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## Greetings from Generous Turinawe (Director of ACT-Uganda)



We are so grateful for the advancing of our ministry. At least there is evidence that our dream is becoming a reality! If we reverse our experience from the beginning until today, there is a very big change in our community. Also, if we look at how Muko HOPE orphans are living an improved social life, we thank God for His Spiritual gift He gave us. It is the same Spirit that gave each of you different gifts and you were able to welcome and support our ideas, which made ACT what it is today! Thank you all and on behalf of ACT Muko, we warmly welcome the new sponsors to the ministry.

Yours in Christ, Generous

## Growth of Muko HOPE!

We are so pleased to announce that 28 more children will be enrolled in Muko HOPE! This is largely due to your help and the success Muko HOPE has enjoyed. All of the original Muko HOPE orphans and a number of the new children are currently sponsored and living with their guardians. Through improved transportation (the motorcycle and bicycles), Blessing and the volunteers are able to visit and assess the children's needs and nurture them accordingly. We thank God for the gift of each one of these children and the partnership of Christian friends!

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Niyonsaba Elisa and I am 6 years old. I am a primary 1 pupil at All Saints Primary School. My father died and I live with my poor mother and 5 brothers and sisters in the village of Rugarambiro. My family fled the 1994 Rwanda genocide and can't return because our land was taken. As refugees, we don't own any land in Uganda and the only work we can find is cleaning public latrines around the market centres.

*Elisa is currently in need of a sponsor, who can help by providing him with food, clothing, shelter and an education. His school supplies and uniform must be purchased in order to be eligible to attend the "free" government school. As a sponsor, you will not only be providing basic needs but more importantly, you will be sharing your love with a new friend, and giving this child hope for his future. If you are interested or would like more information about Muko HOPE, please contact Margie Phillips ([margie001@mac.com](mailto:margie001@mac.com)).*



## Partnership Exchange

In September, ACT-Michigan was pleased to host two of our Ugandan partners which resulted in the sharing of ideas and cultures while strengthening our bond and friendship. During their visit, Charles Tuhaise (ACT-Uganda chair) and Father Bruno Byomuhangi (ACT-Uganda vice-chair) attended a Muko HOPE sponsorship dinner where they exchanged information regarding the children and shared personal stories of growing up in Uganda.

## Accomplishments on behalf of the orphans



Ayebare Ronah cares for her goat.

### Home Visitation

In addition to assessing the children's well-being, an inspection of the supplies and animals was done and found that the gifts are being put to good use. Case studies of the newly registered Muko HOPE children were carried out and we anxiously anticipate their new sponsors. We thank all those in Uganda and in the United States whose efforts have improved the lives of these children.

### Bible Study

The children and their guardians were given lessons about God's promises and His faithfulness. The lesson focused on Psalms 138:8 with the knowledge that God does not change His promises as human beings often do. The children were assured of a bright future if they continue to trust God.

### Distribution

**Children learning to use their new garden hoes.**



A high priority during the famine season was food which included beans, rice and maize flour. Hoes were distributed and the guardians were encouraged to plant more beans to protect against future famine. The children also received pens and pencils, mathematical sets, exercise books, school bags, tooth paste, soap, Vaseline, spoons and plates, basins, bedding, casual wear and shoe brushes and polish.

## Prayer Requests

- Prayers for Byaruhanga Alex, one of the Muko HOPE children, and the family of Zebikire Karemire during this difficult time of sorrow and transition. Zebikire was Alex's guardian who was recently murdered by his own son over a family land dispute. Alex is now living with a maternal aunt.
- Prayers for Blessing Kyokwijuko (our social worker) during this time of sorrow over the death of his grandfather, Bagorogoza.