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## NEWS UPDATE- JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020 ARISE AFRICA INTERNATIONAL

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3*



Greetings in the Mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We hope the Lord has kept you in perfect peace, amidst fears of the outbreak of Corona virus.

In Uganda at Arise Africa International, we are

encouraged by the Psalm 91:1-3 to stay under the shelter of the Most High and rest in the Almighty and as well allow Him work in us and the ministry.

It is our great pleasure to share with you His works in our ministry during the first months of the year 2020. May our heavenly Father bless you, your ministry and families more abundantly in this New Year and bring you great happiness and peace in the remaining months of the year.

### **ARISE AFRICA CHILDREN'S CENTER-BUKALEBA**

Warm greetings from Arise Africa Bukaleba Children's Center! Forever we shall be grateful for your love and continued support through the past years as well as the years to come.

Our goal for the children's center is to see each of our children grow into a health child, develop a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, excel morally, academically and become a holistic citizen who will positively contribute towards building of the kingdom of our heavenly Father, our country Uganda and the rest of the world.

Currently God has entrusted us with a total population of over Eight hundred (800) children. So far Five hundred fifteen (515) have been able to report back at the

center. Among these are; Twenty three(23)children under direct care of babies' home, three hundred thirty five (335) in the primary school while one hundred fifty seven (157) are in the secondary school.

We are still expecting more children to report in primary and secondary schools. Amidst many challenges in ministry and the threat of COVID-19 all our children are in good health, happy and enjoying a Christ-centered environment at our Bukaleba Children's Centre.

## **ARISE AFRICA BABIES' HOME-BUKALEBA**

A.A. Babies' home-Bukaleba is currently taking care of Sixty eight (68) children. Twenty three (23) of these are still under direct care of the home, twenty eight (28) are at primary school and Seventeen (17) are at secondary school boarding section. Our God has always been faithful to meet the daily needs of all the children and staff in Babies' Home hence making it a safe home where shelter, food, medical care, safe drinking water, social and physical needs for twenty three (23) vulnerable children are met.



As we mentioned in one of our earlier reports, Babies' Home has been in the process of attaining a certificate of registration from the government. The good news is that the ministry of gender, labor and social development has finally granted us the certificate to operate officially. All praise and honor be to our Mighty God!

### **Child placement:**

We continue to bless the Name of the Lord for the rescue of a 3 weeks old baby girl Kiskeye Elizabeth who was born on 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, the mother died instantly



after delivery.

*Photo: Left; Kiskeye Elizabeth 3 weeks old, Right; The baby at one month old, under the care treatment at Arise Africa Babies Home.*

The Father contacted the Local authorities letting them know that he was unable to take good care of the baby who was in a very poor health condition. The local authorities contacted the district

probation officer, who later referred the child to Arise Africa Babies Home on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020. On admission, the Baby was introduced to exclusive bottle feeding, care and medical treatment. Currently Elizabeth has registered a quick recovery and a normal health growth.



In our previous letter we informed you about baby Selina. She is growing and developing normally. At 6 Months she is able to hold the bottle by herself and cries normally when she needs to feed. Selina is also learning how to sit with support as reflected in the picture.

***Left: Baby Selina at 2 months, Right: Selina at 6 months***

The infant is also showing great health signs like learning how to crawl and change positions on her bed and aunties are doing their best to keep with her to ensure her safety at all times.

The Lord blessed us with many wonderful guests in the babies' home in the months of January and February. We hosted Mrs. Jennings Wright, her son Ezekiel, and Derrick from Ten Eighteen ministry, the General Manager of Mayuge Sugar factory, our Missionaries the Via family, visitors from SOS Children's villages Uganda, and many more. They brought with them love, gifts of food, clothes and good news of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for our children. We are very grateful to them and to the Lord.

