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MISSION REPORT

1ST QTR 2022



FAMILY RECONCILIATIONS IN OUR 1ST QUARTER



MAMA JANE

Mama Jane is one of the few mama's who seem not to have abandoned her kids. She tells us the husband brought a second wife into her one-room home and she was pushed out over a few months. When Jane learned the husband and step-mom had left the kids alone, she seemed very anxious to reach home again. This was a refreshing sight and Arise is helping Jane get a business started so her family can thrive.



MAMA HASFAH

As with many mama's we track down, mama Hasfah was worried that Arise would take her to jail for abandoning the children. It takes some time for the mama's to believe that someone is willing to invest in them and help the family get back on its feet. Hasfah had run to her home village when as many mama's do, but agreed to return to her children. She is happy to be with her children again!



MAMA ANGELA

We were all very touched by the greeting between mama Angela and her 14 year old daughter Brenda. Angela's children were alone for more than 2 months. We notice that children alone for only a few months are still shaky about their future. It seems however after 6 or 7 months the children normalize the situation. This is not a good thing, but does seem to be the case.

THE ARISE COMMUNITY IS A COMMUNITY



Each year we celebrate Easter together as a community. This year we met on April 16th and I was impressed by the fact that so many of the families seemed more connected. Children walked in like they were entering their home and families knew to each other better. Many children had been to the event the year before and so they were watching for food and fun.



You can only imagine being in a room with 40+ kids that almost never eat meat. Every one of them can smell the Chicken cooking and see the bottles of soda-pop. This is a HUGE deal for them! They will eat a solid meal and play and laugh and you can just imagine their excitement as it all kicks off.

Not only for the kids, this time is also wonderful for the mama's. They get to eat and chat and learn something new and feel like life can be good to them too. The Easter community gathering is a chance for everyone to be reminded that they are loved.

■ **CANDY + FUN + FRIENDS = JOY!**



■ EVEN BETTER TOGETHER

The Arise Community team is growing. We began with Andrew & Prossy Waiswa who pioneered the Community program with us. They are both trained in social work and have been instrumental in what we are doing. Recently we added Robinah Nandawula who has a business degree and a wealth of experience helping ladies start small businesses. Our most recent addition to the team is Maureen Olga who lives in the community and has been involved with social outreach projects there for many years.

I am so proud of this team. Together we are shaping the Arise Community program and mentoring these families. With a deep set of skills, the team is also maturing how we do our work. Each of the team brings skill and experience to our mission here!

Mama's Reunited with their Families



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Children No Longer Abandoned



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■ THE BANMAN'S

During the first quarter of 2022, Terry, Joshua and Grace were in Canada still enjoying the snow and the love of friends and family. Our thanks to everyone who took time to connect with us and with Joshua and Grace. The kids have commented many times how much they enjoyed Canada and all the people. As Joshua and Grace have limited contact with kids their own age in Uganda, having so many kids to play with was huge for them!

Andrew was at home in Uganda on mission in quarter 1. The year began with a flurry of abandoned children. During the first few months, Arise Education also began to take off. Andrew will be sharing much more in the coming months about how Arise is working with educators to transform the way children are engaged in the classrooms.

Canada was a huge win for the entire family after 3 years away. What a blessing it was for us to be with family and to be able to connect Joshua and Grace with their grandparents, aunts & uncles, nieces & nephews.

We Miss You Already Canada !!



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Our thanks to all of you who generously support our family in Uganda. You make it possible to do this work!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/compassionhive>

