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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

We began 2024 with a deep conviction that *Every. Child. Matters.*

From students joyfully heading to school to those turned away because they couldn't afford education—every child matters to us and to God. From those whose parents can provide the care and nurturing environment that a child needs to those whose parents are unable: *Every. Child. Matters.*

In 2024, by God's grace, we welcomed 92 new students—and their families—into Hope Alive!. Each and every one of them is personally loved, valued, and incredibly cared for by us and by the God who created them.

As we've faced many challenges, endured many hurts, and given our all for the fragile families of Uganda, we can't help but express our gratitude to our ministry partners who have made this work possible. It is our prayer that this report helps us share the joy of hearts and the work of hands with some of you who have contributed financially, relationally, prayerfully, and intentionally throughout the year.

Thank you for believing in this mission and partnering with us for the good of others and the glory of God!

With Hope,



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Caleb Smagacz
Executive Director, Hope Alive!



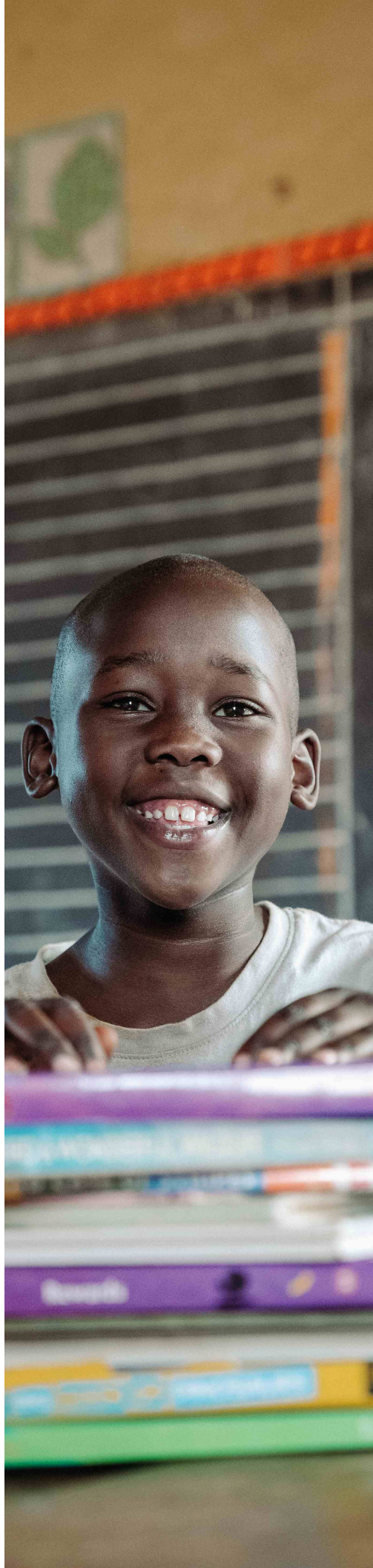
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OUR MISSION & REFINED MESSAGE

You may have noticed we have a fresh new look! From our updated logo to the vibrant photos showcasing our students surrounded by their families, we're embracing a renewed focus on what makes Hope Alive! special: the holistic care of children and their families.

While families have always been integral to our mission, we're now highlighting them more intentionally. Our heart remains the same—to support, educate, and bring hope to children—but now with an even deeper emphasis on the family's role in their journey. It's captured in our motto: "The whole child, as part of a whole family, for the good of the whole community."

What's changed? There's a new logo and a fresh way of expressing our mission, vision, and values. But the essence of Hope Alive! remains unchanged. Since 2002, we've been steadfastly committed to transforming lives—students, families, and communities—through the healing hope of Jesus!



NEW LOGO

The individual has always been at the heart of Hope Alive!.

The person in the center of the logo is now composed of four "arrows": down, up, left and right. Each arrow represents part of the work of Hope Alive!.



When all of these components come together, we see lives changed, families flourish and students transform their communities for Jesus Christ!

REFRESHED VISION, MISSION *and* VALUES

VISION

Fragile families flourishing in the hope of Jesus!

MISSION

Bringing the healing hope of Jesus to fragile families in Uganda through fostering life-changing relationships and creating access to meaningful educational opportunities so that transformed families can take strategic places in their communities and impact them for Jesus Christ.

VALUES

RELATIONAL

We nurture long-term relationships with every individual of the Hope Alive! family. Students, mentors, staff, and families are known, loved, and cared for; they are not numbers.

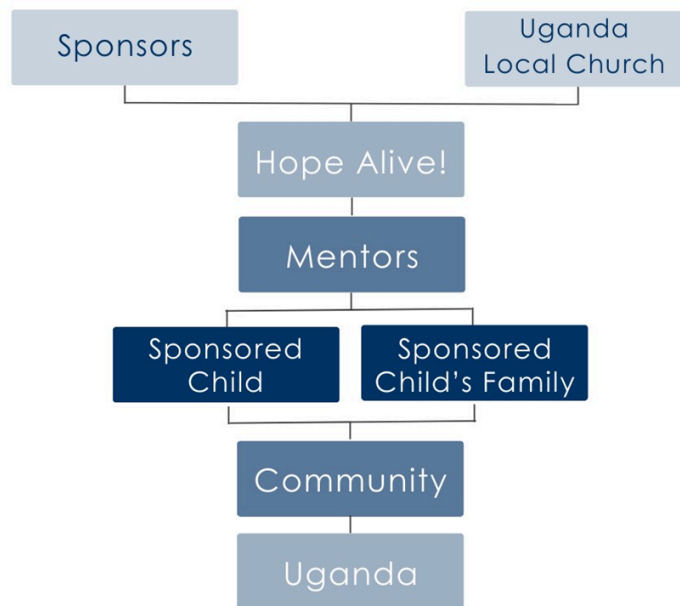
LOCAL

We are deeply rooted in and part of the communities that we serve. All site staff and mentors are Ugandan Christians from the local community. We don't minister from afar, but from hearts and lives that have been woven together through time and proximity.

