

Celebrating Success



Meet Asiimwe Godfrey

Mr. Godfrey Asiimwe lives in a humble grass-thatched house with his wife and six children. He is a subsistence farmer, and for years, Godfrey struggled to provide for his family (from paying school fees to covering medical expenses for malaria and typhoid). The situation worsened when he lost part of his land due to a high-interest bank loan.

Things changed in 2023 however, when Godfrey enrolled in the Coffee Farming Project launched by HEED's Community Development Training Program. Previous to enrolling in the program, Godfrey had a half acre of coffee plants but he lacked the knowledge to help his seedlings thrive. Through grant funds from Cross International and HEED, Godfrey received free coffee seedlings *and* vital training.

Training included practical guidance from HEED's demonstration farm, where Godfrey learned optimal planting techniques, spacing, and the benefits of intercropping with bananas and beans.

Armed with this new info and expertise, Godfrey planted three new acres of coffee with the seedlings he was given. Today, he is optimistic that when the new plants mature in two years, his investment will lead to financial stability and a significant increase in income.

The results are already visible: this season, Godfrey's banana and bean yields have surged, allowing him to pay for ALL of his children to attend school. He is an elected



Godfrey sitting outside his home with his youngest child, Faith.



Godfrey in his garden with a coffee bush behind him.

local leader and an inspiration to his community, encouraging others to embrace coffee farming.

Looking ahead, Godfrey dreams of building a permanent iron-sheet roofed house for his family and expanding his coffee farm to secure a brighter future for his children. He now has hopes of sending them all the way to university.

With gratitude, Godfrey shares, "I had wanted to plant more coffee for a long time due to its good and stable process but did not know where to start. I thank all our partners for the coffee seedlings and also for the trainings they are giving us to make us better farmers."

Through coffee farming, Godfrey's hope is not just for his own family's well-being, but for the prosperity of his entire community.



Coffee bush with flowers that will become coffee berries. The fragrance is so sweet!



HEED's demonstration coffee garden with Eucalyptus planted for timber in the background.

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

A Holistic Approach

Hungry or sick children don't learn well. A mother who has to walk two miles each way to carry water home doesn't have energy to attend a training. Godless living robs futures. That is why HEED has programs and projects in all five Pathways so that our students and 5-village community have all of the necessary building blocks to thrive.

READ ON to find out what is new in each pathway!

Education: HEED has multiple

educational projects: the primary school, the high school, vocational school, and adult literacy classes.

The vocational school needed a separate campus from the high school since adult community members attend the vocational school. The Master Construction Plan provided new teacher houses, and our vocational school has restarted in an original, repurposed teacher block. Welding, hairdressing, tailoring, and electrician courses are changing futures.

Water and Sanitation: We are still working toward an adequate year-round supply of water. It is improved, but we still ran out of water during the dry season and had to hire a truck to deliver water.

An enormous, 1-acre retention pond (with a capacity of nearly 500,000 gallons), was completed in June. The pond captures run off from surrounding hills. It is already starting to fill!

We continue to add water collection from the roof tops of all of our buildings. When funds are available, the new, lower high school campus buildings will have water collection systems added. When finished, we anticipate an adequate supply year-round.

Community Development: Our community development programs are thriving and penetrating communities to help transform lives from within. Community Leadership Teams are facilitated to develop a 5-year strategic plan to improve the livelihoods of group members through group projects and saving

"Community Leadership Teams" are formed in each village by HEED staff. Through trainings, each group develops a 5-year strategic plan to improve the livelihoods of members through group projects and Saving Circles. In just one year, six leadership



The hairdressing students found Jill Millet's and my hair quite "slippery" to work with in 2022.



The reservoir is massive taking 45 days of heavy machinery work to create.



The elevated water tanks just installed at the high school carry water by gravity throughout the campus and to a tap for the community to access our harvested water when we have enough to share.

groups have formed spawning eight Saving Circles with 30 people each and multiple income generating projects.

