



JOY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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END OF TERM 3 REPORT

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INTRODUCTION;

Grace and Peace to you all in Jesus' name! December 5th, 2025 marks the end of term 3. We are happy with everyone we have moved the journey with since the start of this year. Your physical, mental, financial, and spiritual support have done us well at Joy Children's Centre and the community at large. Term 3 started on September 15th with 100 pupils and ended on December 5th, 2025 with 100 pupils, 9 teaching staff members, 5 qualified, 2 continuing undergraduates and 2 unqualified, 4 support staff and 2 administrators. Term 1 of 2026 starts on February 2nd. The enrollment of pupils is done once a year for proper and balanced budgeting for our children and staff members. Therefore we look forward to enrolling new pupils next year 2026 during the 2nd week of January. Our appreciation goes back to our dear donors for their generosity and everything they are able to give to help the children and the community of Buluba fishing village. Most of our children could not read, write, or even construct a sentence or a word in English. To report now, our children can read, write, speak and comprehend some words of English. The journey is a process and we are seeing a great change happening in dressing, health, education with no school going children staying home now with a school around them.

A) Achievements;

- Provision of Jobs for the local people
- Timely payment of the staff members.
- Fasting and praying for our school, pupils, staff, donors and stakeholders. This was done by the parents, teachers and a few pupils who could manage fasting.
- Mid-term assessment accompanied with an opening class day where parents come to school to discuss with class teachers on how/ what to do to help their children perform well academically, socially, mentally, spiritually and physically.
- Parents- Teacher meetings are held every once a term and about 2 meetings with the P.T.A committee members to share ideas, challenges and their solutions to help us improve as parents and teachers to work smoothly.
- Art and craft lessons, indoor games to promote the hands-on talents and thinking rate our children have in preparation for their day-to-day life.
- Good feeding for our children and staff.
- Sports have been part of us this term, especially soccer, after the hospital granted us the use of the hospital pitch. The Rotary Club of Hillsdale also blessed us with a basketball board, Indoor games and soccer balls.
- We also had a general community cleaning as a school. This is always done to serve as an example to our community leaders and people to learn a lesson and keep the community clean.
- Awarding of gifts to the best pupils in each class from Nursery to Primary six as one way to motivate our learners to work harder and a small token to the active and self-driven school staff.

B) CHALLENGES;

- Limited number of teachers, which has become an emergency.
- Small space to accommodate our children to conduct classes since we are growing every day in the number of classes.
- Price increase on food which at times affects the budget for food.
- A nearby accommodation house for the staff is needed.
- Limited funds to pay our staff a minimum wage.
- Poor kitchen that is not up to standards for our health, and this would be a priority need to be worked on.

I am glad to report that with everyone's hand, prayers and best wishes, we are growing in most aspects of a school's standard.

C) ACADEMICS;

Thankfully each year we enroll vulnerable children in school. Statistics show an increase in the enrollment from the time the Hillsdale team has given a hand of financial help towards education of the children of the Buluba fishing village. Shown below is the number of children enrolled in school since November 2023 the time Grace was appointed to lead as the “Principal” at Joy Children’s Centre.

This was highly facilitated by the support from all the stakeholders (the donors, the Hope Institute team, parents, teachers, students and the political leaders around). The school is turning into a unique standardized and a role model to the community academically, socially and spiritually. None of the children missed out classes due to lack of scholastic materials and school fees. All our children got access to education with all scholastic materials provided at school. We have weekly assessments done especially for our children in the upper section after every 2 weeks to determine their progress, mid-term assessments are done by everyone in all classes and end-of-term examinations are done by every class. This has helped us to understand our children and how best we can help them excel academically. Our parents are so thankful for all the support you have given to them by supporting their children, and the staff is so grateful for having a chance to work and earn a living. The school has the potential to grow bigger in the coming years. For the first time, we are going to have our first slot of candidates to sit for the National Leaving Examination come 2026. Kindly continue praying for us.

Parents are promising to give us more children by next year. However, we will take only the number of students we can afford to care for well with the available resources. This can be thought of to help more children around to access good education.

D) HEALTH;

Generally, there’s change in our physical health due to the nutritious food we have at school, an environment that has created a suitable place to provide 2 meals a day, reducing the number of times some children and staff members go without eating. This has caused many children opting to spend most of their time at school engaging in activities.

Apart from having headaches, flu and stomachaches, many of our children and staff members have not missed school due to serious sickness this term. We have had different health programs embraced at school for example, immunization against yellow fever and HPV vaccine for our children and staff members.

E) CO-CIRCULAR ACTIVITIES;

Sports like soccer, basketball and indoor games like chess have been promoted in school. Our children are happy to have this exposure and indeed they have shown interest in playing these games.

F) SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Our children have grown spiritually and some indicators are them reading the Bible, mentioning the chapters and verses. This wasn't there before and was hard for children to read the Bible. As a school we provide Bibles, show the Jesus' film and guess what? Some parents have reached out to conduct prayers at school every Sunday. This is amazing!!

G) Future plans;

- a) Continuous professional development sessions have been tailored towards: mindset, classroom management techniques, child protection policies, how to set standard questions, and the use of newspapers in education.
- b) Education tours for both teachers and the children aimed at acquainting ourselves with the new innovations in different schools and education in general and networking.
- c) Integration of ICT in our learning sessions, which is becoming the trend.
- d) Shift in grading from the old passmark to target new approaches.
- e) Making our art and craft quality better so that we can go commercial.
- f) Owning a big acreage of land to run a self-sustainable school.
- g) Giving a trip to our staff once in a while at the end of the year for capacity building.
- h) We hope to put a lot of emphasis on football, and one hand ball game, preferably volleyball or basketball for our children, with the starting point being acquiring the training equipment and sourcing for training ground nearby. This will translate into EARR: enrollment, attendance, retention, and results, giving our children an opportunity to look beyond the classroom alone.
- i) To rent land to carry out agriculture (corn and beans) to provide food for the school.
- j) Promote a savings culture at school for our dear parents to save for their children's education.
- k) Creating an electronic way to share the children's performance in class with our sponsors.

G) Finances;

There are 99 children in school. We were able to collect Shs.1,927,000 (551USD). Part of the school collection was used to cover costs of some activities and uncertainties that happened during the term.

Lunch time, below Sick bed



Co-curricular, below Parent-Teacher meeting



Merry Christmas and Grace.