



AFRICA SHADES OF LIGHT

JULY 2026



Dear friends, loved ones, & partners of Africa Shades of Light,

We welcomed July with wonder and delight - the equatorial sun shining bright and our hearts attuned to mercy, grace, and the enduring truth of God's Word:

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light". [1]

We reflect on this month with gratitude - what the Lord has done and accomplished in our lives, in the lives of those around us, and throughout the communities we serve. His Light continues to shine in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



SPONSORED CHILDREN

SECONDARY STUDENTS



This month, we had the privilege of visiting three of our sponsored students who will be sitting for their National Examinations at the end of this year as they complete their secondary education.

Each school term, we make it a priority to visit every child in our sponsorship program, both at school and at home during the holidays. These visits allow us to encourage them, follow their academic progress, ensure their well-being, and offer the support they need to continue growing personally, academically, and spiritually. We are proud of each of these students and their growth and look forward to celebrating this milestone with them.



This year marks a special milestone in our sponsorship program: our first student to graduate from secondary school will begin his journey into higher education.

Geofrey has been accepted into Makerere University where he plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

We have known Geofrey since he was in primary school, but reconnected with him in 2022 to learn that he had not returned to school following the COVID-19 lockdown. Like many students, the pandemic brought many challenges, but for Geofrey, those difficulties were compounded by family hardships that forced him into the workforce at a young age.

Through the generosity of our supporters, Geofrey was able to return to school, excel through his secondary education, and graduate. Today, he stands ready to take the next step toward achieving his dreams and becoming a catalyst for change within his family, among his friends, throughout his community, and for the next generation.

For just \$700 per year, Geofrey can receive the scholarship he needs to attend Makerere University and continue pursuing his education.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to provide Geofrey with the opportunity to pursue a university education?

Support Geofrey

A SPECIAL VISITOR



This month, we were blessed to welcome a visitor who is very dear to our hearts: Nicole's dad, Jim Harkreader!

During his time with us, Jim visited our Sembabule office and community center, met many of the children in our sponsorship program, explored the coffee-growing process from seedlings to harvest, and experienced the beauty and authenticity of village life.

We are so grateful to share the work God is doing in Uganda with him and were blessed by his visit.

A 2026 RECAP - THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

As we reflect on the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord throughout this month and the first half of the year, we are filled with gratitude and renewed hope for all that He has yet to do. We pray as you read and witness what God is doing here in Uganda, that you too would be strengthened and encouraged.

Thank you for walking alongside us, praying with us, and shining the light and love of Christ in the lives of others around the world. Your partnership and support make this work possible.

With gratitude and praise,
The Katongoles & Africa SOL Team

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE KATONGOLES



It is with great joy and deep gratitude we share the arrival of our daughter, Elicia Josephine Katongole, born on July 9th, 2026 at 12:33 PM.

Thank you for the many prayers, words of encouragement, and kindness near and far. We are in awe of the love we have received and the precious gift of life we have been given.



WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

- For the secondary students preparing for their National Examinations and for Geoffrey as he prepares to embark on this next step in his academic journey. May God grant each of them wisdom, endurance, and strength in all that is to come.
 - For the Lord's provision in finalizing our NGO registration within Uganda. We are in the final steps of the process and are praying for a smooth transition as we move from a CBO (Community-Based Organization) to an NGO which allows us to operate country-wide.
 - For the remaining months of this year and for all that is to come: for transformation in the lives and communities we serve, that they would know God and make Him known.
 - For the Harkreaders and their remaining time in Uganda: for their health, safety, and smooth travels, and for this special time together as a family.
 - PRAISE: For the safe and healthy arrival of Elicia Katongole!
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If you feel called to give to Africa Shades of Light Ministries or the Katongole family, please follow the link to our [giving page](#).

Africa Shades of Light is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with EIN 92-3924578 seeking to address adversity through ethical, collaborative, and sustainable action to empower underserved communities to reach their God-given potential throughout Uganda, East Africa.

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