

AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL PROJECT

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Learning and More!

- We were excited to fly out to Uganda after the hectic preliminary preparations. We got a lot of support from the friends of the Amazing Love School.
- On arrival, we hit the ground running, despite the delay in the arrival of the shipment of some of the bags. Fortunately, every bag arrived, eventually!

Surprise, Surprise!

- It was a surprise visit, for no one expected us at that time of the year! Literally, students ran from their classrooms, and swamped around the car.
- We were very elated to see that teachers were instructing the students and that the students were learning.

Literacy

- We observed great improvement in the students' reading skills. Compared to last year, this time it was a breeze! Yes, there is still work to be done to improve comprehension.

Water well

- Digging the well has been completed. The next steps involve fixing drums, pipes and the water pump. We **still need** to get solar power in order to use the pump to supply the water to the school.

Science and Social Studies Exhibition

- Students demonstrated their learning to their parents and the community members. They explained and demonstrated how to use a microscope, the uses of the different types of soils, and the journeys of the first European explorers in Africa using the maps of Africa, East Africa and Uganda.
- Parents engaged students with interesting questions. The students also had some fun when they asked the parents some questions related to the presentations. The afternoon was filled with entertaining poems, songs, art and crafts items, speeches and dances.

Construction Progress

- We were able to put a slab on three out of the five classes due to insufficient funds. This is still a great help as children can use those rooms even when incomplete.

Other involvements

- We conducted professional development sessions with the help of a lecturer from a Teacher Training College, trained board members, and met with parents during a general meeting.
- Though the time was short, we felt a connection with the community and a good feeling to see that progress was being made and learning was taking place.



Math Practice during recess



Science and Social Science Exhibition



Progress of construction

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

What your contributions accomplished

Donations from Aug. 2014 to June 2015:

\$18,775

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| • Students workbooks | \$600 |
| • Water well | \$ 1,500 |
| • Milk & sugar enriched porridge | \$ 1,550 |
| • Air cargo | \$ 837 |
| • Construction costs | \$ 14,288 |

Donations

Thank you friends for the money donated and for every effort put into the success of our recent trip. It was a major sacrifice on your part and we are very much indebted to you for the support and love for the Amazing Love School. Thank you very much. The community was very appreciative of your generosity and thoughtfulness. This is truly a gift of education.

Next phase

We are pleased with the progress we are making in transforming the community. It is your support that has made this possible. Please continue to stand with us in this project that is making a huge difference.

- The next phase will require us to complete the slab for the remaining two classrooms (***the library***) before we continue with the construction of the second level. This has been costed at **\$6,000**.
- In order to complete the well and install solar for pumping the water, we need to raise another **\$3,000**.

We are also looking for sponsors in the following ways:

- \$60 provides enriched porridge for a nursery school child for a year.
- \$100 provides enriched porridge for a primary school child for a year.
- \$20 provides a school uniform for one child for a year.
- \$120 provides wages for a qualified teacher for a month.
- \$150 provides wages for a qualified head teacher for a month.
- \$500 provides 30 students each with four workbooks for the core subjects
- \$2,500 will buy a school motorcycle to help with school errands.



Laborious cutting & folding of metal bars



Slab Casting completed for 3 out of 5 classes



Digging of the water well



Drums for the water well



Donated Soccer Jerseys and balls



Some of the staff members

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”
Henry Adams

SOME OF THE DONATIONS IN KIND

Ontario Christian Gleaners:

Thank you so much for the apple snacks and vegetable soup.

The Sheilagh Connections:

- A gift for every child- Sheilagh McDonald, her family and friends donated gifts for every child in the school and soccer jerseys for two teams donated by the Minor Soccer Association in Drumbo.
- Nore and Jorge together with family friends fundraised money for the water well
- A businessman in Woodstock donated 150 backpacks - we took 40 on this trip.
- The Vandijken family donated \$600 for student workbooks, and the Knights of Columbus, Woodstock donated \$300.

The Michelle Connection:

Juliet Lewis, a grade 8 student, collected resources for the Art and Craft programs. Her thoughtfulness touched many, while Michelle again donated 40 sanitary pads for girls.

Enriched Corn Porridge with Milk and Sugar:

Catherine Munene and Anthony Ash contributed money for milk and sugar. The parents and students were very thankful. Some students commented, "We have recovered from weight loss!"

Oasis Church, London England:

Your generous donation made it possible for us to buy 150 bags of cement for the slab casting, each weighing 50kgs. This was 50% of the total required. Thank you so much for your support.

16 Laptops for Amazing Love School:

Special thanks go to Clare Izard who connected us to Adam Lawrence and Slaven - who donated 11 IBM laptops. Liz Pope, Ivone Carion, Steve Johnson also donated laptops. Thanks also to Don Grozelle, Andrew Kovarcsik and Jakubad who worked to fix and install open source and educational software for the kids. The teachers were equipped and got working from the moment the laptops were delivered. We are working on proper furniture for and storage of the laptops.

A meal to remember:

Thanks to Rachele and Mahmood for again providing a special meal. It was a welcome change. All the school children, teachers and board members celebrated the gift of food.

Sowing a seed:

Thanks to Prince Gonhasa for the 400 T-shirts donated to each child in the school.

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.



Introduction of donations to the school community



Donated laptops in use



40 of the 150 backpacks given to grade 6 pupils



T-Shirts and Dried Apple snacks

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



Physical Features of Uganda



Demo of a microscope and its uses



Journey of European Explorers in Africa



Physical features of East Africa



Description of photosynthesis process



Types of soils and uses

Above are some of the photos from the school exhibition

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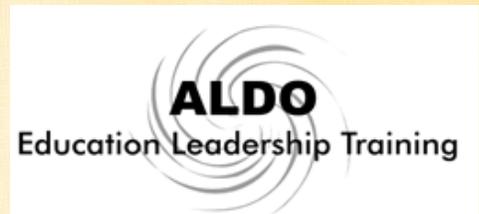
A School where children attend regularly, learn effectively and complete successfully.

Vision:

Excellence through Education, Training and Leadership

Mission:

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



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