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Children's Care Centre & Community Development



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Newsletter

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Dear Donors, Friends and Well-Wishers of the St. Moses Centre,

We gladly speak to you again through our most loved Newsletter. We enthusiastically await such a moment to update you about what is new and hot in our Centre. With your dedication and support dear Friends new good happenings in children's lives and at the Centre are always inevitable. Stay stress free for a moment as you discover how that "small" contribution you give is a turning point especially in children's lives. Nice reading!

Children - Education - Studies - Working Life

The primary seven leavers could not believe their eyes on completing the Primary Level of Education that lasted for seven years. They excitedly look forward to joining a new level of education with great hope of seeing themselves through to the Universities for different careers in life, thus self-sustaining. Dear Friend, you are undoubtedly part of their success. Thank you!

For the pre-primary/nursery school leavers, you would have seen how big they felt on their small graduation party if you had had a chance. Very excited indeed, they were already imagining themselves putting on a primary uniform and some even becoming prefects in their school.

95% of all supported students in different classes were also in jubilation upon promotion to their next classes of education following good performance.





The Alumni

Congratulations to all our inspirational motivators for this half of the year. They successfully completed their studies and are exemplary to the young generation. Oh my God! These children made us so proud. They came to the Centre, very tiny, innocent and hopeless. Through their persistent hard work, obedience, counselling and of course your support Friends, they met their goals. They unbelievably share their success in the following paragraphs:

Joseph Lyadda

He has this to tell, *"Who I'm I Joseph to meet such big personalities in my life because of what I have become. I thank God and my great sponsors: Omoana and the St. Moses Centre, especially Uncle Oscar Genoud for the far I have come. I feel loved, respected and already seeing a brighter future ahead of me. I do not regret studying journalism and more so photography. I have covered big projects already, can you imagine! Miss Tourism Uganda, big weddings and parties, cocktails, motorcycle races through different countries of Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and very soon I believe I will reach Europe. I have my own studio and I employed two people to help me run it. I speak this with great joy as I count myself so lucky long live OMOANA, long live St. Moses and all of you who have played a role in making me what I am today. I love you all"*



Lillian Akot

With a very traumatising background where she was even sexually abused at an early age, Lillian went through counselling throughout her time at the Centre. She has much to tell as well; *"I'm happy to have my life again. I am a great Nursery Teacher and proud of myself. I have taught in the country of Rwanda and now in my home country Uganda. I feel good that I also contribute to children's development tremendously. Gratitude to all my sponsors St. Moses Centre and Omoana. With care and counselling I was able to love again. I have a good husband and two beautiful children. You can't imagine how happy I am. Thank you good people"*.





Emmanuel Semalulu

Traumatized with HIV / AIDS from birth, Emmanuel didn't give up. He also happily shares his success story, *"I felt like giving up one time. HIV / AIDS stresses really. Can you imagine living on ARV's for your life time. God is great because he brought caring people in my life. They counselled me, fed me, loved me and I suddenly realised the purpose for living. I'm indebted to the St. Moses Centre administration, staff, friends and more so to OMOANA and KNH Germany my sponsors for giving me an opportunity to study. I'm glad to have completed my Electrical Course in one of the best Vocational Institutions in Uganda and more so that I immediately found a job. I am very happy. I love you all."*



Activities around the Centre

Guardians' Meeting

It was a great moment seeing most of the guardians to the children turn up for their meeting. They were called to be reminded of their responsibilities in children's growth and development and more so to discourage dependency syndrome. They were also informed about children's strengths, needs, weaknesses and behaviors to seek their involvement in all these fields. They all pledged to be cooperative in all ways.



Children's Meeting

An Annual Children's Meeting was held for counseling and guidance purposes to prepare them for the long holiday that was ahead of them. Smiles were all over as children at different levels met and interacted after a long period of time. The old ones at higher levels were a big inspiration to the young ones still at lower levels as they aired out encouraging stories. One young one was overheard saying, *"I will work through tooth and nail to study up to University and also come back here one day to testify. If I'm to achieve this I should stop being so naughty."* It was a long day but worthwhile indeed. The counselors surely met our expectations.





Socialization of Children

Regardless of tribe, race or nationality different volunteers together with “Mamas” of the children at the Centre encouraged children to socialize in order to develop their conscience. They were acquainted with norms, beliefs and behaviors of different social groups. They were also taught what would be expected of them as they matured and became full members of the society. This was realized through different games that volunteers introduced to the children where they got them to share a lot about their lives. Mamas also emphasized housework, gardening and other house chores that were always done in teams. Games and work time were always an indirect learning ground.



Recruitment of a Social Worker

A Child-, Family- and School Social worker was recruited to provide social services and assistance in order to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the academic performance of children. She is still being acquainted with the Organization's culture and objectives. We all have high expectations in her and children will be closely monitored in this sense to help them remain on track.



Management Board, Staff Meeting and Staff Outing

The last Management Board Meeting of 2016 was held in December to reflect, plan and make decisions for the Centre especially in preparation for the year 2017.

An annual staff meeting was held where all staff members regardless of position attended and were given equal opportunity to air their views. In the meeting it was ensured that staff knowledge is up to date. More so it was a platform on which we gave each other feedback on different activities and created supportive work relationships. Among the suggestions that were put forward was to have an end of year staff outing. You know what! You would have peeped in a nearby hole to see how stimulated everyone was at that moment. It was automatically supported and implemented at a later stage. At least all staff went for Christmas holidays with relaxed minds after a whole year of service.





Self Help Groups and Family Support Program

Through the Micro Credit Scheme among women groups family support was provided. On monitoring different clients, it was so motivating to see how these small loans have created great impact in their lives especially those that put them to right use.



