



*Rubanda Solidarity
School 2018*



Highlights of our School

A blessing of God to the Community: Phil. 4:19

- ◆ Born out of a dream in 2004: 1 Samuel 28:15
- ◆ Inspired by God and a visible reality since 2005: Job 33: 4
- ◆ Based on Love: John 3: 16
- ◆ Envisioning “better life” for all: Psalm 37:3-4
- ◆ Champion of quality education: Proverbs: 16:16
- ◆ Passionate about vulnerable children: James 1:27
- ◆ Offering basic needs to better child development and education excellence: Proverbs 22:6
- ◆ Built on 3 pillars: Faith, Academic, and Skills for life: Proverbs 22:6
- ◆ Inspired by a theory, “Unity/Solidarity is power”: Psalm 133:1
- ◆ Convinced of “active community involvement and participation” the best way to fight poverty. Matthew 18:20
- ◆ Aware and believing that chronic poverty is fought by a “village”: Ephesians 6:10-20
- ◆ Convinced that cultivating and maintaining good friendships and relationships with local and international partners is possible and a powerful force to realize our dreams: Matthew 28:18-20
- ◆ Providing different opportunities of learning, employment, mission, research, and outreach to the needy: Colossians 4:5
- ◆ A school our students love to call their “second home”: Hebrews 3:4
- ◆ A school your child should never miss: Colossians 3:21
- ◆ Loves unity and hates disunity: James 3:13-13
- ◆ God loves you all the time: Psalm 86:5



Yamba Abaana Uganda

Congratulations to the donors, sponsored children, caregivers and all staff of Yamba Abaana and Rubanda Solidarity! It has been a wonderful year with a number of achievements as Yamba Abaana. Even though we had a few challenges, we are glad that we overcame them, and are now stronger and wiser. As Yamba Abaana, we are committed to helping every student succeed in life and in school.

At Yamba Abaana Uganda we believe that to maintain the strong relationship between sponsored children and their sponsors, there should be frequent communication through letters to strengthen the friendship.



2018 Yamba Abaana Uganda Highlights:

3 more children were sponsored this year which increased the number of sponsored children to 88; 40 girls and 48 boys including 14 from European sponsors. All the sponsored children wrote the required two letters this year and some of them received replies from their sponsors.

A solar system was installed in the whole nursery section where the Yamba Abaana office is located and it provided light to the whole section and power to some machines in the Yamba Abaana communication office. The photo is of the new solar project funded by YA USA being installed at the nursery section in 2018.



A group of undergraduate students from Kent University visited Rubanda Solidarity under the leadership of Dr. Sharp through the partnership with Yamba Abaana. This made more opportunities for Rubanda to be known. Students from Kent University with Dr. David Sharp took nutrition measurements during their visit in early 2018. In addition to this, we also received two American visitors, Maya and Nicolai, who were working with Medical Teams International. They were very excited to meet their sponsored children. This year has been a year of blessings with different visitors

to the school.

The Kindle program has been so beneficial to all the students. It has increased the learning and reading abilities of the students. The saving scheme for Yamba Abaana caregivers has continued to grow and has supported them in meeting some basic needs and other family related expenses.

Through YA support, we have also been able to buy graduation gowns for our nursery students, part of the money from paper beads added to this great work. Career guidance sessions were offered to all students to support them in deliberating on every decision they make in life. In addition, we are implementing a new big project this year 2018/2019: the construction of a two-story classroom block containing classrooms, library/computer lab, multipurpose hall, and office.

Last year we had one greatest challenge of losing one of our beloved children, BRIAN ARIMPA who succumbed to heart failure. May his soul rest in peace.

Once again thank you so much for standing with Yamba Abaana in all ways and supporting all these children who would otherwise not be able to go to school. May God richly bless you.

Peace Uwimana, Yamba Abaana representative

Rubanda Solidarity Nursery and Primary School

No one should forget the humble beginnings, the experiences we have passed through, our mission and vision we are gradually accomplishing. A big thank you goes to all well-wishers of Rubanda Solidarity School, both local and international, for the noble work done towards the speedy development of our community school. I salute you all. Rubanda Solidarity School started under a tree, thirteen years ago and with God's grace it's steadily progressing in a holistic manner in the three pillars of *Faith, Academics and Life Skills*.



