



## November 2025

### Changing Generations, One Life at a Time

On July 17, 2025, our team of sixteen set off for Uganda. We were joined by partners from Hillsdale, Michigan; Calgary, Canada; Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

For those new to the work of Hope Institute, we resumed operations in Uganda in 2023 after a pause during the COVID-19 years.

In Uganda, 41% of people survive on less than \$1.90/day. To fight extreme poverty, we need to teach people to read and educate them with employable skills.

Our mission continues to focus on:

- leadership development
- job creation to fight poverty
- improving literacy
- access to health care



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#### 1. Health Care

Since 2018, we have shifted from short-term medical missions **to training and equipping local partners in four clinics** to improve the quality of care. We continue to collaborate with Buluba Hospital, Hope and Healing Center, and Mercy Health Clinic–Uganda, and recently added Ernest Cook University as a key partner.

This summer, under the leadership of medical student Quinn Truax, we conducted an Anesthesia Needs Assessment Study across all partner sites. This initiative, led in partnership with Prof. Michael Kawooya of Ernest

Cook University, explores the feasibility of training nurse anesthetists locally. Quinn is now preparing a full report of the study's findings, and we are encouraged by the progress of these conversations.

## 2. Jinja Craft Center

The Jinja Craft Center, opened in 2020, **now employs seven artisans who train others** in knitting and sewing. Our dear friend, Ceil Zappa from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, worked diligently throughout the year to strengthen this program. Sadly, she fell ill during this trip and was unable to leave the hotel room despite plans to stay for two months. Please pray for her full recovery and for God to send a mentor or coach who can help the center become self-sustaining and profitable.

We were blessed, however, to have three design students from the University of Minnesota who stepped in to lead workshops and continue training the team. It remains a vital part of our poverty-fighting strategy. **Our vision is for these crafts to be sold worldwide, creating sustainable income to support our wider ministry efforts and restoring dignity through work.**



## 3. Leadership Development

After two decades of ministry in Uganda, we have identified a critical leadership gap—**many projects fail due to a lack of vision and guidance. Hope Institute is therefore prioritizing leadership training as a cornerstone of our mission.**

This year's leadership initiatives included:

- Teacher Training Workshop – Led by Rosa Mirembe of Toronto, Canada, founder of Teach for Success. Rosa trains groups of thirty teachers at a time and provides ongoing evaluation to measure long-term impact.

- Youth Leadership Conference – Hosted at St. Paul's Church, Batambogwe, with over 300 high school students in attendance. The conference was facilitated by partners from Hillsdale College under the leadership of Jeff Rogers, Dean of Men, and three student assistants. This was our second annual youth leadership conference, which continues to grow in impact and participation.

## 4. Literacy and Education

Over the years, we have learned that true transformation requires addressing root causes, not just symptoms.

For Uganda, one of the greatest challenges is the lack of basic literacy. In our region, literacy rates average 20–30%, and **only three out of ten children finish sixth grade.**



**To combat this, we've invested in two schools, a community library, and our craft training center.**

**Joy Learning Center (JCC)** – Established eight years ago, JCC now serves 102 children, with more on the waiting list. We are deeply thankful for faithful partners from Hillsdale, Michigan—especially the college community and Rotary Club—who have supported this school for the past three years. The principal, Ms. Grace Bwiiza, is a graduate of the Hope Scholarship Program. We met Grace when she was eight years old and out of school. Through the generosity of Dr. Bud Squires, a retired surgeon from Janesville, Wisconsin, completed her education, earning a degree in Vocational Education and now pursuing an MBA with support from our Michigan friends.

- **Hope Academy** – Founded twelve years ago in rural Uganda, Hope Academy currently serves 55 students but remains severely underfunded. Our partners at Vine Church, Minneapolis, contribute \$100 per month, yet additional support is needed. Just 11 partners giving \$100 monthly would meet the academy's annual needs.

- **Dr. Rebecca Isiko Community Library** – Built in 2023 with funds from the Roseville Rotary Club and Rotary District 5960, this library now welcomes 30–50 students weekly. In addition to reading resources, we've launched a chess program and plan to introduce reading and math tutoring this year. To maintain the library and fund after-school programs, we need \$10,000 annually. We currently employ two teachers and hope to raise funds for a dedicated librarian.

### **2026 Ministry Needs**

- Support for Hope Academy – \$12,000 per year
  - Library maintenance and after-school programs (Chess, Reading, Math) – \$10,000 per year
  - Land purchase (5 plots in Iganga Town) – \$150,000
- Basketball court in Bugodi Village – \$15,000
- Container shipment of books and musical instruments – \$15,000
- Carpentry workshop for young men – \$15,000

### **Long-Term Vision**

- Training Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) at Kijabe School of Health Sciences, Kenya – \$6,000 per student per year– We will send 2 students in 2026 to Nairobi, Kenya.

### **How Your Gift Makes a Difference**

Your support changes lives.

\$12,000 provides a quality education for 50 children for one year—just \$300 per child.

Together, we are building leaders, transforming communities, and creating sustainable change—one child, one family, and one village at a time.

## Will you join us? Let's make lasting change in Uganda!

- \$25/month (or \$300 one-time) – provides a year of education for one child
- \$100/month – just 11 *new partners* at this level will fully fund Hope Academy for one year
- \$1,000 (one-time) – 10 gifts fund the library and tutoring services for 1 yr
- \$6,000 (one-time or annual) – funds a student's certified CRNA training for 1 yr

Every gift, large or small, will help break the cycle of poverty!



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Thank you so much, my dear friends. Hope Institute has been a burning passion in my heart, to give children digging in the dirt for food to survive the opportunity to read and become educated at school. We have seen success and lives changed. Several of our former students have been educated, employed, and returned to us to volunteer, wanting to give other children the same chance. If you feel led to join us, we would be grateful.

With love,

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