HOLISTIC

We invest intentionally in the spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and social well-being of individuals, families, and communities. The whole child, as part of a whole family, for the good of the whole community.

ENGAGEMENT MODEL & LOCATIONS



Kampala

Site Opened: 2002

Masaka

Site Opened: July 2005

Koro (Gulu area)

Site Opened: May 2006

Kyabakuza

Site Opened: April 2021

Koch Lii

Site Opening: January 2026

HOPE ALIVE! APPROACH

Loss of parents, neglect, insufficient income, and significantly limited access to education and vocational training—these are among the harsh realities that perpetuate generational poverty in Uganda. These challenges also deeply touch the hearts of many people worldwide who desire to see justice for the oppressed and hope for the marginalized. “Doing good” is not always as easy as it sounds; over more than 20 years of ministry in Uganda, we have developed a set of principles to help guide our efforts and, by God’s grace, bring justice, hope, and healing to a very broken world.

Below are several of these foundational principles that undergird our ministry, as well as some of the outcomes we are seeing today (at least partially) as a result of our principles and approach to ministry.

Foundational Principles

- The local church is indispensable to creating strong families and communities
- Parents (or other caretakers) are primary
- The family is the best place for a child to grow
- Students are present and future leaders
- Education is a fundamental human right
- Families and communities are stronger when they work together
- Jesus Christ is our ultimate hope

Significant Outcomes

- Parents, students, and whole families putting their hope in Jesus
- Parents and communities coming together to create economic opportunities
- Families growing and staying together
- Alumni becoming people of influence in their communities
- Students who are the “firsts” to read, marry, graduate, and be employed

By God’s grace, we are witnessing families breaking free from poverty as well as alumni becoming leaders in their families, churches, and communities. Parents and caregivers, with Hope Alive!’s support, are starting businesses and accelerating their journey to self-sufficiency, inspiring others to do the same. God is at work in Uganda, and we are so thankful to be a part of it. As you read this report, we pray you see the principles above reflected and that you are encouraged by how, together, we are seeing lives changed.

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling and looking towards the camera. The boy is on the left, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a yellow graphic. The girl is on the right, wearing a white sleeveless top with a pink trim. They are standing in front of a textured, greyish wall. A decorative white border with a repeating geometric pattern runs vertically along the left edge of the image.

KEY AREAS OF IMPACT

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

HOPE ALIVE! MOBILE LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Fostering Literacy Across Gulu

In Uganda, 60% of schools do not have a functional library, and only 1% of children 10 years old and younger live in a household where children's books are present. With those statistics in our minds and with our students in our hearts, we set out to ensure that Hope Alive! students had access to books in their homes, at their schools, and at our ministry sites.

In 2023, we opened libraries at three of our sites and gifted students personal books at Christmastime. In 2024, we took on the challenge of getting books into the schools that Hope Alive! students attend.

Thanks to a few very generous donations, Hope Alive! was able to launch the Mobile Library Program (MLP) in four partner schools in Northern Uganda in 2024. The MLP provides a rotating stock of age-appropriate books as well as improved literacy instruction for all of the teachers and students in those schools.

In 2023, 114 Hope Alive! students benefitted from a new lending library at our Koro (Gulu) site.

In 2024, 2,795 students, including both Hope Alive! students and their peers at four primary schools, now have regular access to quality books and improved literacy instruction.





BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- **Improved Literacy:** Students displayed enhanced reading skills, confidence in reading aloud, and better comprehension
- **Language Development:** Students made significant progress in their English speaking and interpretation abilities
- **Cultural Shift:** Reading is becoming a daily habit and a source of enjoyment for students
- **Engagement with Stories:** Storybooks have helped students develop cognitive skills like story retelling and critical thinking

IMPACTS FOR TEACHERS

- **Access to Resources:** The project provided much-needed books and materials for school libraries
- **Effective Teaching:** Teachers were empowered with strategies to teach reading more effectively
- **Classroom Management:** Independent reading sessions improved focus and discipline in classrooms
- **Community Connection:** The project fostered stronger partnerships between Hope Alive! and the schools

