



Help these kids
finish school!

Give them employability.
Give them a future.

Would you sponsor a high-schooler at
\$65 per month?

Can you give the cost of about one cup
per day at a coffee shop, to ensure that
a Uganda kid graduates from school?

Your contribution of *any* amount is just
that important!

If you're interested in helping a universi-
ty student, university expenses are \$100
to \$200/month, depending on program,
books, housing and food.

If you're already contributing— again,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! May
God bless you abundantly in every way!

"Who gives to the poor makes God his
debtor, and he will reward him for what
he has done." (Proverbs 19.17).

Jesus Christ himself thanks you.

Send your check to

St Nicholas Uganda
Education Fund
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100% of your contribution is tax-deductible and
goes directly to paying school fees, boarding
costs, meals, books and supplies, shoes, clothing,
medicine, and other direct needs of destitute
Uganda students— 100%!

Envision the girl

Getting up from her mat on the dirt
floor, in deep darkness—
in the mud shack where

she and her brother
Frank live alone on
the outskirts of Kampala, she
finds her clothes in the dark—
they are too poor to afford
candles— and puts them in the
plastic basin with her towel
and soap.

wood scraps that protect her
privacy, even though no one
much cares about privacy, here
where people live so close that
there has never been much pri-
vacy to care about.

She is deeply happy.

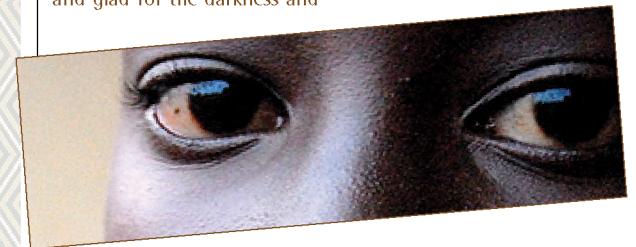
She is getting ready for
school.

*She is going, because you
have put her there.*

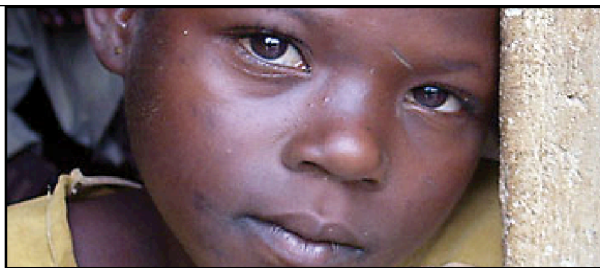
She unlocks the corrugated
metal door, puts the tub on
her head, lifts the heavy jerry
can of water, and steps into
the cold equatorial air.

She looks at the stars and
takes a deep breath. With a
silent cry of joy at their glit-
tering beauty, she gives thanks
to God and heads toward the
comer to bathe. She is modest,
and glad for the darkness and

Sarah and Frank are two
of 36 orphans or near-orphans
I was supporting on my lim-
ited income and the generosity
that others sent me when I was
in Uganda for the past three
years. . . .



Hope



Jescah was 15,

a boarding student at Lord's Grace High School. She has only her cousin Robert to help her. Robert lives in a one-room brick shack "there down" in the valley behind my hill, with his girlfriend. Now they have a baby, so they don't really want Jescah with them. So she was happy to have a bed where the bunks are 4 high, 300 kids in one room.— she was eating, and she was in school!

But Robert lost his job and hadn't paid her fees for a while, so the school "chased her away". She'd tried to go back to him, but found he too had been chased from his shack and nobody knew where he was. So she lost contact with her only living relative, with eight hours to come up with something, or sleep on the street.

Father Hopko talks about how Jesus didn't have "free will": An orphan comes to you, crying because she's hungry, and you can turn her away? So two years ago, I "adopted" Jescah Naamalah, 8th grade. Her story is not so unusual. She just needs a couple dollars a day, and in a few more years, she'll have a decent job. Education's the key!

Do you want to know how kids see the future?

Gregory writes, "As you know, I want to become a COMPUTER WIZARD... to open up a computer school to start teaching computers to students." ...Stewart, age 13, asks to go to 1st grade— "because I want to. I want to know English. I want to read." ...Thomas, now graduated, wrote two books on my spare computer, and recently emailed me that he's going to make a video.

Every voice unique and powerful— and one that needs your help to develop! Because education is out of reach if I stop sponsoring them. And their only hope is education.

Last September I had to tell almost 30 kids I couldn't continue to sponsor them because I was going back to America. I've struggled to keep as many going as I could— and now I'm back up to 25— but it costs about \$65 per month to keep a student in high school, between fees, boarding, books, clothing, and other requirements. \$65 times 25 kids, each month! (And other very worthy kids still email me, hoping. . . .)

Wamala Gastevras writes:

A certain teacher called Pascal from Uganda Orthodox Church community saw that I was having problems

piness which I got on that day. I knelled down and prays to the God who had made me, to reach down on the big man like you.



From now my life changed totally and even the diseases which I was suffering from goes away and my heart became ok. My education started to go well as we are seeing my report cards from the senior 2 class.

with paying my school's fees and accessing other necessities. After I had explained to him some of my problems he decided basing on the problems I told him, to see whether you can help me, to support me in my academics. Eventually when he approached, you did not refuse but accepted.

And so when he came back to me with that feed back that you had accepted, I did not first accept [that] it actually is true and thought I was dreaming, to extent of crying due to much hap-

But the time when I'm soon to complete my "O" Level, I started to hearing from other people saying that Mr John you are going back. I didn't believe it after told, I thought I am dreaming actually when it is true, due that I decided to go to you to get the first hand information. The bad thing it was the same story. From now my health decided to decrease I started to think about my future. This is a day I will never forget.

Gastevras is 21 years old and has two years of high school left. He's good in science, and wants to be a veterinarian. I can't help him at all until I get the other kids taken care of. Please help him!

"You did not
refuse"