

2017 AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL PROJECT

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OUR OUTBOUND FLIGHT

For the first time we used an express airline from Toronto to Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). The twelve hour flight shortened the total flying time to only 14 instead of 16 hours to the Entebbe International Airport. The airline also generously allowed us to carry four extra bags free of charge. Thank you Ethiopian Airlines.

THE WORST DROUGHT!

The impact of the long drought on the community was profound. Most families survived on cooked mangoes! Parents thanked us for providing a cup of porridge a day to their children! The community has now planted corn, sweet potatoes, cassava, rice and vegetables. If the rains continue, the community will recover from the famine.

CONSTRUCTION

TEACHERS' ACCOMMODATION:

This project was a response to the challenges the school had with attracting and retaining qualified teachers. Our teachers were living in unsafe and noisy places.

The four units have been roofed. We are left with flooring, plastering the walls, painting, building a kitchen, bathrooms and latrines.

These will provide a good environment for teachers to prepare for teaching, share best practices for better services to the 400 children that attend the school.

The money for this project came from the March 2017 fundraising drive initiated by Prince, Shyam, Dev and Tunde (\$5,700), the generous donation by the Oshawa Community Church (\$5,000) and several individual donations. Thank you so much for the sacrifice you made to make it possible for us to provide accommodation for four teachers and their families.

SCHOOL LIBRARY: TWO-CLASSROOM SIZE LIBRARY

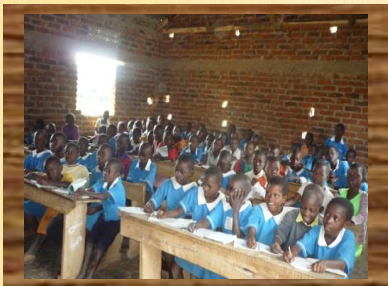
This is the first school library in Namutumba District! We plastered only the inside of the library, installed solar power and built shelves for the books. We plan to have a reference section for teachers.

GRADE FIVE TO SEVEN CLASSROOMS

We plastered the inside of the three classrooms to accommodate the grade 5 to 7 pupils. This will also act as a school hall and examination centre (metallic doors separate the rooms to enable the use of the combined rooms). We also plastered the floor and installed windows with glass panes to allow sufficient light to the classes.

GRADE ONE AND TWO CLASSROOM RENOVATION

We converted the temporary wooden block into a permanent building. Work was still going on to fix the floor, plaster the walls, construct chalk boards and install windows and doors.



Grade One Children



Kisoga Dance



Junior Kindergarten Children

“Education is a powerful “vaccine” against the pandemics of poverty, disease and ignorance”.



Teacher Accommodation



Solar Panels



Borehole



Meeting With School Boards

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The head teacher and two teachers are working as a team to lead the school. This arrangement is working very well and ensures accountability. With training, they will be able to take the school to the next level.

VARIOUS HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

There are four heads of departments that deal with academics, character and discipline, extracurricular activities and literacy. They are very enthusiastic about their roles and have a lot of great ideas to help prepare the pupils in a holistic way.

TEACHERS' FELLOWSHIP AND TUESDAY WORSHIP HOUR

Teachers get together to build up one another spiritually and offer support to one another. The Tuesday school worship hour is led by the pupils. It was great to witness the growth in the faith and leadership skills among some of the pupils.

SOLAR POWER

The first night we saw how dim the solar unit the school was using, we were concerned about the impact on the children's and teachers' sight. We bought a slightly bigger solar panel and battery to boost the power output. At the moment, there is solar to use for the night lessons and to power one laptop. When we replace the printer, the solar power will reduce the transport and copying costs and save teachers' time. More solar is still needed to provide light in the rest of the school.

WATER FROM THE BORE HOLE

It was a relief to get a water source within the school compound! Although the work on the borehole started in 2014, we did not have the resources to get the pump and other equipment. The Rotary Club of Ajax came to our rescue and provided us with the \$2,000 to complete the borehole construction. Children used to miss classes due to the line-ups at the community boreholes and the meals would often be delayed further affecting lessons. We thank all the members of the Rotary Club of Ajax for your contribution to the school.

CAREER FOCUSED EXHIBITION

Several career presenters were invited to share with the pupils and the parents their career paths. They included a police officer, a nurse, a farmer, a teacher, and a politician. The school clubs also put up performances for their parents. This was very well received by the community.

MEETINGS

We conducted several meetings with various members of the community: School Boards (Management Committee and Parents Teachers Association) The first group we met were the newly appointed board members. One of the board members coaches the soccer team. Another one is helping the teachers to grow vegetables in spite of the dry conditions. Other members are available to deal with discipline issues. They are doing a great job!

