



Rubanda Solidarity School 2019



APPRECIATION FROM OUR FOUNDER

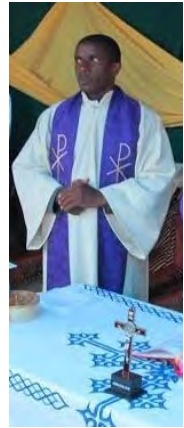
Dear parents, foster parents, guardians, the community of Rubanda, donors and friends, the alumni, staff and administrators of our school, this article is primarily for you.

I want to thank you and appreciate the great work and the role you play in the life of every single child in our school. Please join me and the RSDA to celebrate our 15th Anniversary of the existence of our school and the organization. There's a lot to celebrate together: the providence of God and your own generous contribution.

To you the parents, foster parents and guardians; you have a very distinctive role in the life of your children and your family. You work so hard to build not only your children's life but also a stronger family, stronger community and nation. Your role is so essential that without you, we would have little to celebrate. With a multitude of good attributes you bring, allow me to mention just a few with gratitude and appreciation: you are the backbone of the children and the family. You are the source of endless, selfless love and support throughout the life of your children and their guiding star for a better future. You are their primary coach in all needs, with the values and moral support on which quality education and performance we offer to your child depend. Thank you all for your great efforts and guidance to your children and all you do to ensure that they become the best of who God wants them to be through our school and thereafter. We appreciate your trust in us to empower your children for a better future.

Together, we nourish our vision and mission in which we are convinced your children will have a "better life" through "quality education" that our school passionately offers. We appreciate the support and collaboration you amicably give to our school administration. We appreciate your determination to continue to hold your hands together with us and all our friends for the progress of our school now and in the years ahead. Only together, can we manage to create a needed environment for our children's holistic development. We are so grateful for you for helping us in educating and looking after the spiritual, academic and life skills of your children at home. Thank you for working so hard to pay the school fees in due time; this shows your sacrificial commitment and the value you put in your children to make sure they receive the best quality education our unique school provides.

To our dear local and foreign donors, the Rubanda Solidarity, the Yamba Abaana USA, Donors and Friends; we truly appreciate the great support you give to our school. It's through your immeasurable and generous prayers, monetary support, and sacrifices that boost the efforts of our school progress. It's truly a big sign of love and friendship without borders. Indeed, a lot has been achieved and more is yet to come. My belief is, when anchored by God's providence and our personal perseverance in doing what is good, the sky is not our limit any more... together we shoot through.



To our excellent administration and staff, thank you for always putting the greatest value and love on our children. For always striving to passionately play the role of a parent to each child. Experience shows how difficult it can be to be a parent, a role that requires the grace of God, human virtues and sense of humor. It goes with lots of sacrifice and adjustments. I am so proud of you all, working as a team at our school. Our children learn more with the eyes than they do with their ears and hands; and without your commitment, our story would be different. Working in solidarity ensures respect for one another but also for rules and directives of the school. You have demonstrated that solidarity works and is beneficial for any development in combating any kind of poverty. The journey has just begun.

My appeal to everyone associated with Rubanda Solidarity and our school is to keep love and charity at the center of your heart in every service and responsibility you play; that changes everything. It's the secret behind the wonderful success of the fifteen years God has blessed us with. Furthermore, my personal testimony is that when you work with the heart, work no longer becomes a job to do for money but it's a service of love and a hobby to enjoy.

To my dear students: The alumni, the nursery and primary campus students. Please rejoice and be glad that down in your history, Rubanda Solidarity was born, and you became part of it as an "Alma Mater", former school student, or yet to be. Always feel proud of your former school and wish it good. The goal of the School Alumni Association is to offer our former students, supporters and friends an opportunity to stay connected. This also creates a venue for the alma mater students to give back in any way as a sign of appreciation in order to continue the school progress and even expand better services to future generations.

So, let's celebrate our success together as we remind ourselves where we have come from in the past fifteen years, look at where we are today and plan for a greater future. This will guide us and keep us passionate and focused on keeping our school great and a center of educational reference in Rubanda district and in the great Kigezi. Together we can make it. In as much as we receive from God through His generous people who support us, let's know that we appreciate God by taking great care of everything we receive. All the help we receive from donors and friends, all the work and progress we see are all part of someone's sacrifice and sweat and it glorifies God so much when we diligently respect and protect all the properties of our school. God asks us to be good stewards of all we receive as we must be accountable for them under his watchful eye. I Timothy 6:17-2

Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime



DEAN OF STUDIES.

