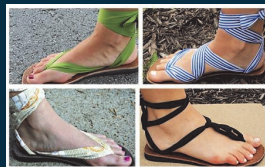


Sseko Sandals and Paper Beads Make Great Gifts!

Please keep in mind that we have some great gifts available in exchange for a general donation to our ministry. All products that we have are crafted in Uganda, meaning that not only does the purchase benefit our ministry, but it also helps sustain Uganda's economy and support the families of the ladies who make them. The products we have available are Sseko Sandals and Paper Bead Jewelry.

Sseko Sandals are a hand-crafted, sturdy leather sole with interchangeable straps, meaning you can "lace" them in a variety of different ties as well as with a variety of different straps. For a \$45 donation, we will send to you a sole and strap of your choice. For \$10, we send out an interchangeable pair of straps.



The Paper Bead Jewelry is all made of tightly rolled paper beads. They are sturdy, making them a great gift for any age. We have a variety of lengths, bead sizes, and colors. Let us know what you are looking for, and we



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The Gift that Keeps on Giving

We want to encourage you to be thinking about how to help our ministry with raising funds for our orphanage through your shopping for Christmas gifts. We have enrolled in a program called Cash4Causes. This program allows you to shop at most major retailers online while supporting Christian Life Ministries. Here's how it works:

1. Go to our special Christian Life Ministries' Cash4Causes link by typing in www.cash4causes.org/christianlifeministries into your browser. It will bring up a search engine of participating retailers. You can choose to browse retailers by name or category. You can also choose to search by keyword for particular retailers (i.e. you can search for "iPod" or "Best Buy").
2. Once you find the retailer you would like to shop at, you can click that retailer's link or you can browse available coupons by clicking in the coupon link.
3. Once redirected to the retailer's page, shop as you usually

Cash4Causes even has some retailers that aren't as big but offer really neat products. For example, Clubs of America offer membership to some great "of-the-month" clubs like Pizza, Flowers, Chocolate and more. If you happen to know someone who is a coffee buff, maybe a Coffee of the Month club would be a unique and meaningful gift. You give a great gift and Clubs of America will give Christian Life Ministries a \$6 donation. What a deal!

Maybe there is someone on your gift list who loves astronomy that would love to have the gift of a star named after them. Global Star Registry offers just that! While it is not cheap, it is a unique gift for the one who has it all, plus it gives back 7.5% to CLM.

Another merchant, Great American Days, offers the gift of events, like a day at the spa, a Chocolate class, and even a ride in a NAS-CAR car while offering cash back to the ministry.

Cash4Causes has negotiated with these hundreds of retailers to give

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Last Call For Christmas Gifts!!

If you have already given towards Christmas, thank you! If not, we are making a final call for Christmas donations for your child to have a Christmas gift and participate in our annual Christmas party for the orphans.

As discussed in last month's newsletter, this party is really a special event for the kids. They get a grand meal, cake, soda, music, dance, and of course, presents!! It is easy for us in

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...

As the holidays quickly approach, we are excited for all of the festivities that the Christmas season brings. BUT... there is a reason it is called "holidays" and not just "holiday." We cannot rush by and forget Thanksgiving. Albeit there is no religious meaning to the holiday, that doesn't mean we can't take the day to be thankful to God for all of the gifts he has given us.

We would love to invite you to see all that you have helped us to achieve firsthand in Uganda and to experience what God is doing there. It will be like a huge family reunion as you meet face-to-face the children and the people whose lives you have changed! If you are interested in visiting, please contact our office at 972-307-5433.

have a variety of lengths, bead sizes, and colors. Let us know what you are looking for, and we will work with you to find the perfect piece for the recipient. For a donation of \$20, we will send out a necklace of your choice.



For all gifts, please email us at j.kitts@christianlifeministries.org to coordinate your choices and shipping information.



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- by clicking in the coupon link.
3. Once redirected to the retailer's page, shop as you usually would. You can click around the website as much as desired.

