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THE IMPACT EXTENDS TO UGANDA

“Why Uganda?” is a question we’ve heard asked frequently in the recent past. At Children’s World Impact, we’ve never truly sought after our next project. We’ve always trusted in God’s providence and waited on His leading and direction.

What started as a conversation between a CWI board member and his pastor about a recently widowed Ugandan pastor’s wife, led to brainstorming about how to help this woman and her dependent children, which evolved into a thoroughly developed plan that was approved by the entire board as our next project. It fits our mission at CWI and has tremendous potential to positively impact an entire community!

The plan that was developed is for a poultry production facility that will be established in the village of Seeta-Nazigo in central Uganda, Africa. A leadership team of seven local residents has been established, which will be led by Victoria Nsubuga, the pastor’s widow. With an estimated cost of \$54,000, the project will support the building of 3 chicken houses, which will house 1,500 chickens that will be used for both eggs and poultry meat. The sale of the eggs and meat will produce profits that will sustain the project, with the goal of establishing more chicken houses and eventual community development projects such as a school and orphanage.

Because of the scope and cost of this project, we have decided to break its components into the following three phases:

Phase 1-Purchasing of Property

Two acres of land have been selected as adequate for the entire project. A purchase price has been agreed upon, and once purchased, we can proceed with the next phase. There is an existing building on the land, which will initially be used as storage and offices for the production facility.

Phase 2-Building

Official plans have been drawn up by an architect. Once the land is purchased, construction of the initial three chicken houses will take place, each of which will house 500 chickens. In addition, a well will be dug to supply much needed water, and electricity will be added to the site.

Phase 3-Supplies & Training

The leadership team will be trained in all the different aspects of chicken care and egg production, as well as the financial aspects of running the business. In addition, the chickens will be acquired during this final phase, along with all the feed and equipment necessary for running the business.

How quickly we complete this project will depend largely on the finances required to complete each phase. The profits from this year’s golf event will provide the majority of the needed \$54,000, but we still need your help to reach this goal. Please consider giving today and help us make an impact in Uganda! ■



THE CLASS OF 2022

Children between the ages of 3 and 6 appear to be just starting out on life's journey. However, research has shown that around 85 percent of their brain development is close to being in place by the end of age 6.

These early years of life provide a critical opportunity for boys and girls to develop the foundations of learning and to acquire skills that can help them throughout their years of schooling as well as over their entire lives.

Shockingly, however, today there are over 175 million children who are not enrolled in any kind of pre-primary education, and in low income countries, only one in five children even has access to attend such a school. Target 4.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations hopes to combat this. The target is, "By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care, and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education."

At Children's World Impact, we are doing our small part to ensure

that the youngest of the vulnerable children in the Upper West Region of Ghana, Africa, have the opportunity to attend preschool. A brand new school financed by CWI was built in 2015-2016, and welcomed its first class in 2016. Each year since, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic, this facility has welcomed a new group of learners. In last year's IMPACT newsletter, you read about a bush fire that did damage to the building. We are happy to report that repairs have been completed, and once again, the facility is as good as new (see photo of repairs being done).



Afiah and daughter, Najaha

Because it's said "pictures speak louder than words," we'd like to share some photos of some mothers with their new preschool students who attend the facility in Ghana and share with you their thoughts about why this early education is vitally important.

When Martha was asked why starting preschool for her son, Rubin, was important, she stressed that a quality education will allow him to get a better paying job eventually. As a first born son, this is important as one of his roles will be to ensure that his mother and the rest of the family are well cared for. She enumerated that a job such as a teacher, nurse, or doctor will also allow him to be a productive member of the community.



Martha and son, Rubin

Afiah, like many women in remote parts of Ghana, is illiterate. Because of this, she must always acquire the help of someone who has literary skills to assist her with financial transactions for her business or other critical matters. One of her main wishes for her daughter, Najaha, is that she grow up to be literate. She hopes that Najaha will take her education far and obtain a profession such as a nurse. She stressed that as a girl, education is critical as there is a high drop-out rate for females in the area where

they live, which often leads to pregnancy and early marriage. She wants more for her daughter.

Cynthia is a mother who has two daughters at the preschool. Much like Afiah, she stressed the importance of schooling for girls, as early marriage is very common when girls don't have an education. Cynthia stated that early marriage puts great pressure on the girl's parents, as they are often depended upon to help meet needs. She also reiterated that early marriage is also associated with serious reproductive health, as young girls are often not able to deliver babies without assistance, and the surgery can lead to death, given the quality of health care that exists in the area. Cynthia was clear that she would do everything possible to keep her girls in school until they completed their education.

It is an honor to be able to give these young ones a head start to their education and open doors of opportunity for them. This is made possible by the generous donations of those who support CWI. When you give to the Ghana Fund, it allows us to support this preschool, and ultimately the entire community, when unexpected costs arise. ■



Cynthia and daughter, Sabina



Victoria with her three biological children

MEET VICTORIA

Part of our mission at Children's World Impact is "caring for orphans and widows in their distress." Unlike in America, there are very few social structures or programs available for women in many African countries, who find themselves suddenly widowed and left to raise children without the financial or emotional support of a spouse. Such is the case for Victoria Nsubuga, a recently widowed woman who will be leading our newest project in Uganda, Africa.