My gratitude and great thanks to the Almighty God for the blessings and love we continue to enjoy as Rubanda Solidarity School. Furthermore, I believe that children are the future of any family community when raised in a loving environment. Also, quality education, balanced diet, faith and life skills are the basic tools of our pupils to have a better life which is our mission.

To the director general, Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, thank you so much for the dream of starting Rubanda Solidarity School which is now a visible reality. To the donors, thank you so much for your immense financial support to the administration, staff, parents and our children. We further thank you for your continual working as a team with passion to make sure you contribute to the academic excellence of our school.

May God bless you in abundance.

TUMUKUNDE DENIS, Dean of Studies



WORD FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It's my pleasure to extend my sincere message to the readers of this article. Rubanda Solidarity is a private primary school which started in a humble way but has grown steadily because of skilled top management and we operate with principles.



The school started in 2004 with only 62 pupils but now has 308 pupils. The school has a steady performance in Primary Leaving Examinations. We had 20 pupils in primary seven and 19 pupils pass with grade one and only one had a second grade in 2018. What a wonderful performance! As the head teacher, I have enjoyed working with the directors, led by Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, who are open and communicate professionally, efficiently, and effectively. I also acknowledge with sincere gratitude the efforts of both staff and non-staff for good spirit shown towards the growth of our young future generation.

I want to thank the Board of Directors Yamba-Abaana USA, PTA Executive, School Management Committee, for their great efforts, support and guidance towards the good governance and development of our school. With the help of the above responsible people, the school has almost all the necessities. It has good classes, beautiful dormitories with mosquito nets, a large enough dining hall, a multi-purpose hall, new library and computer lab ready to operate in the near future.

Pupils do eat well on a balanced diet including posho, beans, kale, spinach, eggplants, milk, meat, groundnuts, and fruits. We also thank the Yamba-Abaana USA for enriching us with a purified drinking water system for our school which has reduced so many waterborne diseases and cough. Students no longer complain of being thirsty all the time.

As a school, we are also proud to have acquired an examination sitting center of our own this year, hence the candidates of 2019 have done their exams at our own school. We are so proud that we now have a suitable hall to seat our UPLE candidates starting with the year 2020. What a great and wonderful achievement. Let God be praised forever.

Long live Rubanda Solidarity School. Long live Uganda.

For God and my country,

Head Teacher

ASIMWE INNOCENT



NURSERY SCHOOL 2019

Rubanda solidarity Nursery school has been a gift to the people of Rubanda and other districts at large. It is a section composed of both girls and boys, boarding and day.

The nursery school wishes to extend its great thanks to the general director Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, our friends from USA for the good work being done to our school and to the entire outside community.

Top class pupils always graduate every year at the end of third term which has made both children and parents happy and to enjoy the school most. The nursery school section has so far enrolled fifty seven pupils and twenty five are top class graduates.

I continue to encourage the parents to bring their children to our school for quality education for three years in nursery and seven years of primary education.

Lastly but not least, I thank God who has protected us since day one up to date. I continue to thank the parents, administration, staff and non-staff and well-wishers of our school for the good work done.

May God bless you.

Teacher KESANDE JOY



RADIO TALK SHOW 2019

What a great and wonderful day for Rubanda Solidarity School this was! It was on 27th October 2019 when some of the pupils represented the school for the Radio Maria talk show. This was the second time since the school administration approved the idea of involving the pupils on how to teach the community and the world on spiritual and developmental matters on air.



We were a group of twenty five pupils and three staff members. The journey started at around 9:50 am and we reached there at 10:30am. The pupils were first served a delicious meal in Kabale town. Thanks to the school administration who organized it.

After the meal, we went to the grounds of Radio Maria at 12:30pm and we were welcomed warmly by the staff of Radio Maria. We had so many items to present which included songs, memory verses and questions meant to teach the community especially young ones.

Our intention for the show was to teach other pupils and parents to take part in educating the young generation. In addition, memory verses were much emphasizing on humility and discouraging arrogance. The program lasted for two hours after which we set off to get back to school. This experience has motivated many pupils to love going but this is limited due to funds and the studio space too can only accommodate a limited number.

All this was possible because of God's unconditional love and providence. We appreciate the efforts given by the administration of Rubanda Solidarity School. Thanks also to the staff and pupils for the conducive time they gave us when we had the rehearsals.

God bless you all.

Get united for success as our motto.

