

CHILDREN'S CENTER MARCH– JUNE NEWSLETTER

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are overjoyed by God's grace during these uncertain times. Although in Arise we are faced with all kinds of difficulties which include the realities of Global Covid-19, hunger, floods, locusts invasions



and bad national economy; we are thankful that through it all, God is our refuge and fortress Psalms 19:1-3...we fully trust the Lord our God to save us from the fowler's snare and from deadly pestilence. We know all things are possible with Him and all things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. It is with a lot of humility that we share with you a brief report of what the Lord is doing and

accomplishing in us during this season and we also invite you to be a part of what the Lord is doing in the Arise Africa Children's Center.

RE-CAP

Arise Africa Children's Center consists of Arise Africa Babies Home, Arise Africa Nursery, Primary School and Arise Africa Secondary School. Over 1,000 children have gone through our children's center gates; they are all growing into discovering their purpose in life; some have finished university, vocational schools and are already in the working world. We thank God for His grace. The main objective of the Children's Center is to provide shelter, love, basic needs, spiritual, social and psychological support to vulnerable children in Uganda. We offer affordable Christ-centered education to help them achieve Academic and Moral Excellence.

We thank God for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through salvation our children are able to develop a personal relationship with our Lord. Please pray **Luke 2:52**, over them that they will grow in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and Men.

NURSERY SCHOOL, PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

We currently have 822 children in our Nursery, Primary and Secondary School. On **18th March 2020** in an effort to contain Covid-19, His Excellency our President ordered indefinite closure of all schools and all other institutions of learning. Since then our Nursery School, Primary School and Secondary School has not been operational, even though we still have some teachers who are staying at school, hoping that children might come back soon. We constantly encourage our students to take advantage of television, radio and local educational platforms being provided by the government. The logistics are hard; based on their remote geographical locations; and scarce resources. Please pray for them.

BABIES' HOME:

The Children's Center became operational in 2010, when the babies' home first opened its doors to our first vulnerable children. In total, we have had a privilege of keeping and mothering 83 children. Two have gone home to be with Jesus. Ten of them are adopted by our friends in the United States. Two returned to their guardians fully. Three are on the final stage of adoption, staying with their foster parents. Forty-two stay with us for three months during school term but have been resettled with their guardians and spend school holiday breaks with them (we keep contact with them to ensure their safety). We currently have twenty-four babies staying at the Babies' Home. Gracefully, all our twenty-four babies are healthy and growing well. God has faithfully provided daily bread, medication and other basic needs for them when they needed it. We are grateful to ILoveopharns.com, Ten – Eighteen Ministries, And Jinja Town Church for generously giving towards our needs and also feeding our AAI staffs, and church members in these difficult times.



With the language our children and staff understand, we are sensitizing them to washing hands and social distancing to avoid covid-19. But even more we are helping them to pray, read God's word and trust God rather than worrying. We are also limiting guests to the babies' home and have made plans for our staff to stay within and around the Bukaleba project.

BABIES HOME TEENS

Our forty-two teenagers have faced difficult times in their guardian's homes during the National Covid -19 Lock down. No one knew that Covid -19 was coming; like everyone else, their guardians did not plan for them to be home. This resulted into majority of them having one meal in a day or just corn porridge, as their guardian struggled to find food for their families and for themselves.

Miraculously, God provided food, soap, Vaseline, sanitary towels, academic packages, bibles, protective face masks, and transport facilitation. Thanks be to the Lord for His provision! When the Lock down was partially lifted we visited, encouraged and took gifts of food, soap, Vaseline, sanitary towels, academic packages, Bibles, protective face masks these teenage children staying with their guardians. A vote of thanks goes to, World Reach Partnerships, Pastor Smooth and Kelly Via, and Jinja Town Church for doing everything possible to ensure our resettled teenagers' needs were met. Also, a huge thanks goes to Mrs. Kim Silverberg (from Missouri, serving with the Greater Love ministries Uganda) for donating the Bibles. May God richly bless you all!

FOSTERSHIP AND ADOPTION

On **10th May 2020** John and Kim Silverberg (from Missouri, serving with the Greater Love ministries finished their 1 year fostership for our two babies; Aaron Mukisa and James Mukisa. They have a court date on **17th August 2020** to finalize their adoption. Please pray that all will go well for the adoption to be completed. Please prayerfully consider joining other adopting families so that other children may get a family and a home as well. **Mathew 18:5**“...whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.”



BABIES HOME SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

Babies home have begun to grow food like matooke (plantains), cassava, green vegetables, sweet potatoes, and eggplants. Thank you, Ten–eighteen for funding us to grow food. Please pray for the rains.



We invite you to be part of what God is doing at Arise Africa Children’s Center by:

- 1. Praying for us and the Ministry God has entrusted to us,** we are confident that He who began a work in us will carry it to accomplishment (Phil 1:6).
- 2. Giving**

- a. Please visit at: <https://www.iloveorphans.com/donate>. and support a Child in Arise Africa International children's center.
- b. Please Visit <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/TenEighteenInc/food> or text GIVE to 833-956-8376, to give towards food, medical & housekeeping. These needs alone cost us about \$1364 every month.
- c. Visit <paypal.me/ariseafrica> to give to our current urgent needs (these gifts are not tax deductible). Here is a list of some of our immediate and urgent needs at the Babies Home:
 - i. **\$560 dollars** to repair babies' home toilets, Plumbing, leaking roof, and Mosquito netting.
 - ii. **\$204 dollars** to repair our solar lights.
 - iii. **\$392 dollars** to buy a bale of second hand clothes (mixed age and gender) for our babies.
 - iv. **\$843 dollars** to replace babies' mattress and beddings.
 - v. **\$4,730** to dig a shallow well – for reliable running water at the babies' home.
 - vi. **\$405 dollars** to purchase a solar fridge.
 - vii. **\$400 dollars** to purchase tires for babies home van

3. Prayerfully plan to come, visit and minister to the children when the situation normalizes and it safe to travel again.

Thank you so much to all of you who have continued to stand with us and by us during these difficult and trying times. We need your support more now than ever. We are praying for you during this time, and we ask that you pray for us as well.

May "The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you; And give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26