Spiritual Growth: We continue to utilize the Scripture Union discipleship materials which focus on developing godly character traits to help our kids grow roots to their faith. This year's focus is obedience.

Health: Our community clinic provides essential maternity and medical care that is otherwise unavailable for miles. The dedicated medical team also engages with the community by bringing health trainings to the different villages we serve. Recent outreaches focused on malaria and typhoid prevention will help parents safeguard their children's health. This holistic approach connects health with the broader needs of the community, creating a foundation for families to thrive not just survive.



Our community development team brings trainings to the different villages we serve.



One of the groups is creating 20 bee hives each to market and sell honey.



Worship fills the main hall for chapel Wednesday afternoons at the high school.

Mission Trips: Life Changing Journeys to Make a Difference



Double Impact!

Two Mission Teams Heading to Uganda Soon!

- Mill Creek Foursquare Church is bringing a team of 9 mid-September providing Sunday School training, youth evangelism, sports clinics & more.



- VOSH NW is bringing a team of 16 optometrists, opticians, and helpers to provide badly needed vision services and glasses in October. They plan serve about 1,000 people in 5-1/2 days!

Can you help fill team members' luggage with items to equip and bless the ministry in Uganda?

Our Amazon Wish List



April 2025 Mission Trip Openings

Have you wondered about visiting Uganda and seeing HEED's work in person? We have a comfortable new mission house with indoor plumbing and electricity ready to welcome bigger mission teams. Most teams elect to take an extra 3 days to go on a very affordable safari. Seeing elephants, lions, giraffes, hippos, & cheetahs in the wild will leave you breathless. Intrigued? [Click Here](#) to send an email to Julie to request more information.



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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 granted us in answer to the prayers of many." (2 Corinthians 1:11)



PRAISES

- We thank God for servant leaders from our partner ministry, Uganda Christian Outreach Ministries (UCOM), who have been willing to provide leadership during this time of transition.
- Our church leadership continues to grow spiritually and in the spirit of serving God. As a result, there are now many church leaders who can faithfully minister in our church and community.
- We are thankful we were able to replace Pamela's position as clinic head. Pamela knows the new director, Kensi Kazoora, from church. He is born again, and she believes he has the dedication, education and ability to take the clinic to another level. He received degrees in Clinical Medicine and Community Health from Kampala International University, and wants to serve in a rural, village setting like ours. He had been working in UCOM's hospital for the last several years gaining experience. We are thankful for Pamela's faithful and skilled service as clinic head and pray God's blessing on her and her family as she chooses to spend more time at home in this season of life.
- We bless the Lord for a very colorful and successful sports day event.
- We thank God for one of our primary students (Devis Arinaitwe) who had a successful operation. He had a liver and kidney problem. He's doing well now and responding quickly.

PRAYER

- We continue to pray for the economic transformation of the community through the three new Community Leadership Teams that have started. We pray that they, together with the first three CLT's and now 8 Savings Circles, are profitable and successful.
- Let's pray for the Dr. Kensi, the new director for Ebenezer Medical Clinic that he will be able to serve the students and community faithfully.

- We pray that God may continue to transform the community people through the sports outreaches with Coach Dan.
- We continue to trust God for rains. Other parts of the country are receiving rains but in Kyakitanga, not yet. Our community depends on farming, so there is need for rains for people to plant their crops and to fill our water tanks.
- We ask God to bring more students to our schools so that we can love, equip, and disciple them. Both schools have capacity for more students thanks to the Master Building Plan recently completed.
- Prayers for Kabonge David of UCOM as he assumes the role of interim leader for HEED. He served in this capacity in 2019 as well. Prayers that God would multiply his time as he adds this leadership to an already full plate of responsibilities. For God to use him to bring unity, direction, and encouragement to our staff, students and community.
- For wisdom for HEED leadership as we take this season to consider the best structure for HEED staff and board in Uganda to poise the ministry for success for the next decade and beyond.
- For finances needed to finish the new HS kitchen and to add water harvesting to the new buildings constructed.

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