Teacher ARINDA IVAN



2019 Candidates



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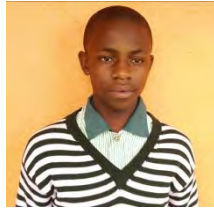
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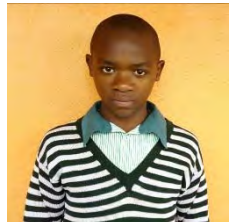
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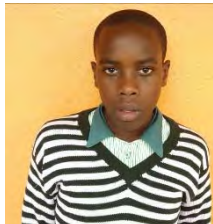
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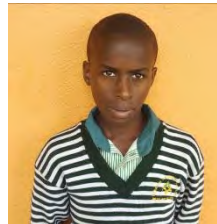
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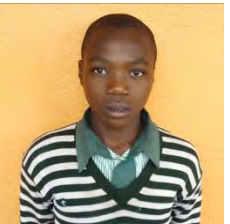
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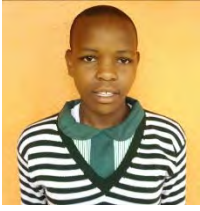
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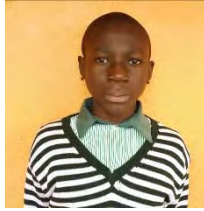
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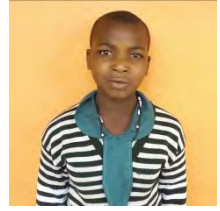
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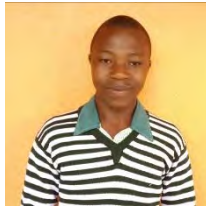
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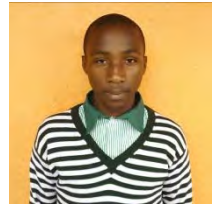
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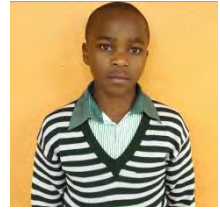
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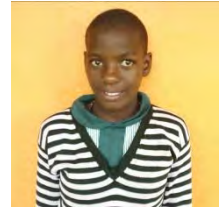
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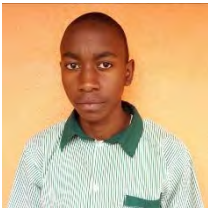
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YAMBA ABAANA

Rubanda Solidarity School is day and boarding school that prepares boys and girls academically, physically, morally, and spiritually. I appreciate the big work done by Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime for the good vision and the generosity for the Yamba-Abaana led by Dr. Bruce.

Rubanda Solidarity has helped children in education of all aspects, youth with skills like block making and catering. Women in poultry keeping and mushroom growing, and elderly in savings and counseling each other through meetings. Yamba Abaana Uganda parents started a self-reliance project that deals with monthly saving, which has enabled parents to borrow money at the lowest rate and meet scholastic materials and the fees top-up.

On that note, I appreciate the work done by the chairperson YambaAbaana self-reliance Mrs. Seburwaho Perpetua and her committee for the vision. Per now the group has around two million shillings, after sharing two rounds year after year. This has reduced school fees defaulting thus smooth running of the school.

I appreciate Yamba Abaana of Uganda and skills committee for helping me in teaching our children many skills like, catering, necklace making, and knitting. These necklaces have contributed 50 graduation gowns to the school, typing machines, solar system and others.

Once again, appreciation to Yamba Abaana USA for good structures for our pupils from dusty classrooms to better ones. God bless them.

Long live Yamba-Abaana.

Teacher Immaculate



What is Rubanda Solidarity Nursery/Primary School?

By Nahereza Adarius, P.5.

What can I say about our school?

It's a school of true solidarity!

Let it be prayers, academics and skills!

It has good structures that attract many children and people who visit us.

It has good teachers and administrators who act as parents and caretakers during our school time.

Oh! What a good school Rubanda Solidarity is. We even perform skills and handworks to learn things like mending shoes, necklaces, table cloth, hats, scarfs, towels, farming and many more. For this, I thank our agriculture teacher who helps us learn about home farming activities including digging.

Oh! What a good school is this.

We even enjoy football fun, participating in interschool football competitions each year. We have many more games performed at this school to help us have fun and learn. I thank God for this school.

Oh! What a good school Rubanda Solidarity is our lives.



Why I love Rubanda Solidarity

By Gilbert Ahurira and Brian Ruhangariho, P.5.

GILBERT: Hello Brian.

BRIAN: Hello dear Gilbert.

GILBERT: How are you?

BRIAN: I am fine and how about you?

GILBERT: I am fine too but want to ask you some questions about Rubanda solidarity school.

BRIAN: Please ask.

GILBERT: Why did you decide to join this school?

BRIAN: I joined because it's so good, caring and a hard-working school.

GILBERT: Would you explain to me please how hard working it is?

