



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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Bill and Vickie Innes Visit Uganda for GSOC

Close Up: Godfrey Kasule

- *Godfrey and his wife, Esther, both trained as teachers*
- *They started St. Anne's School in a rented room in 1993 with 12 students*
- *Today, St. Anne's has over 400 students, day and boarding alike.*
- *Students have the highest academic results in their region*
- *Many have become orphans and need sponsorship to stay in school, \$350/yr.*

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In August, the head of Good Samaritan spent two weeks in Uganda to visit Wilson and Faith Mutebi's Ebenezer Ministries and the forty AIDS orphans your contributions support. The trip was exhilarating and joyous, filled with hope. They brought \$400 contributed by their home parish, Grace Episcopal in Wilmington, DE, which supplied the forty kids with new shoes, socks and sports equipment.

The Grace Church School contributed two parables acted through "Godly Play," an imaginative Church school curriculum for ages 3-8. Children in Uganda, like kids here, sat attentively as each parable was acted out for them. Church school programs like "Godly Play" are rare in Africa. Most children just attend adult services.

Bishop Mutebi, although retired, is a strong presence in the community. He forms a



Bishop Mutebi baptizes Robert Owen Maluga.



Children fascinated by the "Godly Play" story of the Good Samaritan, taught by Bill Innes and translated by Reverend Edith Ssemambo.

vital link between those in need and those with means, and wraps it in the power of Christ to help and transform. He told the children, "Whatever you ask, if it is good, Jesus Christ will grant. If you want to go to school and even University, and you want to study hard, Jesus Christ will make this possible for you if you just ask him."

Wilson and Faith also have three orphaned teenagers living with them who are working through high school to college. Students work much longer than in the U.S. to get an education. They have 2-3 hours of chores night and day, then study for competitive exams that determine their future. Often power fails and they study by candlelight, but the desire for learning is strong to improve their lives.

If you would like to meet these people, please request a free DVD of their Uganda trip by writing or emailing us. Your Outreach Commission will enjoy it!

Partnership: Sharing our common life in Christ

“HABA NA

**HABA,
HUJAZA
KIBABA”**

**LITTLE BY
LITTLE, THE
POT FILLS**

When we pray our Baptismal covenant, we repeat Paul’s words in Ephesians Chapter 4: “One Lord, one faith, one baptism....One God who is father of us all.”

The Good Samaritan Board has learned much over the last four years about building relationships with African parishes, and we would like to share these experiences with you so your Church can share in those blessings.

Through our extensive contacts, we can help you

find a parish, medical clinic or school to form a companion relationship with. These pairings must be based on a spiritual foundations of praying for each other and sharing ideas for ministry.

For example, children’s Church school is not very common in Africa, so that is an area we can help grow. Africa’s liturgy and Church growth is a focus most US parishes need help with.

There is so much to learn from each other, we invite

you to participate in the process. Please let us know if we can present our experiences to your vestry or outreach commission. We have also prepared a DVD and 15-page manual to give you an idea of how to go about it, and our board members are happy to assist as volunteer “consultants” in the process. Please do reach out to us. One thing we can promise: you will gain much more than you give.

Kabule Parish: Excellent Partner Opportunity

Kabule Parish is first posting for Rev. Eriya Tembo Mutahwa, wife Josephine and their six children, and it is a hard one. The parish school contains about 300 orphaned children, only 7 of whom have shoes. Of the entire 450 children in the school, only 65 have parents who can afford to provide lunch, which is \$1.80 per child per 3 month term. In other words, you could feed the entire group of children for three months for \$1,035! This is a project a Church or civic group could easily afford.

The parish itself is extremely isolated. We drove through washed-out, rutted roads for 45 minutes before we arrived at the Church and school. There is no town here, no shops or other signs of habitation. Not surprisingly, the Mutahwa family feels very isolated, and a relationship with another parish could help them feel connected with Christians elsewhere in the

world who could share their experience.