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Henry Adams

DONATIONS IN KIND

WATTS OF LOVE

Oshawa Community Church made a generous donation to the school community of 12 solar-powered radios with the capacity to work as a powerful flash light, head lamp and USBs with Bibles in English and a local language (Luganda). Religious education is one of the Uganda National Curriculum subjects. This will help in both the spiritual growth of the pupils and teachers and the academic performance. Thank you very much Oshawa Community Church for your generosity and investment.

THE MEAL

Once again this unique luncheon was a blast in the school community. All the pupils from kindergarten to grade seven, the teachers, board members and non-teaching staff feasted on that day! Thank you Rachele and Mahmood for making this an annual treat for the school community.

SANITARY PADS

The girls were very excited when they learnt that help was at hand. Some were finding it difficult to attend school during some months. Thanks to Michelle and your team for this great service to the girls. The parents were very grateful for the gifts.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY

We received a donation of \$500 from ETFO Durham and books from several people. Thank you all for your generous donations. We bought school supplies and took a few books with us. Most of the books will be taken in September 2018.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

We got some medical supplies from Linda Mitchell. We were able to carry just a handful. Thanks Linda for the donations.

TRAINING

KINDERGARTEN WORKSHOP

Phoebe spent a day in the class of Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Odette at Sir John A. Macdonald Public School, learning how to teach kindergarten pupils. Mrs. Odette volunteered several hours in shopping and demonstrating how to set up learning centres, how to use learning aids and suggested creative ways of using local resources. This was handy when training teachers that handle over 100 pupils in the kindergarten section. Thank you Mrs. Odette, Mrs. Powers and the administration at Sir John A. Macdonald for your help.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We met with the school prefects and class captains to empower them to develop an effective student voice in the classrooms and the school campus.

TEACHERS

Teachers wanted some help with the assessment strategies. James was a great resource in helping teachers to broaden the number of strategies they use in assessment. Some of the strategies were implemented immediately.



Solar Radio Unit- Watts of Love



Girls' Sanitary Pads & Under wears



Kindergarten Workshop

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.
Edward Everett

2018-2019 VOLUNTEERS TO AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL

ALDO is planning to send three groups of volunteers to Uganda in the 2018 and 2019 to help with the school project. If interested please contact us. We have an expression of interest form and we shall hold information sessions. The tentative schedules are:

Fall: November / December 2018,

Spring: February / March 2019, and

Summer: June / July 2019

Areas of need include:

1. **Construction** – classrooms, kitchen, bathroom, renovations, painting, landscaping
2. **Teaching** – English, reading and writing skills, games and sports, math and science
3. **Ministry** - school, churches, pastors and the community
4. **Training** – Sewing / tailoring, modern agriculture, business management skills, financial literacy, training teachers and the librarian.

A TASTE OF AFRICA DINNER FUNDRAISER

October 21, 2017

Enjoy an evening of amazing authentic African dinner, entertainment, raffles and silent auction. Bid on African fabric, crafts, artwork and many more to support the children of Amazing Love School

•**Cost:** \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.

•**Location:** Sinclair Secondary School Cafeteria,
380 Taunton Road East, Whitby ON L1R 2K5

•**Time:** 5:00 pm

All funds raised will be used on the school project. We shall have an informative and entertaining slide show featuring the work at the school.

Please invite family and friends and spread the word to make this event a success. For tickets, please contact **Phoebe at 905 404 8625 or Sheilagh at 519 539 4525.**



Building Library Shelves



Inserting Window Panes



Plastering Classrooms



Medical Supplies



Stationery



Meal for Kindergarten



Girls - Area Champions



Boys - Area Champions



Windows and Doors

COMPETITIONS

INTER CLASS COMPETITIONS

We participated in a debate with the motion: ***"Village Life is Better than Town Life"***. The motion was biased towards village life. That is what most children know about. Apparently, village life is better than town life!

FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS

Our School and a school in the next village competed in the boys' and girls' soccer and net ball (similar to basketball). Our students made us proud by winning in two games and drawing in the boys' soccer!

AREA COMPETITIONS

Our school competed in the Regional Competition and won in both soccer and netball. There was so much jubilation as this was the first time they participated in regional games.

ALDO is a non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the **Uganda Relief and Development Organization**. A tax receipt will be issued for any amounts of **\$10** and above.

Amazing Love School

A School where children attend regularly, learn effectively and complete successfully.

Vision:

Excellence through Education, Training and Leadership

Mission:

Inspire students to excel in their academics, social and spiritual development

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