In a special way, I would like to thank the Director General who has tirelessly worked for the existence of this school. His special gift and commitment in befriending people in and outside countries and continents has greatly enabled faster development of our unique school. The magical formula is combined efforts or “solidarity”. Father’s continuous messages of encouragement on how unity is an incredible “power” in fighting poverty and cultivating relationships as one of

our arms to development is a necessity. His constant words that time well spent cultivating friendship was more important than that spent in the garden, have remained inspirational.

I can’t forget to thank our friends in the USA, Europe, Asia and our local community. It’s amazing to see how we have all worked so hard in the past fourteen years to develop our school to its current standards. We are all proud of what we see and the fruits coming up. Dear friends, you have lifted us from our nothingness to a level where everyone is now smiling. From lack of physical structure to many permanent structures with a continuous future plan for even more to fill the gaps, we are so grateful. For example, the new construction of ground level classroom block with a multipurpose hall, library/computer lab and office are another landmark of our school’s commitment to continue to provide better means for quality education to our children now and in the future. I encourage everyone to keep Rubanda solidarity school shining and become the exemplary and model school we want it to be. We desire and strive to promote holistic education, proper to every child to become a good citizen, suitable for all seasons and environments.

Rogers Orishaba, General Project Coordinator

Notes from the Head Teacher

Rubanda Solidarity started in a humble way and thirteen years later, its existence has become known worldwide. I am thankful to all stakeholders: The Director General, all members of administration, staff and students. In a very special way, I would like to thank our friends of Yamba Abaana USA (YA USA), Europe and Asia who have all pulled together to support our school. We thank you so much for all you generously continue to do for us.



Recently, the YA USA assisted us in the construction of the new nursery school that has a capacity of hosting more than one hundred students when fully utilized. A year later you funded the refurbishing of our former old Obama dormitory into an excellent new dorm that accommodates 80 students. The most recent solar installation project at our new nursery school surpasses our imagination.

And as 2018 ends, the most exciting classrooms construction is again a great sign of your commitment to help us get our children out of a dusty situation which has been the biggest source of the spread of a June-August summer flu virus and all related sicknesses. As if these are not enough, the added plan to have a multipurpose hall, that has been the greatest reason for our school not to get a center number, the library/computer lab and the block office are all gifts of endless generosity that we can't put in words.

Our school enrollments have always taken great consideration of limited facilities. After this project things will never be the same at our school. For we are fully convinced that when services improve, standards of performances also improve. Better life and quality education are our endless commitment.



To my students, remember, a word of advice is never too much. I have always said to you, know your motive as a pupil and behave as one. Be patient for your lives are beginning. Always remember to play your part as a pupil and you will be rewarded with a successful life. The choices you make greatly impact your future and as one wise man said, "You can choose your actions, but you can't choose the consequences of your actions". Therefore, behave responsibly, read with determination, respect the school rules and all will be well with you. Long live Rubanda Solidarity, our school!

Asiimwe Innocent, Head Teacher



How wonderful it is to live healthy and realize dreams!

I am very grateful to God who has given me life and an opportunity to work with the Rubanda Solidarity Nursery and Primary school.

From under the tree to dusty structures very scary for sanitary welfare, we now have permanent structures with very healthy students. They are excited to very soon enter their excellent and dustless classrooms, multipurpose hall for their social and liturgical functions, with library and office construction complete. These are all reasons to be thankful to all our donors, friends and administration. To all the school administration, in all your service roles, thank you. To our Director General in particular, thank you for your commitment of cultivating and befriending people for our school and putting Rubanda on the world map. May God bless you abundantly.



Salvius Ahuyakisimire

Rubanda Solidarity Nursery School

Rubanda Solidarity Nursery school is composed of day and boarding students, both boys and girls. The Administration of the Rubanda Solidarity nursery school wishes to thank our donors for the good work they always do towards the development of our school. We do promise to keep cooperating with you to develop our school as an excellent role model in Rubanda district and beyond. Our nursery school students, the second year's, graduate at the end of third term every year. Last year we had 32 candidates (20 girls and 12 boys) who graduated and whose photo we have attached to this article standing proudly at their school dressed in new graduation gowns. The ceremony was attended by the parents/guardians, staff with students from both nursery and primary campuses, and some community representatives. After the graduation, the nursery section closes, and students go home with their parents/guardians for their Christmas holidays until the first week of February when schools reopen.



I am very proud that our first graduates are to join primary level in 2019. I thank God for that. My word of encouragement to the parents: Please passionately aspire to bring more children to our nursery school or advise a friend about the unique benefits a child receives from our quality education system of services that we take seriously as our school mission.

