



# GSOC Project Profile

Founded in 2002, Good Samaritan Orphanage Charity (GSOC) provides funding for African faith-based organizations that provide food, clothing, and education to victims of the AIDS epidemic.

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## Filmmaker Moved by Visit to Mityana

During March, Dresden Julia Shumaker, a GSOC volunteer for short-term mission, spent a month with Ebenezer Ministries in Mityana, Kampala, working with Faith and Wilson Mutebi, the retired Anglican Bishop of Mityana.

Dresden is trained as an actor and movie production assistant, and has performed in New York and Hollywood. With a lot of courage and trust in God, she traveled to a new land to film a story about AIDS in Africa and the response of programs like GSOC. What follows are two excerpts from her journal, which will be published as a booklet and also placed on our website.



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March 8, 2005

I spent time in the garden with Faith, Sarah and some of the women from Faith's sewing class. It is time to plant the kidney beans. Planting was like a beautifully choreographed dance as everything is done with your feet. You push open a hole in the earth; toss a bean in, then you use the heel of your foot to cover the hole. I couldn't keep up with the fancy footwork of everyone, but I felt excited to be a part of this ritual.

In the afternoon the Bishop and I traveled down the road to visit a woman with a tragic, but familiar story. This woman, who is almost the age of my Grandmother, had six children. Every single one of them became infected with AIDS and died. She now finds herself responsible for fifteen grandchildren- most of them less than ten years of age. This woman, who should be able to rest after her long life, is now the primary caregiver to this large family. She had little money to feed her children, many were only wearing one article of clothing, and none were enrolled in school.



### Close Up: Lucy Apio

- *One of our children, Lucy moved to Kampala when she became orphaned at 10 years old.*
- *She has been accepted to University of Kampala to study journalism and mass communications.*
- *Lucy's tuition is \$490 US per year.*
- *She is praying for sponsorship from a church or individual.*
- *She promises to write monthly and keep you informed of her progress.*
- *Would you like to answer Lucy's prayer?*

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I shake hands, nod and smile at the grownups, and I am so honored to be their guests, but my heart is elsewhere. The reality is that for every grownup I have met there are at least 20 or 30 kids standing on the sidelines amazed at my whiteness, height and photo equipment and bursting with curiosity. These children will be the ones ultimately responsible for the future of Uganda. In American pop

culture my generation is called Gen-X. We have been labeled as overeducated and under ambitious. Well these kids in Uganda are Gen-O: An entire demographic of orphans that are starving to be educated and couldn't be any more ambitious. I wonder how often they are held, loved, inspired. If we don't show them compassion and faith now how will they ever believe in humanity?



**Studying Under the Trees at St. Francis RC Mission School**



In much of Africa, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches have very close relations. In Uganda, they run a joint school system and officiate at each others services, something unheard of in the U.S.

Shepherd's Orphans Programme, St. Francis RC Mission School, is located in a remote forested area and supports 150 orphans who are trying to study but don't get enough food, have no school materials, school uniforms and are studying under trees (which

doesn't work during the rainy season). The teachers often are not paid so they leave the school seeking income.

All the children are poor, but the poorest of them have no land to grow food, no housing and no clothing. Some of them are living on streets and others roam about looking for some food, often living in tears. We are seeking \$24,000 for basic shelters and six months food and educational materials for the 150 children.

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Kabule Anglican Church, Mityana, Uganda. GSOC provides support for churches that serve as the focal point of their community for prayer, education, health care, and community building.



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HABA, HUJAZA  
KIBABA"**

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