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

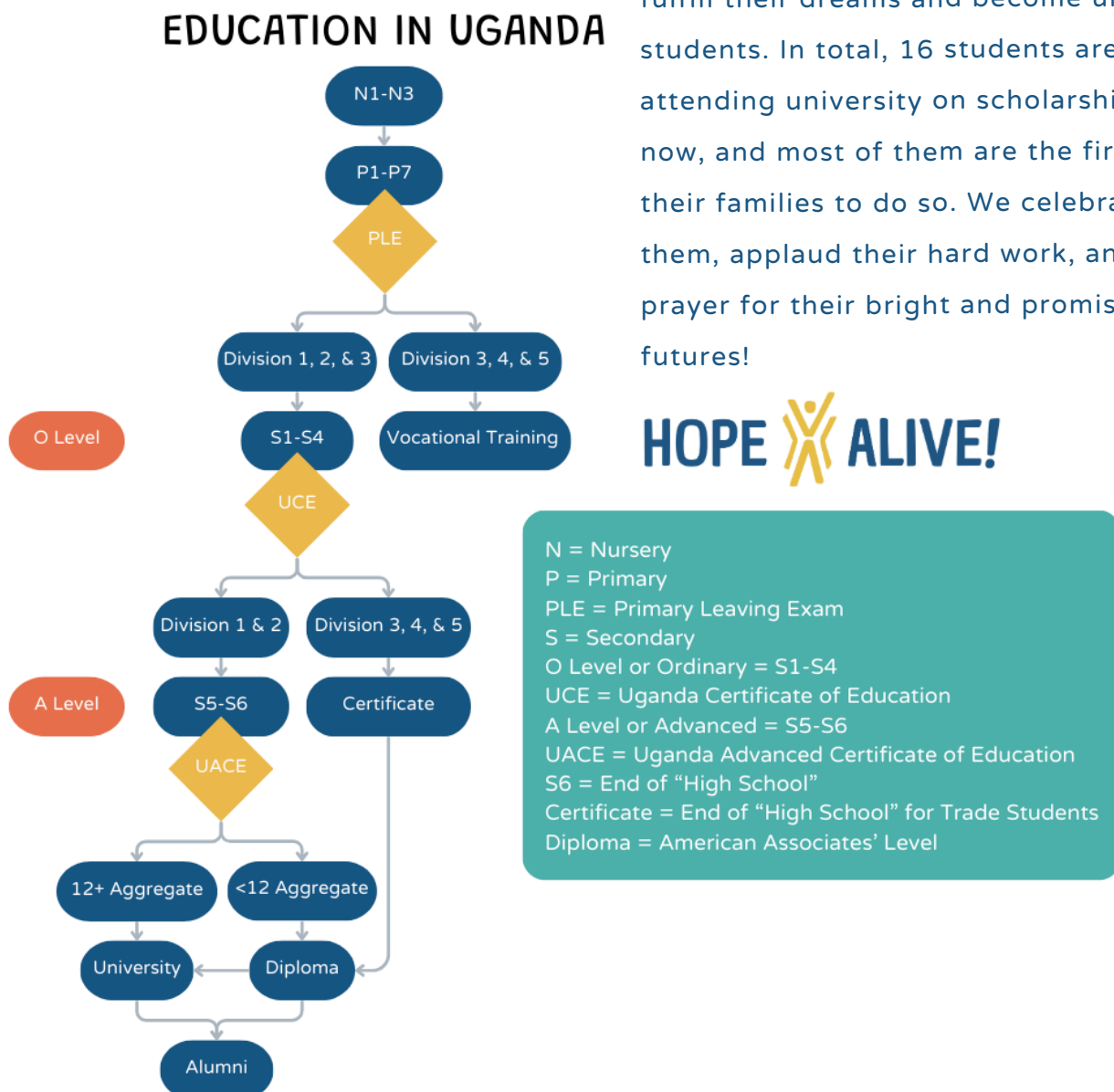
1. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the **Rotary Club of Fremont (CA)** for their generous gift and to our strategic partners who have made this initiative a success.
2. Thanks to our ministry partner, **READ for Life**, for bringing improved literacy curriculum and instruction to teachers across the Gulu area.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The education made possible through sponsorship is truly life-changing for so many students. Our regular \$48-a-month sponsorship provides access to education up to a student's "diploma level" (see image). However, every year, a few exceptional students demonstrate the desire and ability to go beyond this level to pursue a university degree.

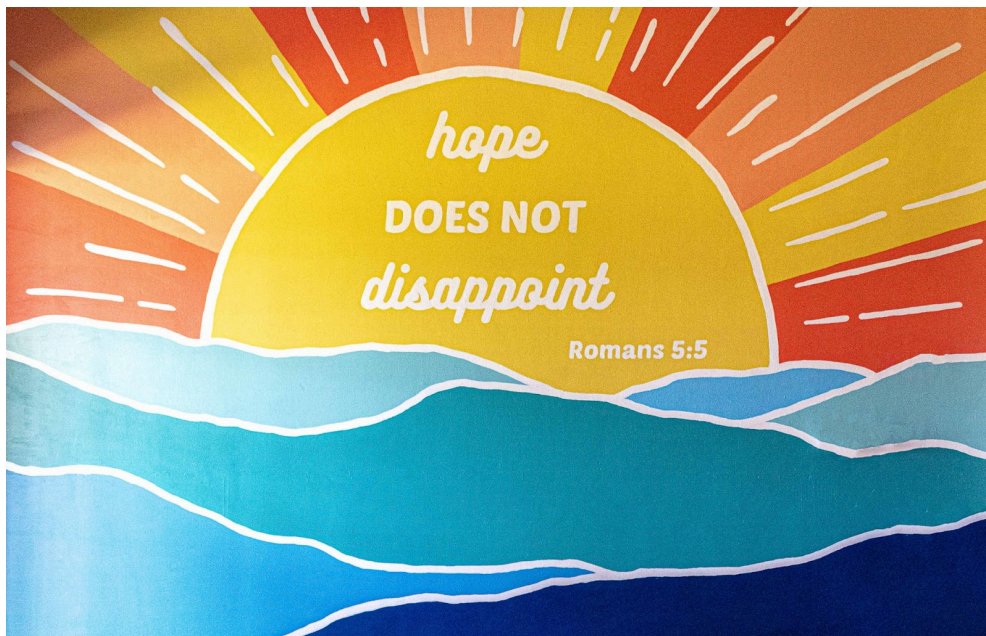
In 2024, thanks to generous giving to our University Scholarship Fund, Precious, Sandra, Blessing, and Angel were able to fulfill their dreams and become university students. In total, 16 students are attending university on scholarships right now, and most of them are the first in their families to do so. We celebrate them, applaud their hard work, and join in prayer for their bright and promising futures!

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BUILDING FUTURES TOGETHER

How Caregivers in Koro Are Empowered Through Savings Groups



We are stronger when we work together. Today, many Hope Alive! families and communities are experiencing this powerful truth through our Savings and Loan groups. These groups provide a safe and secure informal banking system for families who are unable to access traditional banks. Participants can regularly save, earn interest, and issue low-risk loans to one another. One mom says, “I didn’t know that I had anything to save until I joined this group! Now I’m saving every week and building a better future for my family!”