Mrs. Jennings Wright of Ten Eighteen Ministries gave the following to the babies;

- 22 crafts-steppers which have improved the hygiene and sanitation of children.
- 24 mosquito nets that are already helping to prevent malaria,
- 6 straight adaptors for repairing our broken water pipe, and
- Food



***Photos: Left: Children Happy after receiving their mosquito nets, from Jennings. Right: Jennings with the babies enjoying Ice***

***cream***





*Left: General Manager of Mayuge Sugar Mr. Gitubhai Patel loving on the Children. He donated clothes for the children on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. Right: Suubi Jacob received a car toy from Roy and Jackie Hodgson.*

*Photo below: The SPSWO, Mayuge, Babies' Home nurse, managers and a team from SOS children's Village in Kakiri and Abaita Ababiri*



The SPSWO, Mayuge District and a team from SOS children's village Entebbe Uganda visited the Home on 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020. The purpose of their visit was to partner with Arise Africa Babies Home following an exchange visit to SOS Children's Village in Abaita Ababiri and Kakiri. The visit was to help arrange referral

of some of our children to their family life program. We shall keep you updated on the progress of this program.

### **Academics:**

Five (5) of our babies qualified for entries at nursery school this year. These are; Musitwa Emmanuel, Namise Elise, Nakungu Annet, Kisuyi Tonny, Mwesigwa Caleb and Yonah who have joined Baby class and are coping up with the school environment. We are trusting God for provision towards their writing material, school fees and all the required scholastic materials.

### **Resettlement plan:**

The government of Uganda is encouraging resettlement of children from the babies' home into their actual homes as a better alternative when opportunity comes.

Arise Africa Babies' Home is planning to resettle Babirye Aisha (8 years) with her new parents in Ngando Village, Buyende District. This process will involve the probation Office and the Local Council; they will be making assessment on the family so that we are sure the child is resettled in a stable home.



### **Babies' home Sustainability project**

Babies Home is currently rearing 2 cows and 2 goats transferred from AAI Agro- Forestry department on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. These cows are providing good milk for our Babies' Home children.

The home also began harvesting Bananas, sweet bananas (Bogoya) and cassava for the

home consumption as shown in the picture.

## **ARISE AFRICACHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

We are encouraged by these words that the good LORD who started the good work in us will bring it to a completion. Term one of academic year 2020 begun well on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Both our students and staff returned in full strength to climb to greater academic heights in the term.

### **Arise Africa Christian Nursery and Primary School**

Our primary school is both day and boarding, comprising of both girls and boys. We have so far a total enrollment of three hundred thirty five (335) pupils in primary school this term. We expect more of our pupils to report back as the term unfolds. Some of the parents have communicated that they were not financially able to send their children back to school. We are trusting our God to see them through.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019, Twenty one (21) candidates successfully sat for their national Primary Leaving Exams and the good news is that they obtained good results to go to secondary school.

Among those candidates were Ten (10) children from Babies' Home and 9 of them passed to go to secondary school. We glorify the Almighty God who enabled our children to score good grades. They have now joined secondary school.

### **Arise Africa Christian Secondary School**

It is always our great joy to share with you the Lord's work in our secondary school. Arise Africa Christian Secondary school is a mixed school, with both day and boarding sections.

This term we have enrolled one hundred fifty seven (157) students, where one hundred thirty five (135) are in boarding section and twenty two (22) in day section. We are praying to the Lord for more students to join the school.

Last year Seventy nine (79) candidates sat for national exams, Fifty eight (58) in senior 4 and twenty one (21) in senior six. We praise God for the good results they obtained. Our school was one of the best in the district of Mayuge.

## **AAI OUTREACH MINISTRY**

We praise God for His hand upon AAI outreach ministry. Thank you so much for giving to outreach ministry. We have made many mission plans for this year and we are trusting the Lord to provide for us.

Our first national prayer retreat this year was on 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> January and we thank God who granted us success that we had a good turn up for prayer, more than we had expected.



After the prayer retreat we were able to meet with our zonal leaders from 21 zones on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January at Arise Africa Christian Guest, for prayer, encouragement and planning.

On 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February our churches were able to come together in a Zonal prayer retreat in each of the 21 zones. Our aim is to continue in the same mode of prayer as we encourage each other as one family in Christ Jesus as long as it is called today.

## **AAI Pastoral Outreach Missions**

These are missions led by Pastor Godfrey for the purpose of encouraging AAI churches, like Paul, Timothy and Barnabas did.

The first AAI Pastoral Mission this year took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 in the western region of Uganda in the areas of Mubende, Kyenjojo, Kasanda, Kyenjojo, Kanungu and Kyegegwa.

