# St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund



### Email Newsletter

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# Schools Reopen in Uganda

Ending the world's longest school closure, Uganda's primary and secondary schools reopened in January after a gap of almost two years. About fifteen million children were affected by the lockdown, and the government estimated that 30% may never return to school. Some former students have started work, and girls have become pregnant and/or married early. Parents whose jobs were adversely affected are struggling to find money to pay school fees, and schools in turn are trying to operate with reduced revenue. Those students fortunate enough to return to school are thrilled to be back in the classroom.

During the lockdown, we supported the primary school in a home schooling program designed to keep the children in a learning mode and out of trouble. Students were given individual assignments, worked on them at home, and returned to the school for personal assessment and to receive the next assignment. For our high school students, we organized a combination of home schooling and private classroom instruction delivered by a team of out-of-work teachers. We were very encouraged that 100% of our students participated in the two programs.

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### Student of the Month

**Miracle** is thirteen years old and has begun fifth grade at Alund'Entono Primary School. Her mother died in childbirth when Miracle was two years old. Her sister survived, and the two were cared for by their father until his untimely death in 2016. The girls have been living with their grandmother and had missed two years of school prior to joining our program. Miracle was our topperforming student in upper primary last year, earning Distinctions in each of her five subjects.



Miracle

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make a real difference in

their young lives.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

The third wave in Uganda dissipated as quickly as it appeared. Positive test results are less than 1%. The Ministry of Health reported no new deaths today. Percent of cases since inception: 0.36%. Percent of deaths since inception: 0.008%.



## Help Us Help the Children

**We welcome donations of any amount.** You can also help by organizing a fundraising event in your church, school, office, Sunday School, or organization on behalf of the children of Uganda.



New dictionaries for our fifth grade students

Donations to help support our children can be sent to the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund, P.O. Box 285, Chardon, OH 44024-0285, or you can donate online via PayPal by clicking the "Donate" button below.



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