If you make a purchase, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Christian Life Ministries. Items don't cost you any more than they otherwise would, and there are hundreds of retailers to choose from. They even have major retailers like Target, Best Buy, Toys R Us, Office Max, Starbucks, and Zales, along with many, many more.

Cash4Causes has negotiated with these hundreds of retailers to give back to the nonprofit of your choice in exchange for your business. Let's take advantage of this great program to help our ministry continue growth.

Whoever is on your Christmas list and whatever you are planning to buy, chances are you can give while giving back, with no extra expense to you, by using Cash4Causes. So before you shop, don't forget to check out our Cash4Causes link to make a big difference in Uganda this Christmas season.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Ugandan post office has become increasingly finicky regarding incoming mail. To ensure that your mail isn't held by the Ugandan post office, please send all future child correspondence to the following address:

Christian Life Ministries
Child Name, ID
P.O. Box 9816
Kampala, Uganda

In addition, please make sure all of the items you send to your child fit into a **flat, 9"x12"** envelope or smaller. We will be unable to pick up bulky items that are held by customs or the post office due to tariffs and other extra charges.

Please do **NOT** send any payments to Uganda.

cake, soda, music, dance, and of course, presents!! It is easy for us in the "Western World" to take all of these things listed for granted, but to the children, all of these things are so special and exciting.

We suggest an amount of \$20 per child, but all donations are welcome and accepted. We will share gifts equally with each child to ensure that no child is left out, so please give to this great cause so all of our children can have a joyful Christmas.



to be thankful to God for all of the gifts he has given us.

On behalf of all of the staff at Christian Life Ministries and Christian Life Church, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support of our ministry and of the children of Uganda. Many times, people look to us in amazement of what we as a ministry have been able to accomplish in a relatively short amount of time, but we have to point credit outwards. Glory be to God, of course, and thanks be to our wonderful supporters. You have all done so much!

Since we first started our church, Christian Life Church, in 1995, we have grown a following of tens of thousands of members throughout Uganda and East Africa with approximately 1,000 total church plants. What started as a small gathering under a propped up tent has become so much more, and we continue to grow and bring others to know a passionate life in Christ with our 2012 vision project, in which we will plant hundreds more small churches around the Kampala area.

When we were moved to do something about the orphans in Lira, our supporters stepped up in a big way. In 2003, we rented a home in Lira to house 30 children. Since, we have built two orphans villages, one in Lira and another near Kampala in Seeta, housing approximately 1,000 children. We have been able to care for these orphans to the full extent, thanks to our wonderful sponsors and supporters.

Our Seeta village was given a new kitchen in 2008 and clean water, a playground, and electricity in 2009. When the local private school posed as a challenger, our supporters stepped up and built us a temporary school structure, which is in the process of being replaced with a beautiful, sturdy permanent structure.

If you are reading this, and at any point you say, "wow," please know that you have helped to make this possible with your generous support! Every dollar you have given has been strategically spent and every person you have referred has been a blessing to our ministry. We thank God everyday for you and your heart for the people of Uganda.

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As Thanksgiving lies just around the corner, we say thank you again for your beautiful heart and generous support. God has been so good to bring you to us, and we pray that in working with our ministry, we have helped bring you closer to Him, too.

We want to leave you encouraged by what you have done for our ministry and for the orphans in Kampala, Uganda. Without you we could not fulfill our mission to Transform Uganda.

Please let us know how we can pray for you, and please continue to pray for us.

Also, as a token of Thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He bestows on our lives (healthy, peaceful country, guaranteed meals, and so much more!), help a child be thankful that God can use someone like you to make his or her wish for Christmas come true. A child will know that he or she is loved, cared for, and thought about. Twenty dollars can buy a Christmas gift for a child as well as provide for them a party complete with a hearty meal, treats, music, and dance. Whether you're a monthly sponsor or not, your donation will be tagged to a child and he or she will know that some one from a very, very far distance loves and cares for him or her.

Please consider creating a smile on an orphan's face on Christmas. Christmas will be meaningful to them, and the message and mission of Christ will be communicated to them in a powerful and practical way.

