

Hello Friends and Supporters of Yamba Abaana,

July 29, 2015

Here are the latest developments from the Rubanda Solidarity School. Thanks to you we are making significant progress on several fronts.

Why are these children so happy?



The New Nursery School!

The children are standing on the land parcel near the primary school campus that will become the new nursery school. This project, to build a new stand alone school, was mandated by the government and Yamba Abaana is the primary funding source. There will be classrooms, dining hall and kitchen facilities, as well as a dormitory to house 60 boarding children ages 4-6. A full time matron and school nurse will live on site. Many of these kids' families live some distance from the school and are quite disadvantaged. Although we have raised about \$30,000 to date we will likely need about \$65,000 to finish the project. The final design is being drawn as this goes out. We hope to break ground very soon but we need your continued help in order to complete it.

The Rubanda townspeople are already starting to clear the land by hand (and machete!). Our present nursery school kids look on as they imagine their new school site take shape. The new school is only a short walk from the primary school. Both sites will be served by the NEW WELL! (Read on)



The Well Project:

The same builder/engineer of the new nursery school has surveyed the surrounding land and has found a potential well site. He thinks it will produce clean water for the school and perhaps for the town, too. This will be the first well in the area. Currently, much of the water that is used is captured rainwater, not always available during the dry seasons. The money for the well project was raised last year by generous contributions of our Yamba Abaana supporters. The townspeople will dig it by hand and construction will start soon! This is a huge development for this remote area! More pictures to follow. These are the holding tanks we purchased last year. Clean water is such a luxury in this part of Africa.



New Socks!

The children of Sacred Heart Elementary School in Medford, OR, raised \$200 recently in a fund raiser organized by Barbara Busch (wife of Board member, Philip Busch). They wanted the money to go towards a special project. The money went towards buying a new pair of socks for each of the 315 students. They sure look thrilled!

Although not as exciting as the above developments the Board of Yamba Abaana is very pleased to announce we now have an **auditor** in SW Uganda to manage and supervise the budget of the Rubanda Solidarity Primary School. He is a certified accountant and will insure that all the money raised by Yamba Abaana in the USA is used for the intended purposes in Uganda. We have become such a successful tax free organization that we wanted to assure all of our donors that their money will be well spent. Bob Busch, Board member and our treasurer, is very pleased with this project and has approved the planned approach to accurate record keeping. (There have been absolutely no problems previously).

Those of you who support a student at the school through a sponsorship have recently received a separate mailing recently from your child forwarded directly from Rubanda. The children, with the help of Peace who is our on site liason with the school, are sending personal notes (complete with illustrations!) to their American sponsors twice a year. The kids appreciation is heartfelt. Enclosed with this mailing is an attachment from Peace on what the new nursery school with mean to the kids and the community. Please take time to read a truly inspiring report! We still have many more kids who need your support through sponsorships. You can even sponsor more than one child! Or spread the word to your friends. Please think about it. The sponsorships are the life blood of the school and help with operating expenses, tuition, food, boarding costs, medical care, etc. The cost of a one year sponsorship is \$360 (you may also pay \$90 per quarter).

Our big fund raising push for 2015 is the funding of the new nursery school. We know we are short about \$30,000 but every little bit helps. You can even designate how you want the money to be spent. See the donor list registry below and PLEASE consider helping the children achieve their goal.

New Nursery School registry:

\$25 school supplies for a child for the 3 years of nursery school (60 sets available)

\$150 chairs and desks for 4 kids (15 available)

\$250 for playground equipment/picnic tables (5 needed)

\$500 for new mosquito nets/installation for 20 children (3 sets available for total of 60 kids)

\$3,000 for construction of a classroom (can even be named for you or your family if you like!) 3 available

\$8,000 for construction of a dormitory room (need one for boys, one for girls), will be named for the donor with a plaque

\$10 to ????? unrestricted gift amount to be used for general construction fund, ANY amount will be accepted and appreciated

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Please send donations to Yamba Abaana c/o Bob Busch, Treasurer, at , P.O. Box 880, Grants Pass, OR 97528.

You may also use Paypal by going to our website, yambaabaana.org, and following the prompt.



We will keep you posted on how we are doing in achieving our ultimate goal of \$65,000 (we're almost half way there!). We hope to have the new nursery school funded by Christmas.

I will be studying tropical medicine in East Africa (Uganda and Tanzania) this fall. I hope to get to the Rubanda school sometime in October and will send back pictures and a progress report. These are very exciting times. Thanks for taking this journey with us!

God bless you!

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