TRANSFORMATION IN COMMUNITY

Faith Over Fear

Every week in Northern Uganda, a group of mentors, staff, and caregivers organize a community worship service at different homes. While the location changes, the message remains the same:

Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

One week, the group was invited to hold the gathering at the home of a community member who had been shunned due to her involvement in witchcraft—a dark and deeply rooted reality in Uganda. Though some were wary, the group accepted the invitation, and neighbors were welcomed. The meeting began with singing, teaching, and sharing.

When it was time to eat—a meal traditionally prepared by the host—the atmosphere changed. The attendees, usually eager to eat, appeared hesitant. In truth, everyone was hungry, but fear of being poisoned or bewitched through the food held the crowd back.

Sensing the tension, a Hope Alive! staff member stood up, took a plate of food, and began to eat without hesitation. That act broke the fear in the room, and soon, everyone else joined in.



That day, the gospel was not only shared in word but also demonstrated in action—and it left a lasting impact! Two of the hostess' children professed faith in Jesus, and while the hostess herself has yet to declare Jesus as Lord, the community has witnessed a remarkable change in her demeanor. Walls of skepticism and fear have started to crumble, creating space for the hope of Christ to shine in her life and the lives of those around her.

FARMING GOD'S WAY

Transforming Agriculture, One Field at a Time

In Uganda, agriculture is the primary means of survival for many families. Yet, most struggle to make a sustainable income due to traditional farming practices that deplete the soil and limit yields among a variety of other factors. Recognizing this challenge, Hope Alive! has been working to introduce families to improved agricultural methods, including an approach known as Farming God's Way (FGW).

Since 2019, Hope Alive! has been experimenting with FGW at its demonstration farm in Gulu. By planting a half acre of corn and a half acre using traditional methods, the team has been able to directly compare the outcomes. The results have been remarkable.



In September, the team harvested and processed the cornfields planted in April, discovering that FGW significantly outperformed traditional farming. While the traditional method yielded 408 pounds of corn, FGW produced a shocking 1,407 pounds—the largest harvest in Hope Alive!'s history. This bounty, seen drying in the chicken house-turned-storage facility, serves as a powerful testimony to the effectiveness of the method and a step towards the goal of seeing families live more sustainably off of their land.

HELPING WITHOUT HURTING

Transforming Hearts and Communities

How do we help people with genuine needs without creating dependency? How do we "teach to fish" instead of simply "handing out fish"? These questions have been central to Hope Alive!'s work, and in 2024, we were deeply blessed to receive training that brought fresh insight and clarity to these challenges.

In October 2024, the Hope Alive! team gathered in Koro (Gulu) for a transformative five-day training called "Helping Without Hurting in Africa." Rooted in a holistic approach to poverty alleviation, the training combined biblical principles with practical tools for fostering sustainable development and empowering communities.

This impactful training encouraged our mentors, staff, and participants to adopt a renewed mindset toward poverty and wealth. For example, Mentor Amos gained a profound sense of value in the resources already available to him. Living on a small piece of land, Amos began cultivating green peppers in a nursery bed, inspired by the training's emphasis on starting small and growing assets over time. With this foundation, Amos now envisions building a thriving business during the dry season.

Many mentors shared that they no longer define themselves as poor but instead recognize their wealth in land, food crops, trees, and the labor and support of their families. "Having little money doesn't determine our poverty," they affirmed.

We celebrate and thank our Strategic Partners, whose generosity made this valuable training possible. Because of your support, Hope Alive! can continue to invest in our team of staff and mentors. Together, we are renewing mindsets, refining practices, and working towards sustainable transformation!



EMPOWERING MEN THROUGH FAITH AND BUSINESS

The Man Up and Go Program

The Man Up and Go program equips men to thrive as fathers, husbands, and leaders in their communities. Absentee fatherism and pervasive alcoholism have left many young men with few older men to look up to and learn from. With the consistent presence of male mentors and the Man Up and Go program, we are hopeful that the next generation of men in Uganda will grow into loving husbands, caring fathers, and servant leaders of their communities. A similar program for young women is being developed in Kampala, Masaka, and Koro (Gulu).

The program begins with 12 weeks of discipleship training, guiding men to live with integrity and actively serve their families and communities. Following this, they receive 10 weeks of business training providing skills in entrepreneurship, marketing, and budgeting. Many graduates have successfully applied for microloans of up to \$500, turning their skills into tangible opportunities.

In the Koro (Gulu) community, 65 men have completed the program, launching ventures such as plumbing shops, tree nurseries, general stores, and agro-vet businesses. These men have demonstrated resilience and stewardship, using their training to support their families and address community needs.



ODONG WALTER

owned a small plumbing shop in Gulu. With a microloan, he expanded his inventory to include high-demand items like sinks and toilets, increasing both profitability and customer satisfaction.



OKELLO SUNDAY

established a tree nursery, growing fruit trees for nourishment and timber seedlings for income, reflecting his vision for sustainability.

OJOK FRANCIS

opened a shop at a remote trading center, meeting market gaps and providing essential goods to the local community.



OKELLO FRANCIS

started a piggery, which later transitioned into an agro-vet shop offering fertilizers and animal medicines. With profits from his farming efforts, he repaid his loan and is now looking to expand.



STORIES OF IMPACT

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Two sisters' lives were transformed through Hope Alive!'s holistic care. The younger sister had been struggling with an illness for over a month, unable to eat or interact with anyone. Her family watched helplessly, unsure of how to help. After being referred to a specialized clinic, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis and tested positive for HIV. With treatment, counseling and ongoing care for her medical conditions facilitated by her site manager, Beatrice Nanyunga, the girl recovered and is now thriving—eating well, being active, and joyfully playing. Her grateful father said, “Hope Alive! You are an angel that God sent to save my family.”

