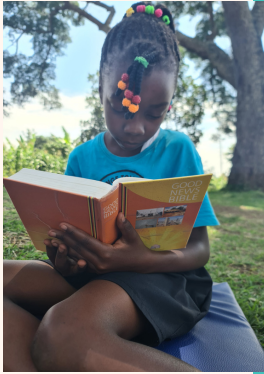




# NEWSLETTER



Dear friends, mission partners and sponsors.

Dana and I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and also enjoying the long hours of sunlight. We would like to take the opportunity once again to express how grateful we are to you for partnering with us in this amazing mission that is affecting countless lives through our fantastic classical Christian education, Bible study, scholarships, teacher training, women's support, farm and much more. Your generosity makes all this possible. It is hard for me to elaborate in such a short time about all the things we have accomplished in the first half of 2023, but here are a few highlights.

The school is currently running up to primary 3 and next year we will be adding primary 4. Dana and the teaching staff have been utilizing all the new school equipment to the maximum and the effects have been magnificent. The children have been progressing at an impressive rate through all subjects. We test them weekly to monitor their progress and we are extremely happy with the results. A lot of this comes down to the dedication of the teaching staff and their devotion to the new curriculum as well as Dana's determination when it comes to overseeing that the implementation of this curriculum is delivered to the highest of standards.



Our students who have been attending the International School have outperformed almost every student in their class and we are very proud of everything they have achieved throughout this year. One of our students has so far maintained an average of above 99% in his exams meaning they are hoping that he can skip a year and advance at a faster rate. We are obviously extremely happy with his progress and all these children are a credit to our organisation.

Our dance and choir group are doing very well and we are all excited at their progress. Some of our donors who were out visiting had the pleasure of watching them perform. The dance trainers are doing a fantastic job with them and the children are really enjoying themselves. We believe that by the beginning of next year they will be ready to start performing at other local schools and churches and hopefully this will boost their confidence and also sensitise them to the feeling of performing in front of an audience.



# COMPLETED PROJECTS

We have completed the construction of our staff accommodation block which consists of 10 rooms. We are very proud of how the building turned out and it is a fantastic addition to the project. The staff are extremely happy and they have gone from small, dark rooms with no electricity which were susceptible to flooding in the wet season and where the cement on the walls crumbled around them to brand new, spacious and bright rooms with electricity. The rooms are all painted and tiled with charging points as well as a lovely veranda at the front. The staff finally have the place they deserve.



We have also finished the construction of the school toilet and shower block. The children are just getting used to the flushing toilets but are adapting slowly. The toilets are so much brighter, more hygienic and much easier to keep clean and everyone is happy with this big step forward.



We engaged in a large project of piping water around the entire property with many access points for the staff and the children which was completed in May of this year. We were able to distribute water to the farm allowing us to feed water lines into each sty. This means that the workers for the first time in 5 years no longer have to carry 1500 litres of water each day to satisfy our pigs. It is a huge time saver, money saver and a huge amount of heavy work that is no longer needed. The water comes from 90m deep in the earth and is perfectly safe to drink and we have access to this water 12 months per year even through the dry seasons. We have also put an access point at the highest part of our land so that members of our community can also feel the benefit.



Thanks to a fundraising project called 'Alternative Gifts' we have built another 100m of boundary wall which helps greatly in keeping our school safe. We still have a way to go and more to build but every time we add on, we are a step closer to the finish line. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who was involved in helping to achieve this.

As many of you may have heard there was a rebel attack in Uganda not far from the border with Congo. These rebels are made up of both Ugandan and Congolese nationals and they attacked a school killing many children and adults whilst raiding the school's food supplies. It was a shock to the country and put many of us on high alert however the Ugandan military pushed them back into Congo and have since re-enforced their position at the border which seems to have kept the peace ever since. We pray for the families of the victims of this horrific attack and ask that the Lord is with them during this time of grief.



# OUR CURRENT PROJECT

## New nursery classes

Most of the greatest social movements in our history began with someone wholeheartedly believing in their vision; however, for visions to become reality and create real tangible change and have real impacts on real people it requires resources. Currently we only have enough classroom space to go up to primary 3 which means next year our current primary 3's will have to move out to another school many miles away where they will receive no education, no food, no care in a 'building' made out of mud. Our students have been attaining an average grade of above 80% across all subjects and we don't want to see them enter into a substandard, deprived and underregulated system.



£ 65,000

**The land for building has already been excavated, compacted and levelled ready for construction and we have so far raised £10,000 this year towards this project.**



## Quick Update

- We currently have 100 students through pre-school to primary 3 with 50% on scholarship. Primary 4 will be added next year.
- We still have all 14 students at international school, all of whom are at the top of their class.
- We now have a national staff and faculty of twenty-one employees.