The enrollment required age is three to five years of age with exceptions by mutual discussion with the administration. Quality education is a big deal in our Uganda today. Parents, the community, school staff of teachers and support staff, thank you for the great work you do to our children entrusted to us by the parents and the school. God bless our school. Let's remain "United for success".

Ms. Kesande Joy, Deputy Nursery Section

School Health Review

Last year's third term went on fairly well compared to the last terms. We received few health cases like typhoid fever from one pupil, two pupils with urinary tract infection and one pupil with impetigo, two pupils with gastro enteritis, one pupil with pneumonia and they were referred to Rubanda Primary Health Care (RPHC) and treated. They were given medicines like levofloxacin, clotrimazole pessane, dexamethazone, enthromycin, prednisoline, cloxacilin, mediven cream, multivitamin tablets, ciprofloxacin injections and tablets, intravenous dextrose, normal saline and only one pupil was admitted. Otherwise common cases were wounds, cough, flu, headache, abdominal pain, fungal and eye infections mainly attributed to June/July summer drought and were all treated successfully at school. All of this success is attributed mainly to better care and improved environment.



Niwansasira Phiona

2018 Candidates



Aharimipisya
Docus



Akatuhumuriza
Hildah



Amumpeire
Bonita



Amutuheire
Emmanuel



Ansasira
Benjamin



Ategyereze
Thanks



Atukunda
Catherine



Ayebare
Benadine



Busingye
Jamirah



Byamukama
Deus



Karuhanga
Ivan



Katwesigye
Joackim



Kukunda
Bridget



Kyarisiima
Illuminate



Namanya
Blessing



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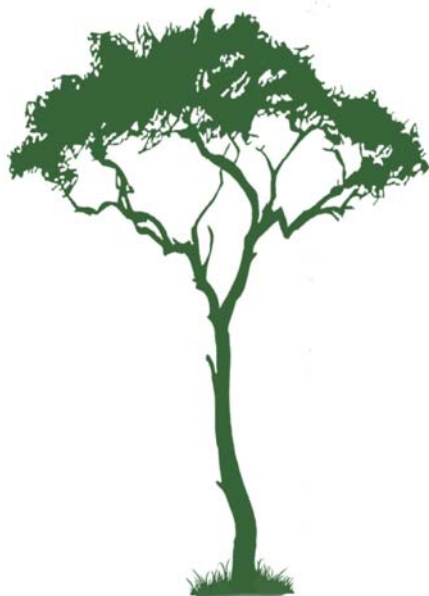
Oshabahebwa
Shivan



Sunday
William



Tukahirwa
Elizabeth



Rubanda Solidarity Primary School

Rubanda Solidarity School is a parental school in Rubanda district that cares for whole child's development: body, mind and spirit. I thank Fr. Dominic, assisted by Sr. Stellamaris, for setting up such a wonderful school. And to all our friends especially Yamba Abaana USA, Europe and Asia friends for their continued generous support to our school: God bless you. I am particularly thankful to our administration and YA Uganda for working so closely with the liaison of YA USA and other friends. Your solidarity has enabled many activities like agriculture, art, beading necklaces, knitting, and shoe repair happen. Involving students in these different skills has tremendously increased their interest in and love for our school.



With the YA Uganda we grow sweet potatoes, different vegetables, and raise pigs for school consumption and income to the members for the group. This has tremendously added value to the students' feeding habits and significantly cut expenditures. The school gardens have made our school unique by creating a greater sense of responsibility among learners. For example, these days we plant greens on the verandas and in sacks which grow to maturity with no destruction from students: Something that was unheard of in the past because they now understand the added value to their dining table. It's a great improvement in behavior that deserves credit to our administration and staff. Other benefits from the garden are cutting of time and energy as food is found right on the school site.

My sincere appreciation goes to the director of the school who brought Mr. Daniel Beard to come and visit us and share his passion of farming with simple modern methods. That was a huge boost to our school gardening skills. Similarly, I acknowledge Dr. David Sharp who brought a nutrition team of students from Kent University in the US for research in our school. Their love, observations, and support continue to inspire our students, staff and to make our school a loved second home to our students.



With all these new ideas and innovations, life can't remain the same. Every little proceed from these projects benefit the children and the school. For example, in 2017/2018 children involved in the necklace project benefited from some percent of the income. Another percent was reinvested in the project and the balance used to purchase a small solar system to supply our new nursery campus that had light problems. This year, 2018, the income from the necklace project has been used to purchase 50 new nursery school graduation gowns. I truly feel proud of this school for all initiatives put in place for our children and those who will come. I thank the administration and all team members of YA Uganda and staff for the tireless work we do together to promote quality education right from a tender age of child development in our beautiful school. Blessings on you all.