If you have already sent your gift for a child, thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!

By His Grace,

Pastor Jackson and Eve Senyonga
and the entire Christian Life Ministries Staff

Pastor's Corner



Growing into Christ's Likeness Growth is not an event but a lifestyle

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:52

During the last few months, we have discussed the areas in which Jesus grew as detailed in Luke 2:52. This month we are touching on the third area of growth mentioned, growing in favor with God.

Growing in God's favor is to grow spiritually. Though Christ was filled with the Spirit of God, He had to intentionally and consciously commit to a continuous relationship with His Father. We see him ongoingly engaged in spiritual exercises that enable growth. He was in the temple frequently (call that church

Another Year Smarter for our Orphans in Uganda

The Ugandan education system runs differently than that of the United States. Rather than the familiar August to May schedule, the Ugandan school year lasts from February to December each year, which means our orphans at the orphan villages are finishing up another successful school year. Currently, testing is being administered, and scores from these exams determine if a student will be moving on to the next grade or not. Please pray with us as this is a nerve-racking time for our students.

The Ugandan school system is very competitive. Unlike in the United States, an education is not a right but a privilege. Students are expected to do well. Failing grades isn't approached with a slap on the hand. A student that fails will have to repeat the school term, or worse, may risk not being able to return to school, and because the outcome of no education is evident all around them as they see friends and family members struggle to earn enough to eat, students in Uganda really, really yearn to learn. With so many students climbing their way to the top and private education schools wanting to increase their rankings by only accepting the best, it makes school very difficult, not only in the course matter but in students having to distinguish themselves among the other students that are fighting just as hard.

Children in Uganda are in primary school for seven years, Primary 1 through Primary 7. From there, the smartest of the

First, they have each other. They have a huge family of students going through the same stresses that they are. Believe it or not, these high stress times actually make for great bonding with each other. It is great to see the students selflessly giving aid to other students. We could not provide this support system if it wasn't for our supporters who helped us to build the houses and sponsor these children.

Second, they have the teaching staff and house mums that live on-site to help them. These teachers can help explain principals, check answers to practice tests, and even hold small study groups. Having our on-site school has really helped all students, not just the students that attend school on-site. We are so thankful to those who have made this on-site school possible.

Third, our students have electricity, which means they can study after dark. This allows the students more study time because they have light in their homes and the main hall. So, thank you, UKids, for giving our kids electricity and to our summer mission team who replaced burned out bulbs. Something as simple as light has really allowed our kids to grow and flourish on their way to becoming responsible and smart young adults.

**Please continue to pray
for all of our children**

Orphans Give Back

help them help others

a program by Christian Life Ministries to empower its orphans to give back to their local communities in Uganda, Africa during the Christmas season by feeding stomachs and filling hearts

We have launched a new program this year that furthers our mission to turn today's orphans into tomorrow's leaders. In our journey of raising these orphans up to be leaders, this Christmas we are giving them an opportunity to give back to the community in which they came from.

We would be doing the children a major injustice if we instilled in them Christian values without emphasizing how important it is to show love and compassion to all of God's people, especially those that are in need of feeling and experiencing God's loving embrace. So, just as our children will be blessed this Christmas with a great party and presents, our children also desire to reach out to its neighboring communities and lend a helping hand to those who need it. After all, it wasn't too long ago that our children, too, went to bed with empty stomachs, losing hope with each passing day. However, their fate changed when a giving Christian reached out a helping hand, which is the defining moment for many of our orphans as hope was restored. Now, they have the opportunity to be that help-

witness to all of the great things God has done in their lives, emphasizing the power of prayer and faith.

Our immediate goals for this first-ever event of its kind is to feed 200 families. However, our long-term goals of this event are to show our children how to be blessings to others around them, allow them to experience witnessing and sharing the gospel with others in the community, and equip them with more skills that will allow them to become transformation agents for their struggling country. We can, of course, pray that the members of the community that the children are able to bless can be lead to experience a more passionate life in Christ, as well. We are excited for the potential that this event holds for our orphans and the community.

