

Celebrating Successes



Meet Katongole Richard

Richard Katongole is a 25-year-old married father to three students at HEED's primary school. Richard Katongole shared,

"Teenage parenthood found me unprepared, my animals- goats & pigs were sold off to pay my then-pregnant girlfriend's bride price. I was left with nothing but a huge responsibility. The call to parenthood was a blessing given too soon. In no time we had three children I couldn't (afford) to take to school."

His wife applied for help through HEED's Scholarship Program. Their daughter, Gift, qualified for subsidized school fees, the family was given an acre of land to farm, and given agricultural training. Now they can pay fees for the other two children to attend school, and Richard has started to work as a motorcycle taxi driver. He has since been able to purchase his own plot of land and has built a house where his wife also runs a hair salon. Richard is proud to be more financially stable and shared,

"The gospel songs the children learned at school put me at ease and I cannot believe my son challenges me with Bible verses. He insists I have to follow them to church. All this would not have been possible without the help from HEED. YOU ARE INDEED GOD SENT."



Richard Katongole in front of his new home



Richard's children in their school uniforms

Our Pathways to Transformation

Addressing poverty begins with addressing the vital needs a community needs to thrive.
HEED is focused on bringing fullness of life to one, remote community and its children.



EDUCATION



WATER &
SANITATION



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



SPIRITUAL
GROWTH



HEALTH

Education

HEED has multiple educational projects: the primary school, the high school, a vocational school, and adult literacy classes totalling about 700 students. So many lives impacted!

This year, we're celebrating that *EVERY* graduating Senior 4 high school student scored in the highest division on the national exams! This is a performance that far surpasses the national average.



High school students in computer class

Water and Sanitation

We are still working toward an adequate year-round supply of water.

Thanks to a grant from Cross International, we are partnering with Living Water International to do a feasibility study to create a plan to improve access to water for the five villages we serve.

The goal of this partnership is to design a comprehensive WASH (water and sanitation/hygiene) system with a sustainable water supply for drinking, washing, and agriculture.



Primary school student using wash station

Community Development

Our community development programs are thriving and penetrating communities to help transform lives from within.

This Spring, Pastor Robin Munshaw from Entrepreneurial Leadership Development facilitated a business training for 47 leaders from our 7 savings groups. The training focused on training trainers, who are now able to impart this training to other savings group members to plan for successful businesses.

The Community Development team also recently visited a World Concern project site to learn more about their "One Village Transformed" model. The visit was a continuing education opportunity for the staff who have implemented the WC savings circle model. HEED and World Concern Africa have discussed partnering for community development initiatives in Uganda in the future.



Women's Empowerment Community Development group making an order of mandazi (fried bread) for HEED to distribute to people waiting to be seen during the vision care clinic on the HEED campus

Spiritual Growth

It's all Jesus all the time! With morning assembly every day, Scripture Union Clubs in both schools, and morning and evening devotions for the boarding students, the gospel and God's love is central to all we do.

In April, Jenn Bragg shared about purity and Biblical marriage in a non-judgemental way that engaged the students and encouraged making a personal pledge for purity. The boys actually erupted into cheers when Jenn entered for the second day of teaching!



Heartfelt worship during Evening Devotions

"Purity was presented as a condition of the heart that went beyond sexual purity. Students were reminded from scripture that they could begin a path to

purity today regardless of their past mistakes, and that their behavior did not define their value or worth to Jesus. 'Jesus makes all things new' became a curriculum theme." -Jen Bragg



Jen Bragg sharing powerful truth with our young men

Health

Our community clinic has a new ambulance that will make the clinic more accessible to the communities we serve. The ambulance will help people obtain essential maternity and medical care that is otherwise unavailable for miles, helping families to thrive not just survive.



New ambulance for the community clinic

Three nurses on the April team collaborated with our all Ugandan clinic staff, commenting on the high standard of care they provide. Yay! The team shared modern laboring techniques, nutrition and health education, and together with the clinic team, provided a one-day free medical clinic serving 173 people.



Nurses Karen and Cheri teach parents about maternal and child health



April Mission Testimony

In April, Julie and seven women traveled to Uganda to leave a deposit of love. Below is an excerpt of an insightful article team member, Jenn Bragg, wrote about her time in Uganda:

"We loved the students and staff by recognizing needs and meeting them through meaningful and practical ways. Simply put - whatever skill set each team member had to offer was utilized. From creating system improvements throughout HEED as

an organization, to a Saturday pop up medical clinic in the middle of one of the five villages HEED serves; from valuable teacher trainings on better helping their students with different learning styles, to teaching high school students on the principles of purity and biblical marriage; from helping the sewing ladies in their vocational training, to having a ton of fun creating crafts and playing bingo; this team partnered together for all of it."

[Read Jen's Full Testimony Here](#)



Karen Greeley, Jenn Bragg, Cheri Herzer, and Julie Secrist dressed for Easter Sunday



Four nurses on the team collaborated with clinic staff on labor and delivery practices, maternal health and taught about nutrition and malaria and typhoid prevention

A note about processing fees

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Prayers & Praises for HEED!

"...As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor

PRAISES

- We praise God for the team of eight who visited HEED Uganda in April. They made an impact in many of the HEED pathways including health, education, and spiritual growth:
 - The group included labor and delivery nurses who provided education and training for our HEED clinic midwives, and actually assisted with the delivery of a baby during their visit!
 - Teacher training about accommodations for students with various learning styles was provided by a special education teacher in the Seattle School District.
 - Biblical values about sexual purity were taught and well received by the HEED high school students.
- We are thankful for progress in the ongoing work of reliable water for the HEED campus and community. We have been able to install gutters on most of the buildings to capture rain. We currently have enough tanks to store about 75% of the water harvested. Living Water International is engaging with the other experts in researching, discovering and developing sustainable solutions to provide reliable water for the surrounding five villages we serve.
- We are grateful for the week of business training provided by Robin Munshaw of Entrepreneurial Leadership Development to 47 savings groups participants - at no cost to HEED.



PRAYER

- Pray for sustainable, plentiful, reliable water for drinking, livestock, irrigation and washing for the HEED campus and the surrounding community. We pray for additional tanks for storage and for the existing water systems to be maintained and managed wisely. We ask God to grant success to Living Water International as they seek to develop a long-term plan to provide sustainable, life-giving water.
- We ask God to provide discernment and wisdom on the way forward for HEED to continue for future generations.
- We pray for our clinical officer, Kenzi Kazoora, and the other clinic staff that their relationship of trust in the community would continue to grow so that there would be sustained improvement in the overall health of babies, children and families.

- Pray for our HEED Uganda leadership and staff. May God protect and bless them and their families as they serve our HEED students and community.
- May the participants of the recent business training successfully recall and implement the strategies they learned. May God prompt them to share what the knowledge to members of savings circles in their communities. May God bless and protect their business ventures.
- We pray for Pastor Annet as she ministers to the HEED students, leaders and staff and to the surrounding community. May she be filled with God's truth and His Spirit and she pastors the church, and as she joins in prayer and fellowship with HEED leaders and teachers.

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