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TEN EIGHTEEN UGANDA 2022



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### 2022: Look how we grew!

More programs to help more girls - that was the theme of 2022.

Starting in January, we launched a slew of new programs at Touch the Slum:

- A Literacy Program
- A free clinic
- A free daycare
- Advanced Tailoring
- A Computer Lab
- A small farm
- Entrepreneurship education
- Dormitory for homeless girls

A large number of those started in the first third of the year. Yes, it was BUSY!

I was able to visit for the first time since February 2020, as the government lifted travel restrictions for non-tourist activities. It was my first time at the Touch the Slum compound and very exciting.

We raised 82% of the funds needed for our Farm Project on DonorSee, which allowed us to purchase 2 acres an hour and a half outside of Kampala, finish the house on the property, dig a well, install a latrine, hire a farmer, plant trees and crops, and put up a perimater fence.

Even with the struggling economy, our donors stepped up and we grew over 60% - it was a great year!



# **MISSION**

To put in place programs to combat the culture of extreme poverty that leads to teenage pregnancy and girls being uneducated by providing a holistic literacy approach to education, counseling, and work.

# **VISION**

To effect a cultural shift in the Namuwongo slum to raise teen girls up from the bottom of the social ladder.

# **VALUES**

IMPACT through vision and follow-through to maximize every dollar donated

PARTNERSHIP with donors, volunteers, and Ugandan leaders and organizations to effect meaningful and lasting change

INTEGRITY in our finances, actions, relationships, and words

TRANSPARENCY in how we use donations, partner with others, and communicate

COURAGE to go to hard places, to see and to do hard things to further the mission

INNOVATION to try new things in new ways

EMPOWERMENT of local Ugandans to help them impact their communities



# TEEN GIRLS

IIn 2022, our expanded programs brought 65 or more girls to the compound each day, along with many babies and toddlers. We have been able to rescue more than a dozen girls from abuse, exploitation, and homelessness and our residential program continues to be the place that local police and community leaders bring girls that come to their attention. When necessary, we have become legal guardians to girls who have been rescued.

# SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT

We continue to find placement for girls graduating from Skills for Life, particularly in hair salons for Hairdressing graduates. Salon owners report that they have great skills, a good work ethic, and are polite and respectful. There is less job opportunity for tailoring students, but we have placed some and helped the rest to start small businesses doing work from their homes or our compound.

# **FOOD**

Food inflation was over 60% during 2022, causing our budget to balloon and causing much hardship in the community. In 2023, our farm will be able to produce a good amount of food for our programs.





# EXPAT MONEY COMMUNITY

Mikkel Thorup, founder of Expat Money, is now on our Board. His community raised over \$6,000 in December to expand and fund the Literacy Program again for 2023.

## **MDF INSTRUMENTS**

MDF Instruments donated brand new equipment for our new Haven Clinic, including stethoscopes, blood pressure equipment and cuffs as small as infant sized, and more! I delivered it on my trip in May.

# BEAUFORT OLDE TOWNE ROTARY

Thanks to the Beaufort Olde Towne Rotary, I took multiple suitcases full of clothes, sanitary pads, toys, and children's books for Touch the Slum on my trip in May. It was a great help!

## MOMS OF RALEIGH

A large group of moms in Raleigh, NC sent multiple suitcases of clothes, diapers, shoes and toys with me in May - awesome!



# SKILLS FOR LIFE

Thanks to Expat Money, we will be growing our Literacy Program in 2023 to teach basic reading, writing, English, and math to girls who've never gone to school. Our first graduation of 2023 will be held April 8th, and we will have two more terms started before the end of the year. We will expand our Entrepreneurship training using Neema Development's course, as our pilot program was a huge success, helping graduates launch small businesses in the community.

## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The Ross and Suubi Houses will continue to care for teen mothers and their children. We will also continue to house girls in Skills for Life who have become homeless in our dormitory. We have capacity for 12 residential girls going into 2023.

# WESTERN UG SCHOOLS

Our work in Mbarara and Rwakobo Village will continue, mainly focused on Food and Water. The increase in food prices has been very hard on the schools' budgets, and water - from flooding to lack of access - is another that we plan to address at both schools.