We are so proud of our orphans. They are so selfless despite the fact that they have come from backgrounds that might



NEEDING PARTIAL SPONSORSHIP: Christine Nalugya

Age: 10 ID: 6497 Village: Seeta



Christine's mother is a house mom and her father is a casual laborer. She is the oldest child of three children. Her parents have a hard time supporting their family and the first thing that gets neglected is their education.

Christine now lives in the Seeta

spiritual exercises that enable growth. He was in the temple frequently (call that church attendance). He loved scriptures (call that spending time in God's word), and He would go to the mountain all by Himself or try to find a place to rest in God and spend time talking to His Father (call that a healthy prayer life).

If you want to develop your muscles and be in good physical health, you work out, not one day a year but frequently... you must also do so for physical growth. We should never outgrow our simple obedience to devouring scriptures, sustain hunger for God's presence, and fellowshiping with fellow believers weekly. The world tries to throw stuff at us and if we yield to these things, we form habits from them and become captive. Why not embrace these Godly habits that foster spiritual growth? It would be great to come to a place of saying, "I am a Jesus captive. I am addicted to scriptures, prayer, and fellowship."

My prayer for all sponsors and partners this Thanksgiving and Christmas season is that we embrace God's favor for the personal blessings we need from Him and mostly, the favor that allows us an opportunity to grow in Him as we enjoy His blessings.

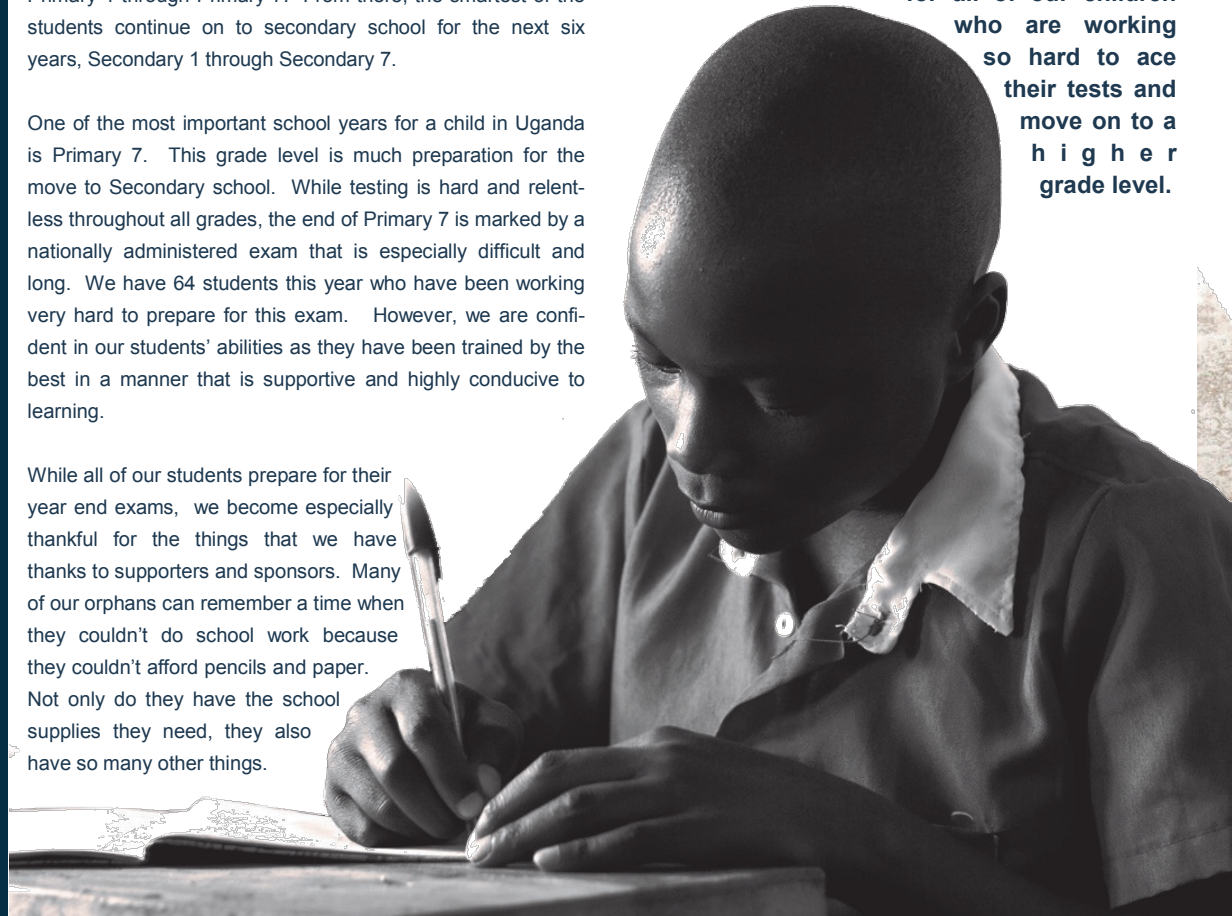
Please stay tuned next month for
the final area of growth:
Social Growth