But the story doesn't end there. The elder sister, Maya, who is not enrolled in Hope Alive!, had also been deeply affected by her family's struggles. After their mother's death, Maya's education came to an abrupt halt because her father could not afford to send her to secondary school. As her friends continued their studies, Maya's hope began to fade. Through Hope Alive!'s counseling and support, she found a renewed sense of purpose. A community caregiver, who had received a tailoring machine through Hope Alive!'s loan and savings group, agreed to mentor her. Maya has learned valuable sewing skills, and recently, she proudly showed off a dress she had made, saying, “Aunt (Site Manager) Beatrice, this was all because of you. When you came to our family, everything changed. Today, my life has meaning.”



Inspired by Maya's transformation, her father was moved to make arrangements for his other children to return to school. This family's testimony emphasizes the ripple effect of Hope Alive!'s work, demonstrating how the sponsorship of one child can profoundly impact the whole family.

A MODEST GIFT TURNED INTO AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



Juliet is a 37-year-old disabled widow with four children. Although she dreamed of all of her children going to school, and someday even graduating from university, she had no way of earning a living in order to pay for the cost of their education. Her disability left her unable to walk or to find regular employment. Undeterred and more than a bit desperate, Juliet would crawl from one place to another to gather clothes, wash them by hand in a small basin, and earn just enough money to put food on the table and pay for rent. The family was struggling, wondering how things would change for them.

Seeing the desperate need of the family, Hope Alive! enrolled one of the boys, Elijah, in 2021. That Christmas, Elijah's sponsor sent him a \$50 Christmas gift. Through the guidance of Hope Alive! staff, Juliet, or "Mama Elijah," used some of the money to buy a piglet, which the family raised and sold for a profit. They then purchased a knitting machine, which Juliet immediately put to work making sweaters—she already knew how to knit! In a few short months, Mama Elijah had made enough money to send her three remaining children to school with the profit from selling her sweaters to nearby schools and people in her community.

Soon after, Hope Alive! staff connected Mama Elijah with a local church, and through Hope Alive!'s networking, she received a wheelchair, greatly improving her mobility.

She said, "Thank you, Hope Alive! It's through you that I managed to get my starting capital for my business and now am able to pay school fees for my other three children. I am starting to see my dream of being able to educate all of my children come true."

Through the sponsorship of one child, an entire family's future was transformed. We praise God for the way He multiplies hope!

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH LITERACY

One of the most exciting milestones of 2024 has been witnessing the power of literacy in the lives of our students. In 2023, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, every Hope Alive! student received three books at Christmas—many for the first time in their lives. These books have not only opened the door to knowledge but have also become tools for personal growth, empowerment, and hope.

Throughout the year, our students have been immersing themselves in their books and regularly visiting our libraries to sharpen their reading skills. The results have been remarkable, and we're proud to share some of their stories



Benitah

From Illiteracy to Inspiration

When Benitah joined Hope Alive! in P2, she couldn't read or write—not even her own name. However, through remedial lessons, Benitah not only gained literacy skills but also discovered a passion for learning. At a Saturday Club devotion, she shared, “Praise God! I didn't know how to read or write. But now, I can read and understand my Bible, and my class performance has improved. I enjoy reading! Thank you, Hope Alive!”



Nathan

Finding His Voice Through Reading

Nathan once struggled with shyness, especially when speaking in public. However, the books he received have become a turning point in his life. By reading and re-reading his books with his family, Nathan's English has improved significantly, strengthening his vocabulary and broadening his understanding of different cultures.



This newfound confidence has shaped Nathan into a leader among his peers. He is now the first to volunteer to read scripture aloud during Saturday Club devotions!

Rita

Choosing a Better Path Through Literacy

For Rita, books have been a lifeline, helping her steer clear of negative influences and make good choices. She cherishes the books she now owns, reading them as often as she can, whether at school or home. Her dedication to reading has increased her critical thinking and vocabulary, and her spoken English has significantly improved. Rita's enthusiasm is evident; she encourages her friends to visit the site library every weekend!



Perfect

Discovering Confidence and Joy in Learning

Perfect used to feel burdened by the expectation to live up to her name, but everything changed when she read “Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!” This humorous book taught her that only God is perfect and boosted her self-esteem. She now has a new outlook on performance and resting in God.



Perfect's love for reading has since flourished. She has taken on the role of acting librarian at her Hope Alive! site, where she assists her peers in finding books, keeps records of checkouts, and ensures students are making the most of their reading time.

MENTORSHIP IN ACTION

Hope Alive! mentors walk alongside students and their families, providing holistic guidance, emotional support, and practical tools for transformation.

Emily describes her time with Hope Alive! as "a great blessing". Through Bible studies and meaningful conversations with her mentors, Emily has not only grown in her knowledge of God but also has developed a deep desire for the Lord. "My questions on passages I don't understand well in the Bible are always answered by our mentors. I thank them for their willingness to listen and respond to me," she shared. Now in her first year of university, Emily confidently participates in class discussions, a skill she attributes to her mentors' encouragement and support.



For Chosen, mentorship brought healing and transformation to her family. This year, her mother, Annet, opened up about past mistakes, sought forgiveness, and committed to live a godly life. Influenced by Hope Alive!'s discipleship programs, this act of courage has restored trust in their relationship. God is on the move!

The ripple effect continues to grow. Mary Tushabe, a Hope Alive! alumna and current mentor, started a girls' club to help others face struggles like low self-esteem (see next page). "I wanted to create a safe space where girls can share, seek support, and build confidence as daughters of the King," she said.

Mentorship has the power to shape lives, facilitate healing, and develop skills. That's why it is at the core of Hope Alive!'s ministry.

EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH MENTORSHIP

The Story of Girls With Value

Hope Alive! alumna and mentor Mary Tushabe founded the Girls With Value Club at the Masaka site to provide specialized mentorship for older girls. The club has become a space where girls ages 12 and above can share their struggles, find community, and grow in their identity in Christ.

