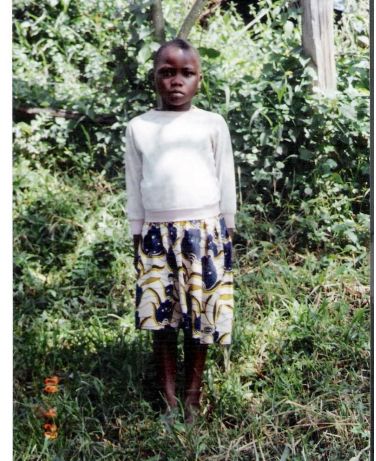


MUKO H.O.P.E.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Tubehekukama Bridget and I am 7 years old. I am a primary 1 pupil at Karengyere Primary School. My teacher reports that I am a good student and I am proud that I have been chosen to be the class monitor! My mother and father both died of HIV/Aids so I live with my grandmother. She is very poor and helpless and I try to help her with cooking and fetching water. For fun I like to play throwing and catching games.



Bridget is currently in need of a sponsor, who could help provide her with food, clothing, shelter and an education. Her school supplies and uniform must be purchased in order to be eligible to attend the "free" government school. Even more important than her basic needs, as a sponsor, you will be sharing your love with a new friend, and giving this child hope for her future. If you are interested or would like more information about Muko HOPE, please contact Margie Phillips (margie001@mac.com) or Linda Drimalla (lmdrimalla@gmail.com).

Accomplishments on behalf of the orphans

Home Visitation



**Nyamihanda Maurita
with her goat.**

The children were visited in their homes and most were found to be doing well. The visit to Byamukama Innocent, revealed a latrine in very poor condition. The situation is being addressed and it is hoped that a new latrine will improve the health conditions of the whole area. Most of the goats were also found to be healthy with the loss of only two goats. Blessing is especially grateful for the good work being done by the majority of the guardians. He continues to assess each home situation to make sure the children are being well cared for and takes disciplinary action when necessary. ACT is very thankful for Blessing and the amazing job he is doing for these children.

Vegetable Gardening

Blessing and the volunteers have been busy opening up the land and preparing the seed beds for their new gardens. It is hoped that the packets of seeds (provided by HOPE SEEDS), will soon be planted after getting more rain fall. It is their expectation that this project will act as an eye opener and become a model for the development of Muko.

Distribution

The recent items purchased for the children included casual wear such as shoes, stockings, trousers, shirts, and dresses. They also received food, soap and new mattresses and blankets for any orphans who had not received them previously. Since the goats have been so successful, it was decided to also give the children hens to raise. These birds are hoped to "instill in them a good spirit of farming and get eggs for their good health."



Weighing food for distribution.

Bible Study

The children and their guardians were given lessons about the attributes of God and learned that God is faithful, loving and kind. It was emphasized that we have one great God who takes care of us. They also learned that their relationship with God needs to take first priority in their lives.

Health Education



Mr. Caleb Nshabohurira, volunteer in charge of educational programs, gave a talk on HIV/AIDS. The children (wearing their new Muko HOPE uniforms) and their guardians were sensitized on the cause, prevention, and most importantly how to care for people living with the disease. They were also told to guard against the disease because up to now it has no cure. Unfortunately, this disease is all too familiar for many of them since it took the lives of several of their parents.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for adequate rainfall so that the seed packets can be planted in the new gardens.
- Prayers for comfort and peace during this time of sorrow for Mr. Nshabirehe Tarasisio and his family. They grieve the death of his daughter who also left behind a 3 week old infant. Tarasisio serves faithfully as a volunteer for ACT.