Mrs. Tumuhimbe Immaculate, Deputy Primary Section

Academic Pillar

It's another end of the year into a new one. I am very grateful to the administration for all the efforts they put in to make sure that the academic year is successfully started and completed. As dean of studies, I render appreciation to the parents for loving our school and entrusting their children to us. To all our students, thank you for working so hard and keeping the discipline of the school which is a great key to your educational excellence. All our teachers and support staff, your services were greatly noticed and made everything easy for both administration and students. To our donors and friends, we cannot thank you enough. Your love for our school, sacrifices to make our school a better place for learners and excellence are self-explanatory.



We are all excited to see our students get out of the dust to a clean classroom. Dust was the worst hazard and cause of health strife in the past fourteen years. Academically, our students work hard to be the best they can in all teaching and learning activities. Our general school enrollment declined a bit mainly because of reducing the nursery section from 3 to 2 last year and for the limited space of accommodation and poor conditions. With your support, all this stress will be over once the new construction project is complete. It's our hope that with the new multipurpose hall in place, the administration will resume requesting the "center number" that permits our school to seat our primary 7 candidates at our school. This is going to be an added value for better performance.

It is our goal to offer a quality education opportunity to both girls and boys. It has been a journey that continues.

Tr. Denes, Edigar, and Tr. Willy



Pillar of Faith

Our Pillar of Faith is central to our mission of education at RSN/PS. Hence, we are very thankful to the Administration for the great concern and support for the needs of the spiritual development of our learners.

The Administration supported us in purchasing necessary items to boost our faith and other spiritual exercises. This pillar has motivated the teachers and support staff to work with students to develop a deeper relationship between them and the students which is inspired by the Word of God.



This has also created confidence among learners, to prepare, read and share their views and inspirations with others. They also learn and pray the rosary together. This has generally impacted their lives, attitudes and behavioral change. We noticed a big difference through improved discipline last year, compared to past years when we had plenty of issues in lack of discipline. There is more respect shown by learners to staff, visitors and property in the school. We are so proud to notice new attitudes like the one in the scripture or prayer fellowships that tend to be more “self-driven”.



Our students also have learned how to use the New Order of English Mass (Roman Missal) with responses. We are very grateful to our team members, staff and students who work together to animate a parish Mass once a month at the parish church. Also, we have started to go to Radio Maria, Kabale for radio talk, prayer and music. We are also proud to mention that we have a group of students busy preparing for their sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. May the Lord bless you all.

Sr. Brenda Mbambu, Teachers Ivan and Angela, Spiritual Pillar leaders

Radio-Talk Show

November 25th, 2018 will remain a special day on the calendar of our school. The school directress, Sr Brenda Bambu, in company of teachers Salvius, Ivan, and school nurse, Ms. Phiona, led a school team of twenty-seven students to Radio Maria in Kabale for a Radio Talk Show that lasted for one hour and forty minutes. It was first of its kind in the history of our school. Preparations began months before and set our students on high gear and excitement as they went through all necessary rehearsals and arrangements.



The trip started around 11:25 a.m. from the school compound aboard a mini bus to Radio Maria. The students were jolly and melodious students throughout the whole trip. They arrived on time and were ready for the talk show at 1:20 p.m. which ended at 3:00 p.m. The talk show consisted of the Bible readings of the day (Christ the King solemnity), riddles, memory verses and poems. The group of students, composed of both representatives from nursery and primary campuses was hosted by Morris Kemigisha, the presenter. According to Kemigisha, our students performed with excellence regardless that it was their first Radio Talk Show.

After the studio they all enjoyed a delicious meal from St. Theresa primary school prepared by Sr. Stellamaris, the headteacher and our current school's management chairperson and cofounder of our school. Thereafter tours to the Bishop's compound and the Shrine of Mary were made before heading back to the school. All students appreciated the school administration as it was an interesting, inspiring, educative and amazing time for them. They all say, "We can't wait to have another chance." They give glory to God for the good opportunity.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas.



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Teacher Arinda Ivan and Sr. Brenda Mbambu

The Beauty of Education Gives Meaning to Life!