These children cannot afford to lose everything they have gained during their years with us. It will be a huge step backwards for both the children and the organization and will undo years of hard work and dedication. The project can no longer progress or develop without more classroom space and that is the harsh reality of what we are facing. Our class sizes are restricted to 30 children per class and every year we have a long waiting list of families who want their children with us because they understand the high standards of learning and the opportunities that arise from our school. Unfortunately, it is just not possible to satisfy the ever-growing demand.

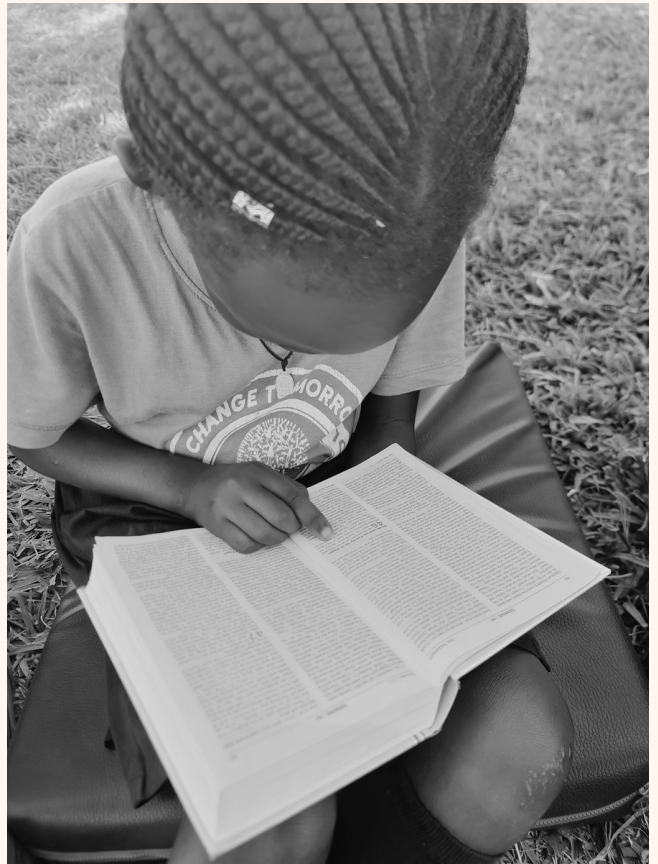


- We met our target with the dance and choir group to begin performing at other institutions by the beginning of 2024.
- We are planning a large extension to the farm.
- We are currently fundraising for the new nursery block.
- We completed all our construction goals.
  - Underground water pipework
  - Staff accommodation
  - Toilet and shower facilities
  - Road extension
  - Boundary wall extension

# PRAYER REQUESTS



- For God to be with the families affected by the recent rebel attacks.
- For God to bring the right staff to our organisation and school.
- For the security of Change Tomorrow as raising funds becomes harder due to many factors affecting the world just now.
- For our children as they grow spiritually that they take the teachings and knowledge and implement them in their lives as they develop.
- For Jonathan and Dana. Recent times have been really hard and the task at hand can at times be overwhelming.
- For God to continue to provide for all of our needs.
- Give thanks for the support from all our prayer partners and everyone who supports us and Change Tomorrow every month.



*"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."*  
- Charles Spurgeon

# CURRENT NEEDS



## 1 Week long Teacher Training at Rafiki Foundation for all our teaching staff – £200

Our vision is to help future generations grow through knowledge of God and love of learning. Teacher training is based on both the needs of the teacher and the learner. We aim to empower our staff and equip them with the knowledge, skills and Christian values to perform their daily tasks effectively and successfully.

## 2 Two Day christian conference run by Rafiki Foundation for our Leaders & Teachers - £300

This conference will introduce us to the education of the greatest scholars in history. Classical Christian education is the heritage of the church and prepares students to love learning and develop godly character. We want to see how this education system can transform our school for the good of our students and the glory of God. Teachers will be able to bring everything they learn at the conference and put into practice within their classrooms.

## Word from founders

Over the last few years we have been asking the Lord for guidance in more effective ways to push forward the vision of Change Tomorrow. During this time many of our children and community members have opened their hearts to God. The members of our women's' group have grown spiritually, developed their understanding of the bible, cemented their relationship with God and now give back to the community. Our students have found a new sense of joy in the Christian curriculum and they are progressing very well academically. On behalf of Change Tomorrow we want to thank you for your generosity over the years and continually keeping us in your prayers.

## 3 Boundary wall - £25,000

Thanks to the amazing alternative gift scheme we have just finished the construction of another 100m of boundary wall however, we still have a ways to go in order to enclose all 9 acres. The outstanding amount is £25,000 in order to complete the rest of the wall. Our boundary wall is vital to the safety and security of the children, the staff who reside on site and even the pigs on the farm. We understand we have a long way to go but piece by piece we will reach our goal.

## Giving details

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