The club meets during school breaks and creates an environment where members discuss personal challenges, such as feeling unloved or struggling to make friends. Through Bible study and heartfelt conversations, Mary reminds the girls of their inherent worth and value in Jesus. Mary's mentorship has fostered a beautiful sisterhood of encouragement and growth. The Girls With Value Club is just one example of how mentorship is equipping young women to overcome challenges, embrace their God-given worth, and invest in the lives of others. We are deeply grateful for the leadership of women like Mary, who are raising up the next generation of confident, secure young women.



A PRAYER COME TRUE

Grandmother Toepista's Story of Hope

“Watching my grandchildren grow into responsible young men and women is a prayer come true,” said Grandma Toepista, as she reflected on the impactful investment of Hope Alive! in her grandchildren's lives.

After the loss of her daughter, Andrew and Joseph's mother, Toepista was left shattered. “She supported me and the children, but after her death, I had no hope for my grandchildren because I couldn't support myself,” she recalled.



In 2012, Andrew and Joseph joined Hope Alive!, marking a journey of life change. With the support of sponsors and mentors, they received education, emotional care, and spiritual guidance. Joseph has since finished school, and Andrew is pursuing a diploma in veterinary medicine—a source of immense pride for Toepista. “Who knew my grandchildren would become like this if not for God?” she exclaimed.

Grateful for the Hope Alive! community, Toepista said, “Thank you for changing my grandchildren's lives. Your support has been a true blessing.” These words of testimony highlight the tangible impact of education and deep, meaningful relationships fostered through Hope Alive!



EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

WALKING TOGETHER

Bridging the Distance for Hope and Education



This year, we launched our first-ever “Walk in Their Shoes” 5.1K event, and what a journey it was! Inspired by the daily walk of Hope Alive! students—many of whom travel up to 5.1 kilometers to and from school—we invited our supporters to step into their shoes for a meaningful cause.

Participants from all over laced up their sneakers, walked their neighborhoods, and shared stories of resilience and determination. Through their efforts, we raised over \$8,000 to support students in Uganda!

The funds raised will help provide vital resources like educational materials, mentorship programs, and transportation assistance—ensuring that every student has the tools they need to succeed.

One participant shared, “It was humbling to walk a distance these kids travel daily for their education. It reminded me of how much I take for granted and how meaningful it is to make a small sacrifice for such a big impact.”

We’re incredibly grateful to everyone who joined the walk, donated, and shared this effort with their friends and family. Your steps have made a real difference in the lives of Hope Alive! students, and we look forward to walking together again next year as we build on this success.



GIVING TUESDAY

Lighting the Way to a Brighter Future

In many parts of Uganda, when the sun goes down, studying becomes nearly impossible for students at home. No electricity means they're stuck with dim or unsafe light sources—or no light at all. This makes it incredibly difficult for them to keep up with their studies and perform well in school.

That's why, in 2024, we launched a project to bring light—and hope—into their homes. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$14,000 to provide portable solar lights for these students!

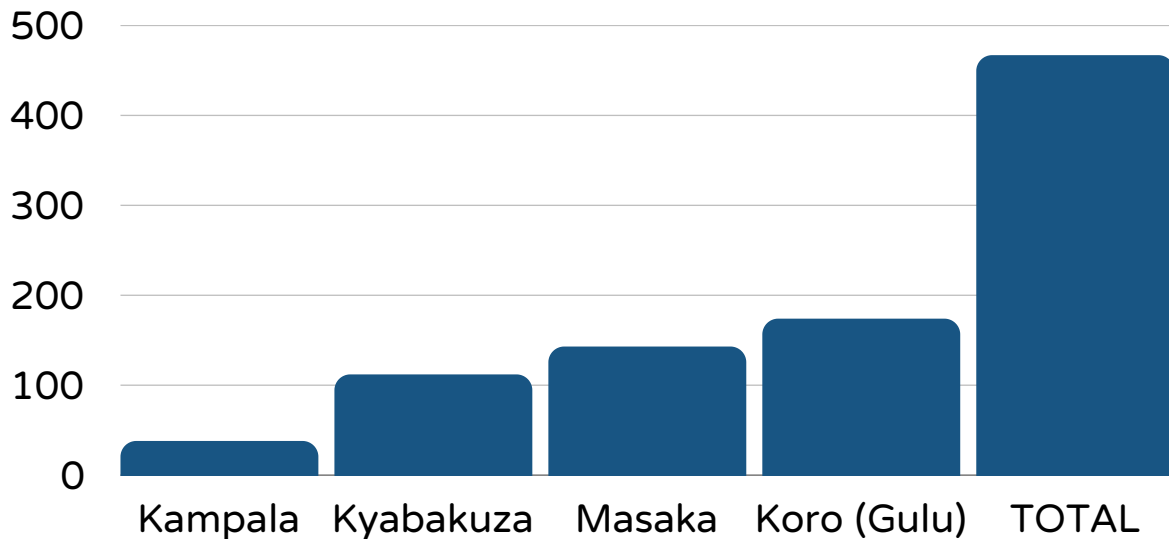
These lights give students the chance to focus on their education and reach their God-given potential. The lights also make homes safer and open up new economic opportunities for entire families.

With a lifespan of 3–5 years, these solar lights will keep making a difference long after the initial glow. We're so thankful to everyone who helped make sure no student is left in the dark!



