



AFRICA SHADES OF LIGHT

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Dear friends & loved ones of Africa Shades of Light,

The monsoons have swept across the Western slope and the African savanna, and we are reminded of Psalm 93, a meditation of our hearts:

*The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their waves.*

*The Lord on high is mightier
than the noise of many waters,
than the mighty waves of the sea.*

*Your testimonies are very sure;
Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.*



THANK YOU!



We are continually humbled and grateful for the many ways you show up in care, kindness, and generosity. Your presence at our benefit concert was more than an afternoon of music - it was a powerful reminder of connection and community; a reminder that hope grows and flourishes when we come together.

Through your support and generosity, we have the capacity to continue to reach and serve underserved communities throughout Uganda. Thank you for sharing your time and resources and reminding us that we stand together in a shared vision of global, eternal transformation.

WATER UPDATE

EXPANDING WATER COLLECTION POINTS



This month, another land survey was completed by the company contracted to drill the borehole in Sembabule - a critical step toward bringing safe, reliable water to the community.

Additionally, we began expanding and clearing the current water collection points. These improvements will allow families to safely gather more water during the rainy season while ensuring cleaner water, as debris can now settle in a larger body of water. Each step forward brings us closer to lasting solutions for clean water.

PHYSICAL THERAPY SESSIONS





Again this month we have witnessed children continue to grow and thrive with access to physical therapy and support services. Children who were once unable to sit, stand, or walk are now, slowly and steadily, beginning to sit, to stand, and to walk. We have seen hope reignited in their lives and in the eyes of their caregivers: hope for a brighter future.

Most notably, this month we were also able to extend support and services to five elderly community members - a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful conversation, offer encouragement, deepen relationships within the community, and provide a necessary community service.

MORE BRIGHT MOMENTS

- Our 35 children in our sponsorship program have returned to school for term III - the final term of the school year! Many heartfelt thanks to our wonderful sponsors who make quality education possible and celebrate each child's growth alongside us.
- We have also expanded our skills training program to ten students learning the craft of tailoring. It has been a joy to witness the growth, dedication, and creativity they display as they develop this new skill.
- And lastly, many months ago, we shared the story of a young girl who had been sexually assaulted by a close family member. Her mother reached out to us for help, and we stood with her - advocating on her behalf, supporting her in the prison and courtroom, and ensuring she could access the necessary counseling and recovery services.

This month, we are overjoyed to share that she has been safely reunited with her family and ensured a supportive environment for her continued healing and growth.



A PERSONAL NOTE



Thank you so much for your ongoing friendship, generosity, and prayers.

Nicole and Uriah have arrived safely stateside and have been deeply touched by the warm welcome and encouragement they've received.

Nicole has been graced with the opportunity to speak, present, and share her story and the mission and impact of Africa Shades of Light - moments made even more meaningful by your care and support.

We are so grateful for the tenderness and grace you all have extended to her during her visit.

Thank you.

With gratitude & grace,
The Katongoles & Africa SOL Team

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

- For water! Thank you for your intercession on behalf of the community we serve in Sembabule and the desperate need to access safe, reliable water. Please continue to pray for the Lord's provision in finding and accessing water, that would provide safe water for generations to come.
- Many praises to the Lord for the provision and ability to clear and deepen the current water collection points - may they be central to the community, and places where people can find refuge and experience more of God's tangible love.
- For the physiotherapy sessions and the community involvement: for each of our children with special needs - that they would continue to grow and thrive with the necessary supports and interventions. Also, for the community members that access our services - that they would be encouraged and transformed both physically and spiritually.
- For each of our students, children, youth, and their families: for the Lord's intervention in their lives - as Friend, Comforter, Mighty Shield, and Shelter. May they continue to grow in their faith, in their academics, and in their lives, especially as term III begins. May the Lord guide and protect them this last term of the school year.
- For our staff: their continued growth, walks of faith, and heart to continue to serve in each of the community programs; that the Lord would continue to strengthen, guide, and establish them in all they do.
- Praise for the goodness of the Lord and the mighty provisions and joy that was evident at the benefit concert on Sunday. For those that joined us: thank you.



If you feel called to give to our family or Africa Shades of Light Ministries, please follow the link to our [giving page](#).

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