In truth, more than material things, people in Africa crave relationships with a US parish just to be able to share, care, and learn about the life of each other. They want to pray for you and share their Christian experience. A U.S. parish could gain a lot spiritually from a relationship with Kabule.

Connecting with another parish lets people understand how much they share as Christians, and how those bonds transcend differences in culture. We all need each other to form the body of Christ we all call the Church.

From this caring and sharing for one another begins the process of realizing the different ways we can reach out to each other and share our common joy of being part of one, large worldwide Christian family. It’s a family reunion you will really enjoy!



Jethro Ategeka of Kabule Parish Church and School. Jethro is in first grade.

St. Anne's School: Academic Excellence & Compassion

Headmaster Godfrey Kasule and his wife Esther started St. Anne's Church School in 1993 in a rented room. Today they educate 400 in grades 1-7, and provide boarding facilities to nearly half these students.

Many GSOC children attend St. Anne's and flourish in the loving, supportive atmosphere. The school is filled with positive Christian messages to the children, and the fourteen staff live out their personal commitment to the children.

You can see the results in two ways: First, in the happy, excited, faces. Second, St. Anne's had the highest test schools in the region three years running. St. Anne's receives no money from the Church or government, just school fees and contributions. The



"So many children have lost their parents, but we cannot send them away because they are now our children, and where would they go?"

children would very much like to connect with U.S. students and write. Godfrey and Esther would love to hear from other teachers, and look for help building their library. You can visit them in our free DVD you can request.

It costs about \$340 per year for tuition, room and board per student, something a Church could easily do and develop a relationship with the student. Can you or your Outreach Committee help us?

The chaplain to St. Anne's is the Rev. Edith Ssemambo, whose own four children attend St. Anne's. She visits every Friday afternoon. "I love to be with the children, they are so very active, they are curious to know more about the Gospel, which I love to share with them." Edith and her husband, Benno, are co-pastors of Kiweesa Parish Church.

St. Anne's has textbooks for each student (a rarity in Africa) but no



library. Since all upper classes are conducted in English, it is extremely important for them to learn to read and write the language.

Sending age-appropriate books would be a great asset to Godfrey and Esther Kasule and their students.

Kalungi Health Clinic, Caring for Children's Needs



Peter Kizza and nurses display their National Certificates of Achievement.

“Sometimes the Lord touches you and you have to respond.” That is how Peter Kizza, Physician’s Assistant and Director of the Kalungi Health Center described it. Peter’s story is typical of so many Africans dedicated to the Church: he was in training in Kenya during the Idi Amin years to become a pilot, and just before completing his certificate had an attack of appendicitis that nearly took his life.

When he recovered, Peter realized he wanted to be a healer instead, and graduated and was assigned to a nearby hospital. He was a valued member of the medical staff, and then had a second conversion, moving from a nominal to a deeply committed Christian in the early 1990’s.

After that, he decided he felt called to return to the village in Uganda where he grew up

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to help his people; and so, the Kalungi District Health Clinic was born.

Peter’s Kalungi Clinic is part of the Anglican Church of Uganda’s extensive healthcare network, but its progress bears the stamp of his enthusiasm and energy. They perform operations and difficult deliveries, they care for malaria, dysentery and other common maladies, and they try to deal with HIV/AIDS infection. All tolled, Kalungi serves about 300 people a month in a clinic with neither electricity nor running water, (all medicines are stored in a kerosene-powered refrigerator) but the recovery rate is equal to a well-equipped city hospital!. In addition, they graduate 15-20 community nurses a year, whose tuition is 2 bed sheets for the hospital and 2 bags of cement to help build their new nursing school.

In addition, the community has adopted all its AIDS orphans. Peter has 6 biological children and 8 more from deceased family members. Kalungi Parish Church (which doubled from 75 to 150 in the last 3 years) would like very much to have a



Kalungi Health Clinic serves 300 patients per month and serves 25 square miles.

companion relationship with a US parish to share their ministry. As for Peter, he’s already priced out solar electricity (\$7,500) and a well (\$3,000). \$1800 per year will supplement the children with tuition, books and supplies.

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