BRIAN: Oh sure, it has good, qualified and well-trained teachers who provide good education to learners. We enjoy vegetables, games, visitors from other countries, we learn about God and go to church on Sundays. Oh, we also have mosquito nets, filtered water, solar and electric power. We also go to the Radio Maria in Kabale to teach other children who have no opportunity like us. They are many things dear Gilbert.

GILBERT: Oh really, that sounds good because I like all that and to be in beautiful and clean buildings.

BRIAN: You are welcome to join us in this school.

BRIAN AND GILBERT: Oh! What a good school Rubanda Solidarity is!

Live long Solidarity, Live long Uganda.



Frequently Asked questions and Answers (FAQ) at our School:

By Students Ngabirano Justus, P.6.

What would you choose in school between loving Jesus, being famous, money and being successful? Answer: I would rather choose to love Jesus because He is above everything and said, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

How would you like to treat every person in school if you became a headmaster of this school? Answer: I would treat all the pupils and workers equally regardless of one's religion, ability and capability. I would also work hard to continue to improve on the school feeding for both pupils and workers to make life better.

What do you think would happen to your school if you woke up one morning and found there were no rules? Answer: I think in a situation where there are no rules and regulations disorder will be the order of the day: children can do anything inhumane. There would be no reading of books, coming late, shouting in class, not attending classes, going home before time, fighting one another, teasing, double meals, stealing, fighting and many more. The school would be like a market place where everyone does what he or she wants. Therefore, rules are good in a society and God himself gave the Israelites commandments to guide his chosen people. *Exodus 20*

Is it of any use for students to under look their teachers? Answer: Here comes the question, who would be leading the other? The students are supposed to be under teachers' guidance.

Should parents give to their children work to do during their holiday time? Answer: According to the Bible teaching, it's good for parents to give good and wise instructions to their children lead them to the right path growing up and remind them of the good values they must know and not forget. Work is one of those values. Even the Bible says, if you don't work, don't eat. So, children to learn how to work at home is something good. But it must be simple work like fetching water, collecting and splitting fire wood, washing utensils, washing clothes, looking after the animals and others. This would keep children active, engaged and out of troubles.



My Best School in life!

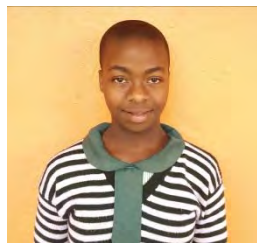
By Amanya Joab, P.5

Rubanda Solidarity is my best school in my life. I love this school because it provides us with basics of life for quality education. We also enjoy different fruits that come through the three pillars of our school: that are Faith, Academic and Life Skills. Academically we receive good education, spiritually we learn about God and connect our lives with Jesus and his Church or mosque, and with life skills we learn about the value of different skills and working with our hands to live and to serve others. We also learn about the value of agriculture and enjoy the fruits coming from our demonstration gardens. This school has leaders who care and director who travels and stays in America who makes friends and connects our school with those friends and outside world. I enjoy the Yamba Abaana USA that works with Yamba Abaana Uganda to help Rubanda Solidarity to improve the standards of our School. Oh, what a good school Rubanda Solidarity is!

I am proud of being in Rubanda Solidarity School!

By Amutuheire Doreen P7, 2019

I am proud of being part of Rubanda Solidarity School. It started in 2004 by Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, General Director, and Sr. Stella Kyasiimire. It was started under a tree with few children. As time went on children kept on multiplying and expanding because of God's power.



I joined this school in 2011 and I was very poor in academics, by good luck I found here very well-trained teachers who tried their best so that I could improve and be promoted. I have since done so, successful and happy. The first candidates of this colorful school sat for their PLE in 2012. They passed excellently which I couldn't believe and encouraged me. I wondered how they were able to perform well yet they had no chances to revise their books with no lights at night. Instead we had kerosene lamps that were very smoky and risky for life. Today, life at school has greatly improved with many basic things like solar and hydroelectric power, water, mosquito nets, good food, and others present and yet we still struggle hard to pass well. We appreciate our teachers who work hard to sharpen us for good results, and we hope to perform well in our National Exams. I also feel spiritually grown up because of studying from this school. When I joined primary section 2013, I started listening to the word of God every morning during assembly until now and it nourishes my heart. In 2017, Sr. Brenda Mbambu came and pushed us spiritually. She formed young Christian pupil's associations or clubs that are still in existence. She could teach us skits about spiritual life and discipline. She also taught us gospel songs which have always enabled us to lead prayer services in church. I enjoy this and still remember the past because I couldn't have grown such much if I had not come to this shining school.

