



Fall 2021



## Two Homecomings

It is with sadness we share the news of the passing of two of the widows from Uganda. In August, Sulayina Nakakawa, age 56, went home to be with the Lord. She had suffered from high blood pressure for some time and finally succumbed to heart issues. Sulayina had been present at many births, visiting and encouraging new moms, and was highly esteemed among the widows. She will be sorely missed.

Last month, shortly after our newsletter spotlight on Juliette Nakabuka, she fell sick with stomach pain. She was hospitalized, and tests revealed stones in her pancreas, as well as extensive liver damage. In spite of the good medical care, Juliette passed away. She was a well-loved and well-known figure due to her position



as chairperson for the widows, and over 2,000 people attended her funeral. Please pray for comfort for the family and friends of these two ladies as they continue to mourn the passing of Sulayina and Juliette.

## Special Giving Opportunities!

Has God blessed you with extra?! If you are looking for a place to give, a way to make a difference for a whole lot of people, a chance to make life easier for those in need on the other side of the globe, look no further! Giving couldn't be easier, and there are pressing needs right in front of us. The HCCA board in the US has approved these purchases but has decided to not use money from the general budget to cover these expenses, so we are presenting these opportunities to you, our loyal supporters. All non-designated gifts will continue to go into the general fund.

**\$350--will buy a cow! (\$700 two or \$1050 three!)** The HCCA team in D.R. Congo is hoping to increase their cattle herd at Bogoro. Profits from The Cattle Project go toward helping the widows and orphans, and an increase of even three head of cattle would be huge for them.

**\$1800--will buy a boda boda!** The team members in Uganda are still seeking funds for a boda boda (small motorcycle) for transportation for their farm manager, James.

## Thanks for your support

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**- James 1:27**

**\$5000--will buy a bunkhouse!** The farm workers in Luwero are badly in need of a bunkhouse on the farm site. Both the boda boda and the bunkhouse will directly impact the widows and orphans.

**\$30,000--will buy a van!** On the executive level, there is need for a replacement van which will help the HCCA team members travel between home and farm, as well as transport widows and orphans when needed.

When you give, please indicate to which project you would like your money to be directed (special projects, medicine, microloans, education, etc.), then sit back and get ready for pictures of your money in action!

## Matching Funds

It is with great excitement I get to announce to you a recent offer by an anonymous donor. They are willing to match funds directed toward the special projects up to \$10,000! We are excited to see what's going to happen next. God is so good!!

## A Word from Jonathan

One of the main reasons I was drawn to the work of HCCA was their fulfillment of James 1:27: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." HCCA does an amazing job of helping the widows and orphans of Uganda and D.R. Congo and their "afflictions." Do you know what the opposite of affliction is? It is the word "blessing." Those of us who are "blessed" have the added blessing of helping by sharing our blessings with the afflicted. Have you been blessed this year? If so, would you consider passing some of that blessing along in the way of financial help to the widows and orphans of Hope Centers? Gifts of any size are a huge help. My prayer: "Lord, as You have abundantly blessed us, may we pass that blessing to others as abundantly as You've given them to us." Amen.

## Upcoming Trip

At the end of the month, Jonathan, our daughter Zofeyah, and I will be traveling to Uganda and D.R. Congo to meet with the team members in both locations. We would love your prayers! What is already a long trip bound to be filled with all sorts of unexpected twists and turns could be much more difficult with all the covid regulations and testing in place. These are our top prayer requests:

1. That our covid test results will come within the necessary time frame for each leg of the journey
2. That we will all have negative test results every time we're tested
3. For safety as we travel.
4. For meaningful interactions with team members, widows, and orphans.

It has been Zofeyah's longtime dream to travel to Africa, and she is even more thrilled that she gets to celebrate her 20th birthday there. She promises to take as many pictures as possible, so you can look forward to an exciting winter edition of the newsletter.

-- Jonathan Unverzagt (and Hope)  
Executive Director, HCCA

## 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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