My name is AYEBARE ROSETTE. I was born in 1994 and my parents are Mr. Owunyesiga Apollo and Mrs. Owunyesiga Florence. I am the second born and we are six siblings. I was born in a humble family where God is the center of everything. My love for school came to my mind in 2001 when I always saw my friend going to school in a uniform and I wished to be like her. In second term my parents decided that I could go to school since I always cried a lot to be with my friend. In 2003, my uncle Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime and Sr. Stella Kyasiimire planned to take us to a boarding school; that was me and other four children from our family. So, in second term we were driven to Bishop

Mazzoldi school in Kanungu but unfortunately, we couldn't be admitted to this school for our performance was not at the standard of the school. Sister decided to continue and take us to Nyakibale Upper Boarding Primary School in Rukungiri. All this was being done because our uncle always wished all children at home to speak English but none of us could, which hurt me most. It's from this school where I started enjoying the beauty of education since I had started speaking English. This made me proud of myself and loved school even more.

I completed primary level in 2008 and joined a secondary school at St. Mary's College Rushoroha in 2009. My ambition of being a lawyer started to grow because I admired lawyers who led me to love the practice of law. In senior three, when it was time to specialize in subjects, I had to take additional mathematics because I loved math much more than literature and so couldn't continue with the ambition of being a lawyer. By this time, I was inspired to become an accountant by one of my teachers who proudly told me he had seen a great mathematician in me in future. That motivated me to love the subject more than the rest and I passed it with a Distinction 2 at senior four.

In 2013 being in love with math, I joined A level at St. Paul's SS Bukinda and took a combination of Math, Economics, and Kiswahili, then computer since my interest was now in accounting. At this level, it's when my health started to become poor and I also lost my sponsor. I started seeing myself not reaching my goal since my sponsor had died and my parents couldn't make it on their own. When the final exams were released, I had excelled and could join a university, but my worry was where I would get tuition from.

God being so loving and merciful, He couldn't stop loving me, but through my uncle, He gave me another wonderful sponsor from Italy who could take me through the university since 2015. Glory goes back to Him! I continued with my ambition and took a course in Business Administration and Management, specializing in Finance and Accounting. This course has truly enabled me to achieve my goal and I emerged the best having acquired a second-class upper degree in Finance and Accounting!

Still my soul shall praise God my Lord for He has done marvelous things for me. He did not stop loving me but even after graduation provided me with a heart of gratitude to come to pay back to my school, giving my services as an Assistant Bursar; the school that has turned me into who I am today. I have been able to get sponsors, friends, mentors and benefactors because of this school that was started in 2004 by my uncle. It is this school that enabled me to study from quality schools and I am who I am because of Rubanda Solidarity. Therefore, I am proud to be its assistant bursar to give back what it gave me. There is a saying that good money is the money that brings profits and that "akiibo kagaruka owanyamugarura".

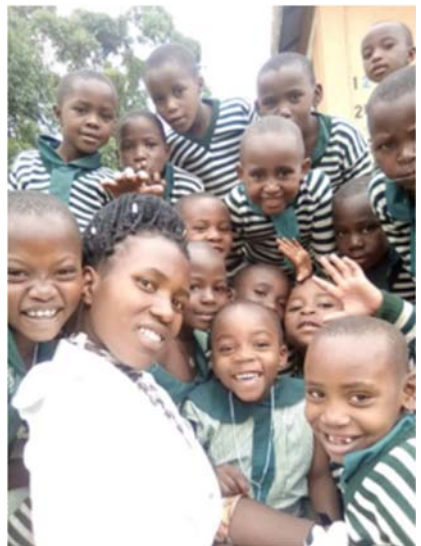
I love being part of this school as its part of my life! I want to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to my dear parents, grandparents, my beloved uncle Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, my sponsors, Sr. Stella my mentor, siblings, friends and benefactors. To my family who have tirelessly been patient with me until they have turned me into who I am today. To my fellow students, my only advice is *love, respect* and *listen* to your both parents and elders so that you can get a blessing from them! I have become me because of the three.

Also at school, *love discipline, work hard and pray*. With these virtues, excellence will be the order of your day! Despite all the challenges I have met during my education, I have worked hard, practiced discipline and above all have taken prayer as my daily food. This is how I made it to the person you see today. Bravo! To parents, love your children, advise them, give them education and above all wish them well as you pray for them, you will come to love the meaning of having children in your life and praise God.

I once again thank all people who have loved me and wished me well always. I love you too and pray that God continue to give us compassion, unite us with solidarity and live in harmony until each one of us benefits from one another. For unity is power and "United for Success " we will succeed.

For God and my country. Live long Rubanda Solidarity.

Ayebare Rosette





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