Victoria, at the age of 41, became a widow when her husband, Pastor Daniel Nsubuga, died from COVID in June of 2021. Pastor Daniel was well respected in his community and played an important role in his denomination's leadership in Uganda. Together, he and Victoria were raising three biological children along with 8 other children who were orphaned and in need of care. Upon his death, Victoria was left to provide for these children alone.

When we recently spoke with Victoria, she emphasized that she has kept the family together, although it has been difficult. Her biological children range in age from 10-17 while the others' ages vary from 4-16 years. The clan consists of 4 boys and 7 girls. She stressed that providing food, clothes, and school fees for all the children has

been extremely difficult. While she emphasized that the salary she receives from the profits of leading the poultry production facility will help her family tremendously, she also showed great interest in the impact it would have on other widows in the village as well as the community as a whole.

We are so excited to be empowering Victoria and allowing her to use her organizational skills to lead this latest project sponsored by Children's World Impact. Let's face it-anyone who can manage 11 children will bring a wealth of talent to the organization needed to make the poultry production facility a success. We look forward to supporting her through this journey and keeping you updated as this new endeavor in Uganda gets underway. ■



Victoria overlooking the land for the poultry production facility



FARMING

Many of the widows supported by the project in Ghana depend on water for dry-season farming. There are plots of land available for these women to grow crops that they can use to feed their families and take to market. Over 50 women this year have received a small loan for farming via the micro-loan program started by CWI in 2020. Without the mechanized well, farming would be impossible during the months of October through April, when no rain falls in this region of Ghana.



SHEA BUTTER

Shea butter is another major source of income for women in the Upper West region of Ghana. After the shea nuts are gathered, ground, and roasted, water is added to form a pulp. The machine pictured, which is located in the main building of the project, mechanically mixes the water with the ground nuts so the women don't have to do it by hand. Without water, the production of shea butter is impossible. This product is used extensively for cooking, but also allows women to take their excess to market to sell.

WATER

“We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.”

This is a quote from Jacques Cousteau, the famous French oceanographer. In America, we tend to take water for granted. We turn on our faucet and give very little thought to the stream of clean water that flows from it. Around the globe, particularly in the developing world, nothing could be farther from the truth. Fresh, clean water is a scarce commodity, and when absent, life is affected greatly. Recently, the pump went out on the well at the widows' project in Ghana, Africa, that CWI continues to support. This had an effect on many people and aspects of the project, halting the impact that was allowed to take place. Thankfully, we were able to send funds for replacement of the pump, and water is once again flowing. Read further to see how vital this pump is to this small rural village in Ghana, Africa.





POTABLE DRINKING WATER

Very early in the development of the widows' project in Ghana, a water bagging machine was installed at the facility. This machine fills and seals bagged water that can be purchased by women and sold for a profit. Many women sell to individuals in their local communities, but there is also the capacity to provide water for large social occasions, such as weddings and funerals. It is customary for the host of such an event to provide water for all of the guests. This aspect of the project has been the most profitable over the years and has provided needed funds that has kept the overall project financially sustainable.

WATER AT SCHOOL

The preschool, whose construction was financed by CWI, began in 2016. It is located close in proximity to the main building of the widows' project and welcomes a new group of pre-kindergarten students each September (see the article on the preschool in this IMPACT newsletter). Pipes run from the well to the school, which allows students to wash their hands, and teachers to do things like wash dishes after the noon meal, which is served every day, mop floors, wash desk tops, and other daily cleaning tasks. Believe it or not, running water at a rural school in northern Ghana is quite a luxury!



BREAD BAKING

Some women have taken to baking bread, thanks to the industrial oven installed at the project. Water allows bread to develop the correct consistency and gives yeast the perfect environment in which to ferment and reproduce. Perhaps most importantly, water allows bread to develop gluten, which acts as a binder for the bread ingredients. And of course, water is necessary for clean up after the bread is produced.



PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

There's a time-honored proverbial phrase that states, "Patience is a virtue."

Perhaps never before, in the history of Children's World Impact, have we had to continually remind ourselves of the meaning behind this saying as we have with regard to the building of the home in Haiti for long-time friend and ministry partner, Pastor Yves Prophete. This project began in 2020 and was highlighted in the center spread of last year's annual IMPACT newsletter.

While progress has continued, it has been slower than anticipated, but then again, who could have

predicted all that has happened in the world, and specifically in Haiti, over the past two years. We'd like to highlight some of what has caused disruption in this project for two reasons. First, so that you can understand why the home has taken so long to complete, and second, and more importantly, so that you can pray for the people of Haiti who continue to endure incredible disruption and disequilibrium in their daily existence.

Political Unrest

In July of 2021, the past president of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated at his residence in a suburb of the capital city, Port-au-Prince. Shortly after the killing, then prime minister Ariel Henry

took office. Despite promises of constitutional review and a new electoral council, there has been little done to follow election dates and there are currently no set plans for the election of a new president, which has caused great dismay with the Haitian people.