Children in Uganda are in primary school for seven years, Primary 1 through Primary 7. From there, the smartest of the students continue on to secondary school for the next six years, Secondary 1 through Secondary 7.

One of the most important school years for a child in Uganda is Primary 7. This grade level is much preparation for the move to Secondary school. While testing is hard and relentless throughout all grades, the end of Primary 7 is marked by a nationally administered exam that is especially difficult and long. We have 64 students this year who have been working very hard to prepare for this exam. However, we are confident in our students' abilities as they have been trained by the best in a manner that is supportive and highly conducive to learning.

While all of our students prepare for their year end exams, we become especially thankful for the things that we have thanks to supporters and sponsors. Many of our orphans can remember a time when they couldn't do school work because they couldn't afford pencils and paper. Not only do they have the school supplies they need, they also have so many other things.

Please continue to pray
for all of our children
who are working
so hard to ace
their tests and
move on to a
h i g h e r
grade level.



which is the defining moment for many of our orphans as hope was restored. Now, they have the opportunity to be that helping hand, to be that hope restorer, and they are so excited to be able to do that for others.

For our first annual Orphans Give Back program, the children will be assembling food baskets with all the essentials of a Christmas meal: beef steaks, rice, and matooke (a traditional Ugandan dish, a locally grown produce often prepared like mashed potatoes). They will put on a meet-and-greet party to hand out these baskets to families who would otherwise not have a Christmas meal. In this meet-and-greet, they will have the opportunity to not only share food, but also to share love, joy, and most importantly, hope. Our orphans will sing and dance in a great Christmas performance for their guests. In addition, this will be a great venue for the children to share testimonies and

We are so proud of our orphans. They are so selfless despite the fact that they have come from backgrounds that might encourage them to hold on to whatever they can get their hands on. It is more than we could ask for that our children were not only willing to put on such an event, but that they are excited about it.

We are looking to partner with our ministry supporters as well as schools, youth church groups, and local businesses to help us meet our goals of allowing our orphans to feed the less fortunate. Please pray with us that these partnerships come through and that the resources to make this event a success become available to us.

For future Orphans Give Back events, we hope to feed more and more families. We have decided to start relatively small this year and expand in future years. If you know of a business or individual that might be interested in partnering with the Orphans Give Back program each year, please let them know about this program or reach out to us with their information. We are excited to see this program grow each year.

When people donate to Orphans Give Back they will help us teach our orphans how to spread love, joy, and hope in a community that does not offer much. We look forward to partnering with our community as we feed stomachs and fill hearts, as we *help them help others*.

Christine now lives in the Seeta Orphan Village where she is able to have all of her needs met especially her need for an education.

Please commit (or help us find someone who will) to partially sponsor Christine for \$30 per month so that she can continue to have hope that her darkest days are behind her.

