



UGANDA KIDS

Update & Thank You

February 2016

We are members of the Petrie Catholic Community on the north side of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

We first visited Uganda in 2008 and then again in 2010, 2012 and 2015. After returning in 2010 we decided to do something as a family to help poor children who could not afford an education.

While some of our friends in Masaka, Uganda, are poor by western standards they have an incredible faith and love of life.

They are hopeful and cheerful regardless of their circumstances. Some of them are nurses, teachers, farmers, tradesmen, business people and unemployed. Some exist on \$1 a day.

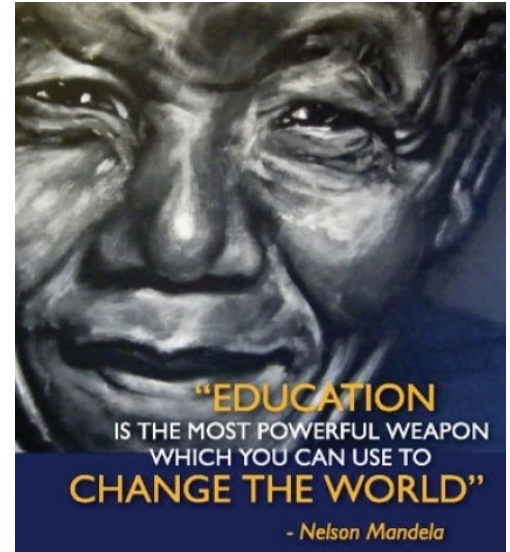
Our vision is: "**kids finish school**".

We believe that one way to break the poverty cycle in which many find themselves in Uganda is through education.

A donation of \$5 per fortnight is enough to pay school fees, provide lunch at school and a new uniform every year.

This is a public fundraising program and you have been made aware of the plight of these children in the hope that you might consider giving them a helping hand.

Ugandakids is a registered charity and has partnered with **Catholic Mission**, a deductible gift recipient (DGR) and as a result donations made to Ugandakids through **Catholic Mission** may be claimed as a tax deduction.



So Far

- 280 children being supported in two schools
- Hundreds of school uniforms
- Electricity
- 100 school desks
- New school kitchen providing thousands of lunches
- New Girls Dormitory and compound
- 20 First class passes in the 2015 Primary Leaving Exams!
- The farm.....



Our People in Uganda

Uganda Kids succeeds in Uganda because of three people.

Father Gerard Mukwaya (left) is our mentor and advisor. He is a highly respected man in the community and has been a priest for 50 years.

We thank him for his sage advice and for opening the new St Joseph's kitchen in our absence last year.

He is now "tired but not retired" working in a smaller rural Parish and ministering to the sick in a Parish run clinic..

On our last trip in November 2015 we formally named the kitchen the "Father Gerard Mukwaya Kitchen" in honor of his service to the community in general

Aloysius and Lucy Mukasa (below), the dynamic married couple. He's the Principal at St Joseph's Primary and she's the head nurse at the Masaka General Hospital Private Surgical ward. She also has her own clinic assisting poor people in the Parish area. They have three kids. These two spend hours each week managing Uganda Kids for us in Masaka.

They are always available at the end of the phone when required and always go the extra mile for the children.



These two boys

Swaibuh, the boy with the pink shirt, is a student at St Bruno's Primary. We first noticed him in 2010 and struck up a relationship. He comes from a difficult background. Madam Justine the St Bruno's Secondary Principal has been tasked with keeping an eye on him and he is doing well as a result of donations received here in Australia. At Christmas he received a pair of shoes and a new uniform!

The boy in the blue T shirt is Hilary. He graduated as a supported student from St Joseph's Primary and is now studying at St Bruno's Secondary. We are expecting big things from Hilary after graduating from Primary School with top marks! His dream is to go to University. We think he has a real chance. He is wise beyond his years and fully understands the opportunity that he has been given and would like to thank all of our supporters.



Sue & friends

New Girls Dormitory

While visiting St Bruno's Secondary we were very excited to see an almost completed new building. Madam Justine explained that many of the students had long walks to school each day (6—10 kilometres) and that some of the girls had been sexually assaulted on the way. The solution was to build a dormitory on land provided by the Parish. Now the girls can study and live in a secure location. Uganda Kids support was instrumental in assisting the school to build the dormitory. Thank You.



St Bruno's Secondary Girls Dormitory



Young Teachers

Principal Madame Justine (front centre) and some of her young teachers. School had finished for the year but the teachers were staying as they had nowhere to stay for the holidays. They couldn't afford to go home. These teachers are not paid by the government as most are in Uganda and rely heavily on the support provided by Uganda Kids. We were advised that they would not be paid for the month of December as there were competing school debts that had to be attended to. Our travel companion David came to the fore and in several days raised \$1500 in a "not shaving challenge" from friends and family in Australia. Result: School bills accounted for and teachers paid and able to go home for Christmas.



**Fr Porphyrius Kikungwe
Parish Priest - St Bruno's**

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How to help us further our work

Our mainstream efforts are aimed at supporting “kids finishing school” . As such regular donations give us the ability to plan for the future and inform how many kids can be supported each school term into the future.

On occasion we undertake projects that are funded outside of our main donations with the full knowledge and support of those donating for those projects. To date they have included:

- ◆ Installation of electricity to St Joseph's school
- ◆ 100 school desks
- ◆ Building of a new kitchen at St Joseph's
- ◆ Assisting in the building of a dormitory at St Bruno's
- ◆ Purchase of land to build a farm to feed the children

Consider a trip to Uganda! Fully inclusive packages available.

Donations to Uganda Kids can be tax deductible if you like. Check out the website under the “Donation” tabs or call us to send you a form.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about how you can help us help kids who need a hand up.

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Sue & David being welcomed at St Joseph's