On 27<sup>th</sup>/January, 2020, the team led by Pastor Robert Masajjage and Pastor Mabira Ronald, met with the team from Mubende to begin the mission in the above mentioned places. The following activities were done during the mission; Team devotions, Zonal



conference, Zonal leaders meeting review , door to door preaching, church member visitation, Open air crusades and Sunday service.



*Photos: Pastor Robert teaching at the Zonal conference in Mubende.*



*From left side, Pastor Andrew and his wife from Hamurama church. Right: Youth leader, Pastor Charles the regional leader of AAI western Uganda region, and church elder from Katabalanga church*

We glorify God for the following achievements from the pastoral mission;

- We were able to reach all churches as we planned.
- Three members who had back slid recommitted their life to Jesus Christ.
- Eight people came to Christ during the open air crusade at Kambugu Church.
- Kambugu Baptist Church was restored under the leadership of (Pastor Abel Luhindo).
- A house was rented (for 3 months) for Pastor Abel.
- We agreed to provide Pastor Abel with food for three months to be able to pastor the restored Church at Kambugu.

Outreach ministry received bibles from Mrs. Jennings Wright of Ten Eighteen ministry. We are so much grateful to God for such wonderful gifts.



We pray for God's blessings to all our friends who have always partnered with us in the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your great generosity. Your support helps to further our missions for the Kingdom of our heavenly Father.

*Photo: Pastor Godfrey receiving Bibles for Outreach ministry from Mrs. Jennings Wright of Ten Eighteen ministry.*

Arise Africa International ministry, has many plans to accomplish this year but we know that our efforts can yield nothing without God's support and provision. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. We therefore request for your unceasing prayers and financial support to meet the following needs;

1. General medical checkup for Kisakye Elizabeth and Namuganza Selina to assess the general health treatment plan and immunization which is also a requirement by MGLSD that the child should undergo medical tests and examination at the cost of one hundred dollars **(\$100)**
2. Facilitation of family visits to update Babies Home children files most especially Selina and Elizabeth in Mayuge Town council and Kigandalo Sub County to process birth certificates, and other necessary paper work at a cost of Eighty dollars **(\$80)**
3. Six thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars **(\$6,944)** to develop a borehole to serve both the Babies' home and the primary school
4. Two thousand five hundred dollars **(\$2500)** to repair and improve solar power at the babies' home, primary school and secondary school.
5. Build a foster home for the children who will not be adopted and have no homes to return to and have outgrown babies Home care range of below 6 years. The cost will be communicated upon request.
6. Construction of 3 classrooms; we plan to transfer the nursery school from babies' home perimeter to the primary school. The cost will be communicated upon request.
7. Pray about sponsoring a child at babies' home, Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools at thirty five dollars **(\$35)** per month.
8. Support evangelism in the AAI ministry this year at **(\$50)** monthly budget).
9. Support AAI pastor at Fifty dollars **(\$50)** per month.
10. Support AAI manager at one hundred dollars **(\$100)** per month.
11. Funds to buy Outreach ministry van, land for some churches and also be able to build church structures for those that are lacking (seven thousand dollars **(\$7000)**)
12. Restocking of 40 computers at the cost of Two hundred dollars **(\$200)** per computer for secondary and primary school computer labs.
13. Infrastructure improvement of both primary and secondary schools such as windows glass, flooring in class rooms and dining hall, and furniture repairs at a cost of Two thousand dollars **(\$2000)**.



14. Funds to complete construction of hospital in Bukaleba at a cost of **\$33,660**

15. Pray for our ministry partners and friends.

16. AAI leadership training which has been scheduled for the month of May at Arise Africa Bukaleba Secondary school grounds and June in each of the 21 zones this year for thirty dollars (**\$30**) per student. Our plan is to train 400 leaders this year.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph 3:20-21)

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If your support is regarding our Bukaleba Children’s Center, please set up your automatic donation at: <https://www.iloveorphans.com/donate>.

If you would like to donate by cash or cheque;

For AAI Pastors and outreach, please send it to World Reach Partnerships, P.O.BOX 582, Blue Ridge VA 24064.

For AAI Staff, Bukaleba Children’s center, General fund for the ministry and others, please send it to [iloveorphans.com](https://www.iloveorphans.com), 14539 E. Hawthorne Ct. Wichita, Ks 67230

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and future support!