Volunteers and Visitors

- > **Nina Vollmer** came to St. Moses Children's Care Centre in July 2016 for her internship which will be ending in December 2016. She has been helping with office work, played and interacted with children at the Centre, monitored sponsored children in different schools and homes and helped with community work as well.

- > **Matilda** and **Jessimo**, the German Red Cross volunteers were placed at St. Moses Children's Care Centre in September 2016 for voluntary work for 1 year. They went back to Germany prematurely due to personal problems.

- > **Ms. Magali Perrin** the OMOANA coordinator in Gulu and the Centre for 2 years is going on with her work since April 2016.



Initiatives in Germany

A special moment was in July when the Aunt Gaby received a donation from her former primary school in Germany. Teachers, pupils, some parents gathered and the mayor of the town and school director handed over the cheque.

Susanne sold in Stuttgart like every year on the street bazar our products. We are grateful.

Sale of necklaces and earrings continued in some markets through Sandra and Susanne sw@drawings-for-life.com



Achievements from July – December 2016

- >> Centre children were fully cared for and all facilitated with school fees in their respective schools and three others recruited.
- >> An Accounts Assistant was recruited to effectively and efficiently carry on Micro Credit financial transactions.
- >> The Micro Credit Project that aims at boosting guardians' Income Generating Projects to increase their income continued its operations in communities.
- >> A staff outing was facilitated to strengthen work relationships and team work.
- >> The chicken project got newly stocked.
- >> A guardians' meeting was held to remind them of their responsibilities in children's growth and development and more so to preach against dependency syndrome.
- >> Another part of the fence was added to improve security for children and Centre property. (fencing not complete yet)
- >> The roof of the weaving workshop was renovated.
- >> A Social worker was recruited to provide social services and assistance in order to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the academic performance of children.



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Plans for the First Half of the Year 2017

The Centre plans to implement the following in the next year:

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| >> Recruit more children in desperate situations. | >> Construct lockups along the road for income generation targeting future construction of the Jinja - Kampala highway that is going to pass along the Centre premises. |
| >> Boost all Income Generating Projects for the Centre for income generation. | |
| >> Continue giving loans to guardians which will boost their income through various projects and still conduct trainings basing on their needs. | >> Repaint Boarding Section buildings and renovate Centre family houses if funds permit. |

Thank You

Beloved ones if you could see our faces at the time you read this newsletter, you would see a look of gratitude. Thank you for thinking of us always despite the distance we live. How can we ever thank you enough for all you have done anyway. May God bless the work of your hands!

Special Thanks

- >> To all friends in Germany, Church Communities especially St Raphael, foster parents, schools, individuals who buy St. Moses's products. OMOANA, all German friends, Comans family in Australia, Eufride and friends Netherlands, Norway, Nouvelle Planete and SidEcole in Switzerland.
- >> Dr. Jaime Olle and Frau Teresa with their friends in Barcelona - Spain, Jenni Williams with her friends in the UK.
- >> Susanne, Klaus, Tina, Hannelore and friends, Georg Kleinen and friends, Kristin Meyer and Patrick, Kai and family, Caroline, Sandra Matthes, Hermann and Ruth, Lena and Svenja Glemser, Inga Kiersch for their commitment in Germany.
- >> All volunteers who help at the Centre and abroad.

Keep smiling good friends because you make us do and it suits you all!

Wishing You Health, Happiness and Success in 2017!

Lillian Nambi, Administrator

Gaby Kisitu, Adviser



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**DONATIONS AND INCOME JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2016**

> Donations and German Friends via Kirchenstiftung	54.961 Euro
> Donations Friends of other Countries	2.859 Euro
> Nouvelle Planete Sponsorships	1.356 Euro
> Omoana Sponsorships, Family support, Admin	30.350 Euro
> SidEcole Schoolfees Support	4.160 Euro
> Centre's Income: Accommodation, Farm, Crafts, etc	9.863 Euro
> KNH Austria Solar Lighting	21.248 Euro
> Bank Interest	418 Euro

Total Income	125.215 Euro
Add Balance Jan 2016	
> Sponsorships, Family Programm	1.009 Euro
Total	126.224 Euro

EXPENSES JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2016

> Food, Clothing, Hygiene, Medicare	9.715 Euro
> Electricity, Water, Gas, Firewood	1.789 Euro
> Transport	3.555 Euro
> Schoolfees, Scholastic Material 3 Terms and 2 Semesters	48.012 Euro
> Administrative Expenses, Running Cost, Professional Fees	5.860 Euro
> Personnel Expenses, Training, Medical Care, etc	21.418 Euro
> Repair / Maintenance Building, Grounds, Equipment	4.924 Euro
> Garden, Farm, Pigs, Cows, Chicken, Tailoring, Weaving	6.447 Euro
> Solar Lighting	21.373 Euro

Total Expenditure	123.093 Euro
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Balance for 2017 to start with

> Children's Programmes / Family Support - term 1	3.131 Euro
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Separate Accounts for 2017

> Provident Fund Staff Savings	6.229 Euro
> Micro Credit Administration	17.011 Euro
> Micro Finance Loans Revolving Fund available	38.328 Euro

Average Exchange Rate for 2016 - Euro = 3726- Ush.



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Accounts of Donations

Donations in Euro - Germany Account:

Kath. Kirchenstiftung St. Raphael - St. Moses Uganda

BLZ 720 62152

Konto 630 4850

VR-Bank Lech-Zusam eG

Ulmerstraße 168, D-86156 Augsburg

IBAN: DE53 7206 2152 0006 3048 50

BIC: GENODEF1MTG

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