffee trees along with its banana trees. So far everything is growing well (especially the bananas!), and it appears the experiment will be a success. (And if you are wondering, the pineapples are doing awesome!!)



## D. R. Congo Update

Once again Jonathan was not able to travel into the D.R.C. Between the schedules and flight changes of the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) planes and the war and safety situation there, it seems more often than not the Congo team has to travel to Uganda to meet. Even though it takes many hours and requires buses, boats, and boda bodas, the team always arrives in joyful spirits, ready to meet. Although the widows and orphans in the D.R.C. are doing well, the building where they meet is not. It is in serious need of repair, and its dirt floor prevents the widows from being able to doing some activities and projects that

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

**- James 1:27**



could be highly beneficial for them. For example, they cannot purchase the sewing machines we raised money for until they have a real floor since that is where the machines would need to be housed. If you feel led to donate toward the repair of the building and a floor, please designate that on your giving. The entire project is estimated to cost around \$5000 and is a non-budgeted project. (In other words, it will not happen until we have the funds.) Please pray about this opportunity.



### Sewing Project Update

Thank you again to all of you who donated to the sewing machine project a while back. It has been a highly successful project! So many of our people have learned to sew and are getting quite good at it. (That is why we are so eager to get sewing machines to our Congo people!) There is always a need for sewing materials, however. So if you wish to donate toward fabric or other sewing supplies, please indicate that on your giving.



### Meet Justine

Last September, we had the opportunity to visit ninety-year-old Justine Nassali in her home. When we drove up, she was sitting outside with a friend peeling cassava. Justine lost her husband 20 years ago and joined HCCA with the very first group of widows. Even though it is getting harder for her to get around, she raises her twin great-grandkids and works hard on her small plot of land to get enough money to send them to school. With her loan she raises pigs, chickens, and a sheep; grows cassava and coffee trees; and crafts banana leaf mats and decorative coffee bean bundles on a string. She was proud to show us around her little “farm.”

### 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 most pressing needs \_\_\_\_\_



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