BY THE NUMBERS

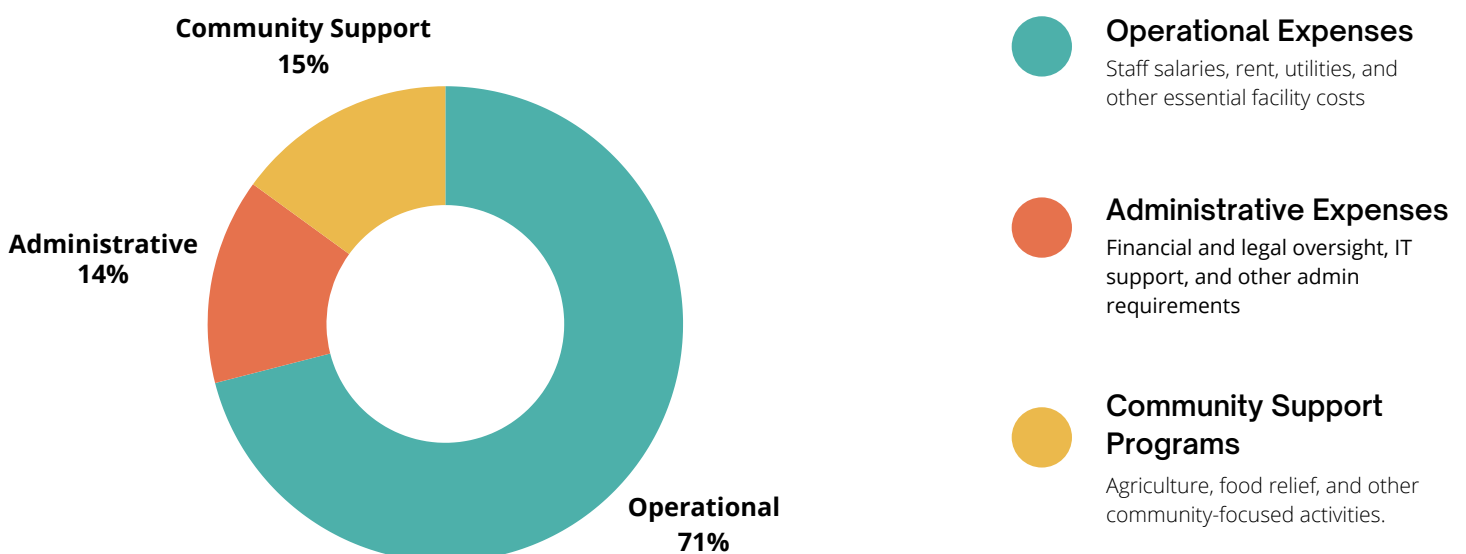
2024 STUDENT ENROLLMENT



2024 SPONSORSHIP FUNDS

100% of monthly sponsorship contributions directly cover a student's tuition, school supplies, learning resources, discipleship, and mentorship.

2024 STRATEGIC PARTNER FUNDS

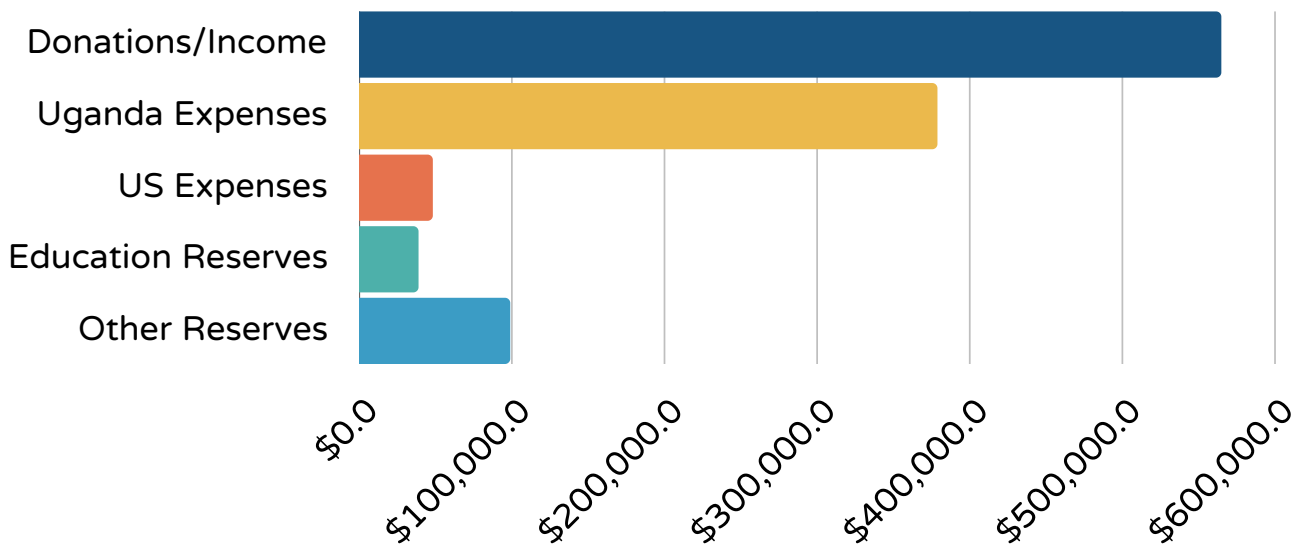


The support raised by missionaries who work with Hope Alive! is not reflected in these figures. Missionary salaries and expenses are supported by generous partners who give directly to the missionaries' support organizations.