I am skillfully grown up because we always learn skills such as mending shoes, weaving baskets, making necklaces, to mention just a few. We are grateful to our teacher Tumuhimbise Immaculate, our mentor. This skill also helps us to know how to make baskets that we normally give to our friends from US and other places as gifts with admiration of our work and culture. Lastly, I have a plan to bring my friend to this school next year because I want her to enjoy the good life of this school like me that I will miss as now I move to another school. I will also share with my friend the rules and regulations of this school which will help her to be a disciplined pupil as I am now. May God bless those who wish this school to live long abundantly

Long live Rubanda Solidarity and keep shining.

GAMES AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT

We want to first extend our gratitude to everyone for their hard work. Games and sports have been an interesting lesson for the teachers and students. It is in this lesson that students were interacting, competing and playing with their teachers. Muscle strengthening, developing talents like playing football, netball and athletics, are the kind of games that students enjoy with other students.



Good performance in and outside the class has been achieved due to physical fitness.

Special thanks go to the director general, our donors from USA and parents for providing sports facilities and all the equipment to the learners and the school at large.

Sports Teachers,

EDGAR MONDAY and JONATHAN NGABIRANO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

We the Finance Department firstly thank God for the zeal and energy given unto us to serve His people with strength. Glory back to Him.

We are most grateful to the Almighty who inspired Rev. Fr. Dominic to have a dream of starting a school and thank God for enabling him to achieve this dream. Frankly we have to say this has been a God's sent gift to Rubanda community and other communities.

Furthermore, as the Finance Department, we appreciate the initiative put in founding this school and thanks go to the co-founders. It has really blessed so many including us in terms of curbing the unemployment challenges. At least most people have been employed by the school through different aspects of work.

The finance people greatly witness and appreciate the efforts by parents, pupils, staff, non-staff and our sponsors from USA and Italy who have enabled us to ease our work in budgeting and planning for the school. In great honor, we are thankful for the support given to us by the donors in terms of fees, this has really enabled us, the bursars, to find it easy to plan. Had it not been the aid given to us, the school would not find it easy to provide children with a balanced diet, good educational environment, and many people would be unemployed since the school would not have enough funds. Great thanks to the director general for bridging the gap between the Uganda parents with their children and our donors. Our hope is that continuing to work together, we shall change many lives that would not have hope to be who they will be.

The speech is endless but we continue to appreciate your efforts in making our work easy in budgeting and planning for the school. Wao! Of course, we mean all of you parents, staff, non-staff, our stakeholders and well-wishers without forgetting our USA and Italian donors. Thank you all.

Live long Rubanda Solidarity School. Live long Director General Fr. Dominic Bursars,

Mr. KABANANURA FABIANO and Miss ROSETTE AYEBARE



CHRISTIAN GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU!

2019 has been a great year in Yamba-Abaana and specifically with the sponsorship program. The program has grown both in terms of registered children and sponsors. Currently we have ninety sponsored children. Seventy-five are sponsored by Americans and fifteen children are sponsored by Italians.

It has been great to see the commitment from students on their studies and we have great hope that they will be able to maximize this great opportunity that they have at hand. We greatly appreciate the great contribution that our sponsors are making in children's lives and we assure them that their efforts are not in vain.

Quality letters are our priority as Yamba-Abaana. We have always strived for quality letters and all the students have managed to write at least two letters and this has helped so much in the development of stronger relationships with their sponsors. We thank you so much our dear sponsors for the time you always put in to reply to your children's letters.

We have other running projects like construction. As Yamba-Abaana, we have proudly managed to construct permanent classrooms from primary one to primary five this year 2019. Construction is still going on as we are adding more rooms like the school main hall, library, Head teacher's office and staff room.

We have much hope that by the end of 2019, the whole building will be fully constructed. This project has been the main big project for 2019 and everyone in the school and the community is very excited. Long live director general Rev. Fr. Dominic Tumusiime, sponsors and donors! We shall all live to thank you.

Other projects like agriculture, mosquito nets, Kindle skills, are in place and well-motivated. We hope that through this, our children will be able to have a balanced diet and gain skills that will in future help them to be self-reliant.

On sad note, this year of 2019, we have lost our dear and lovely two sponsors. These are Ross Roe and Nannien G. Murray. May their souls rest in eternal peace. Let us continue to pray that God continue to comfort their family members and fill the gaps.

Dear friends, sponsors and donors, your support is still needed both in prayer, financially, and in kind for the many projects that are running and those that are yet to take place. We hope that we shall achieve a lot with God being our helper.

We wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year of 2020.

May God richly bless you.

Yamba-Abaana Representative

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