

# COME Uganda

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**COME** is moving forward in the process to gain tax deductibility in Australia. The process is slow, but we believe that COME fills the criteria, however, there is a need to do some reorganizing to comply. A new company and bank account will be set up in Australia to handle all of the documentation and finances for complying funds, but the church and spiritual side of things will still operate as it currently does. In essence, the spiritual needs will not gain tax deductibility, but the other programs hopefully will.

One 40' container is on the way! It was packed and the transport costs to Mombasa donated by Mission World Aid in Adelaide. We have another about to be packed in Brisbane. Both contain medical equipment (inc the ambulance) for the new HOPE Medical Centre.

The HOPE Medical Centre plans have now been finalized and passed for building approval. We have them available on PDF if you would like a copy. A builder in Wollongong is organizing a team to come over later this year to construct the Outpatients building. On the medical side, we have had preliminary discussions with the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) regarding a partnership. We are excited that things are moving forward with this much needed community facility.

In 2008 there were 97 schools burnt down in Uganda. Many of the arsonists were disgruntled students who were protesting against teacher absenteeism and mismanagement. It is often in the paper that students at such and such a school have gone on strike and demolished part of the school or beaten the teachers. Other cases have been reported where parents have committed the crime simply because their child did not perform well! In many cases schools are accused of allowing cheating in exams, for falsifying results, for bad management, and the management not paying staff. It is no wonder that whole countries suffer corruption in business and government when it starts in the schools! The HOPE Schools' rules are

**Honor God and others**

**Obey authority with respect**

**Persevere in adversity**

**Excel in life**

These are biblical principles that we teach the COME staff and children at our schools. We see the children as future leaders of Uganda who will make a stand against corruption if they are taught Godly principles from an early age.

Pictured in the heading are Amina and Edward. Amina was one of the first children COME sponsored over ten years ago! They both work for HOPE Schools, with Amina as a Remedial and Phonics Teacher, and Edward is a Deputy Head Teacher. They plan to wed in December at the church in Lugala.

The new building for HOPE Nursery School (Lugala) is now finished and the staff and children are enjoying their new environment with large rooms, more light, more air, and more storage room.



Each class has 32 children and two qualified teachers to look after them. The children are generally aged between 4 and 6 years. All are from dysfunctional families and the poorest of the poor in our community. Only one of these children has a sponsor, so can you share the need with family and friends?

**Maria** became crippled some years ago when other children trampled her when trying to escape from a rabid dog. Maria was sponsored which enabled her to attend a vocational school where she learnt how to use a knitting machine. Her sponsor also gave her a sturdy wheelchair so that she can move around. She has learnt how to knit school sweaters and her father has found a market at some local schools. Maria needs her own knitting machine for this work. The cost is \$800AuD. Can you help her to become independent?

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