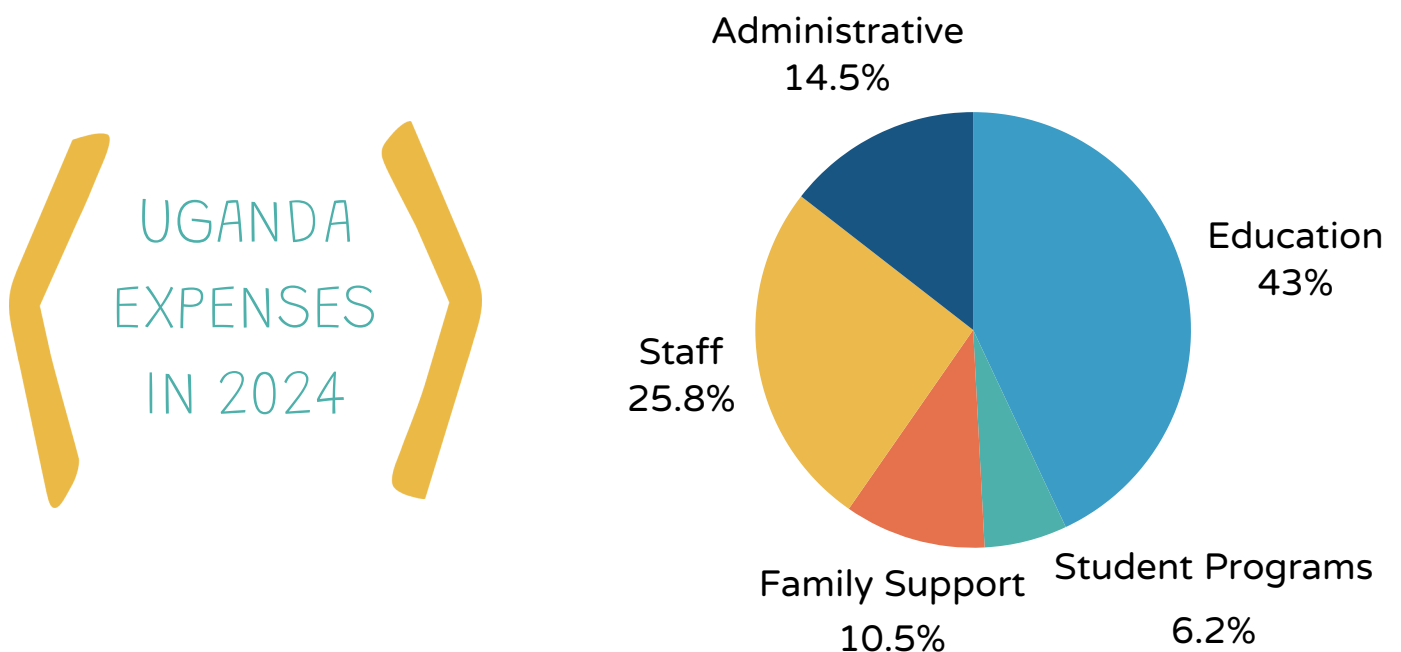
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2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Educational expenses increase as a student advances into higher grade levels, but the monthly sponsorship amount remains the same. During the less expensive primary grades, a reserve is accumulated; that reserve will be spent on educational expenses as the student advances into higher (and more expensive) grade levels.



The “Other Reserves” category includes projects where funds were received but had not been spent as of the end of 2024. This includes funding for the ongoing construction in [Koch Lii](#), the most recent [Giving Tuesday](#) fundraising drive in late November to provide solar lights to each student, and other pending ministries.



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OUR TEAM ... Continued



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We are profoundly grateful for the generosity and unwavering support of our [sponsors](#), [strategic partners](#), [volunteers](#), and [Board of Directors](#) who make Hope Alive!'s mission possible. Your commitment transforms the lives of children and families in Uganda, providing hope for a brighter future.

A special thank you to our dedicated church partners—[Centerville Presbyterian Church](#), [Centerpoint Community Church](#), [Neighborhood Church of Anderson/Cottonwood](#), [Potomac Baptist Church](#), and [Bethany Church](#). Your prayers and financial contributions are a powerful force in fulfilling our mission.

To the [supporters of the Man Up and Go program](#), thank you for empowering men to be strong role models in their communities, fostering strong families and lasting impact. Our thanks also go to [READ for Life](#), a fantastic literacy partner, whose dedication aligns perfectly with our mission. Together, we are opening doors of opportunity.

Parents often fall to their knees in heartfelt gratitude for your support, thanking God for Hope Alive!'s assistance. Your faithful prayers and generosity make this transformative work possible, and we are deeply thankful for you.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON FOR 2025?

Transforming Lives in Koch Lii in 2025 and Beyond

We are constructing a new ministry site in Koch Lii (pronounced Coach Lee), Uganda, planned to fully open in January, 2026. Koch Lii is a rural county in Northern Uganda, with a population of only 13,000 spread across 850 square kilometers. In an impoverished area, many in Koch Lii struggle to meet their daily needs, and educational opportunities for children are limited and inadequate. Hope Alive! plans to address these needs through a multi-faceted approach.

Church Planting

Hope Alive! is in discussions with the Baptist Union of Uganda and University Christian Church in Gulu to plant a church in Koch Lii. The church will be located on our new site and supported by a U.S. church partner. The Baptist Union will send a pastor and provide formal oversight, while UCC will offer mentoring and guidance.

Hope Alive! Koch Lii Site

Our new site will serve as a hub for ministry in the community. Initially enrolling 50 children from the most fragile families, the site will gradually expand to 150 students. It will host Saturday Clubs, community gatherings, and parent meetings. This site will be a place of hope and transformation for many.

Educational Support

Hope Alive! will collaborate with local schools to improve education quality. We'll provide capacity-building opportunities for teachers and administrators to help strengthen the local educational system. Our successful Mobile Library Program, launched in Koro, will also expand to Koch Lii, ensuring access to books and literacy resources.

Community Development

Hope Alive! will empower families through agricultural training and microloan programs, enabling them to meet their needs sustainably. By providing opportunities for beekeeping and tree planting, as well as safe spaces for savings and investment, we aim to build a more resilient local economy.

PARTNERING FOR CHANGE

Construction will take place throughout the dry seasons of 2025; the ministry is planned to officially launch in January of 2026. Your prayers, financial support, and active involvement will be instrumental in bringing the hope of Jesus to Koch Lii and beyond.

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