



# St. NICHOLAS Uganda CHILDREN'S FUND

## Email Newsletter Vocational School Graduation

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Our principal goal from the beginning has been to educate children from impoverished families and enable them to become confident and productive citizens, breaking the cycle of poverty into which they were born. Young men and women who are proficient in practical skills are very much in demand in Uganda's job market. To this end, we have encouraged our students to embrace vocational training and now have more than one hundred who have graduated and are gainfully employed. The annual graduation ceremony at Lady Valeria Vocational & Business College has normally been held in August, a month when we are not in Uganda.

Because of the COVID disruption last year, graduation was delayed until October and we were able to attend. Our students (pictured below) completed courses in Catering & Hotel Management, Business Management, Cosmetology, and Electrical Installation. Other students have been trained in Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Fashion & Design, Plumbing, and Early Childhood Education. Our many graduates have found work immediately upon completing their training and some have successfully started their own businesses.

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund supports over 220 orphans and vulnerable children in primary & secondary school, vocational & professional training, and university. We pay school fees and provide uniforms, shoes & socks, school supplies, meals, and health care. With your help, we can make a real difference in their young lives.

### Student of the Month

**Frank**, an orphan raised by his grandmother, joined our program at the age of nine. After working through some initial discipline issues, he developed into a model student throughout primary and secondary school. Frank opted to study Electrical Installation & Maintenance at vocational school and performed well on the national exams, especially in the areas of electrical systems and electronics. He was also a star athlete, excelling in soccer and volleyball.



Frank

### News Brief: COVID-19 and Poverty Widen Education Gap in Uganda

Uganda reopened schools in January but many students have not returned to school due to poverty and the need to earn income for their families.

[Click here for the report.](#)



### 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.



Vocational School Graduates

**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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