



Stephen Mugisha # 306

Children were selected for this project from those that we saw personally when we ministered for four days this summer. We chose from those that showed leadership as well as potential for doing well in a school setting. We also chose from the neediest, but in Uganda most are so very needy. Both of Stephen's parents are deceased and he lives with a brother who saw that Stephen was smart and brought Stephen to live with him. They rent a home in the slums. Stephen has completed through the 1st grade and considers himself a Christian. The brother says they are relying on God—that support and education will come. The family speaks the Lutoro language. Stephen appears healthy, although he has malaria and they believe both parents died from malaria. Both Every Child Ministries and Stephen & his family thank you for all that your support will accomplish in Stephen's life!

Uganda Country Information

Country size: 91,000 sq. mi.

Population: 27.6 million

Capital: Kampala (largest city)

Language: English and Swahili are the official languages and the most widely spoken language is Luganda.

Religion: The Catholic church 42%, the Anglican church of Uganda 36%, and Muslims between 12 and 16%

Currency: the Ugandan shilling

Uganda takes its name from the Buganda kingdom, which encompasses a portion of the south of the country including the capital Kampala. Although landlocked, Uganda has access to several large bodies of water and also several rivers, most important of which is the White Nile, one of the world's longest rivers. Uganda has substantial natural resources, including fertile soils, regular rainfall, and sizable mineral deposits of copper and cobalt. Agriculture is the most important sector of the economy, employing over 80% of the work force, with coffee accounting for the bulk of export revenues. Since 1986, the government has acted to rehabilitate an economy decimated during the regime of Idi Amin and subsequent civil war. Uganda is a Democratic Republic that gained independence from the U.K. in 1962.

Kamwokya Project Information

Kamwokya (say Kah- MOH-tcha) is a district of Kampala, the capitol city of Uganda. Kamwokya contains the biggest and worst slums of the city. Many people live there (amongst others) who have been displaced from their original homes because of the war in the north. The leader of one group of northerners, a man named Julius CRAWLED all the way to Kampala from the north.

Kamwokya is a squalid place where overcrowding and waste disposal are a big problems. Most families live in a single room apartment. There are almost no trees and no gardens. Although education is free in Uganda, many of the families of Kamwokya cannot afford pencils, books and uniforms that are needed for their children to attend. The dream of many of the children we interviewed was to go to school "like other children." Of course, at the same time, they would also be preparing for the possibility of a better life.

Sponsorship of your child from Kamwokya will enable him to attend school. Every Child Ministries is cooperating with KCC Primary School, Kamwokya, in this project. The headmistress there is a Christian who has a burning concern for the children of the area. Every Child Ministries already held four days of Gospel teaching at the school, where we met your child. In addition to all that is needed for school, your sponsorship will also provide weekly spiritual teaching with a nutritious lunch, vitamins, first aid and health care as needed.

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