Natural Disasters

A little more than a month after the presidential assassination, Haiti was hit with a devastating magnitude 7.2 earthquake. This quake killed thousands and injured many, many more. While stronger than the devastating earthquake of 2010, this quake's epicenter was in a less populated part of the country, about 80 miles west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. Still, it toppled buildings, crushed and trapped people under rubble, took out power lines, and damaged roads, which limited accessibility to emergency relief efforts.

Gang Violence

One of the biggest dilemmas facing Haiti today is gang violence.



IT WILL ONLY TAKE \$35!

The 120 students who attend the primary school in the village of Ullo in Ghana, Africa, have no desks. They lie on the floor to take notes and do their schoolwork. You can change that!

\$35 will buy a desk for 2 students. Will you help us furnish these children with 60 desks? Donate today using the card enclosed in the newsletter or by going to www.cwi.org and choosing the Ghana fund. Let's get these children off the floor!

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According to Lunise Jules, Haiti's Director for Mercy Corps, "It is becoming increasingly challenging to safely move people and supplies in or out of Port-au-Prince as the gangs are getting bolder and control nearly every route." The number of gangs in the country has grown exponentially in the past year. Most recently gangs have been blockading fuel supplies at the ports, making transportation of goods and people almost impossible.

Inflation

The lack of fuel for transportation of goods, as previously highlighted, is one of the reasons that inflation has soared to around 30% in Haiti. Goods such as food, lumber, water, and other basic essentials are difficult to obtain, and when they are available, prices are often beyond affordability for the average Haitian. As the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, life in Haiti has always been difficult. However, recently it has become almost unbearable.

Despite all these obstacles, work has continued on both the exterior and interior. Painting is being completed, electricity has been installed, lighting and plumbing fixtures have been ordered, and exterior sidewalks and patio have been poured. Independent contractors are traveling to the site and working when conditions make it safe to do so. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we've been able to deal with cost overages due to inflation. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to once again traveling to Haiti, giving an in-person hug to our brother, Pastor Yves Prophete, and witnessing first-hand the completed home. ■



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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

What a difference a year makes! Last year we were anticipating a "back to normal" annual golf event, but the weather had other plans.

This year's event, however, went off without a hitch. The skies were overcast, but not a drop of precipitation fell, and the cloud cover actually provided a welcome relief from the heat of August for those who participated.

We welcomed over 100 golfers this year, and it was great to once again see familiar faces as well as many new participants grab a cup of coffee and mingle together before the 8:00 tee time. Like most things, the pandemic caused CWI to put a pause on large gathering events for the past couple years, so this year it felt fantastic to be able to come together as a group and participate in a regular shotgun start on Geneva National's beautiful Lee Trevino course.

Golf was followed by a delicious buffet lunch provided by 'turf smokehouse' and a presentation by CWI's founder, Tyson Ray. Tyson shared some details of the most recent project undertaken by Children's World Impact, a poultry production facility in Uganda, Africa, which will be led by a pastor's

widow from the community where the facility will be developed. All proceeds from this year's event will go to spearhead this project. You can read more about this project and the impact we are anticipating it will have throughout this IMPACT newsletter.

This event wouldn't be possible without those who participated as golfers, but also those who so faithfully support the organization through business and corporate sponsorships. Our deepest gratitude is extended to our Mission Sponsor, FORM Wealth Advisors, as well as Ortho Molecular, Adams Power, Kunes Auto Group, and Wisconsin Vision Associates, who all served as Impact sponsors for the event. ■

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1.6 MILLION & COUNTING

Children's World Impact's first Food Packing Event took place back in 2010 in response to the devastating earthquake that hit the country of Haiti in January of that year.

Since then, CWI has packaged over 1.6 million meals that have been shipped and distributed to hungry people around the globe, thanks to the partnership we've had with Kids Around the World out of Rockford, Illinois.

It has become tradition to host this event early in December. We have found that the holiday season is a time when families, friends, organizations, and businesses enjoy getting together and giving to others. It is our pleasure to provide the opportunity to make this possible. This year's event will be on Thursday, December 8 and will once again be hosted by Lakeland Community Church located on Highway 67, near the intersection of Highways 67 & 50.

Our goal is to pack 80,000 meals. This won't be possible without two things:

1. Volunteers

There will be ten tables set up, each of which accommodates a packing team of 8 individuals. There are three shifts available during the afternoon and early evening of Dec. 8, so that's 240 volunteers!

The shift times are as follows:

- 3:00-4:00 pm
- 4:30-5:30 pm
- 6:00-7:00 pm

Help us meet our goal and register online today at www.cwi.org.

2. Donations

We depend on monetary contributions from our generous donors and business sponsors in order to continue doing this event each year. Donating is easy and secure on our website. Look for the Donate link on the main menu bar at www.cwi.org and help us make this event possible.

If you have questions about registering, event location, donating, or anything else related to the Food Packaging Event, don't hesitate to call 262-686-3131. We look forward to seeing you on December 8 and making an impact for many around the world! ■



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OUR MISSION

At Children's World Impact we commit to looking after orphans and widows in their distress, and to make a significant impact on the lives of the neglected.

OUR VISION

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