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## CURRENT NEWS

Many of you already know of the Greenhouse Orphanage near Kampala, Uganda that is giving loving care to 64 very needy children, infants to 14 years old. There have been many people involved in providing assistance to the orphanage by raising money, collecting clothes, shoes and necessary items for the children. This came about since early 2007 when these people met a young man attending Liberty University, Lynchburg, named Kevin Kalibbala. Kevin, his Sister Kathy and two younger brothers, David and Ben, started and maintain Greenhouse Orphanage with very little outside help (More on their history later).

Kevin's friends at LU raised several thousand dollars for the orphanage from friends and their home churches. A friend of one of them attending Florida State University got interested, applied for and received a study grant to go to UG to study how living conditions and needs awareness might be increased through creative means, such as art. A small nondenominational church, The Kirk Community Church, met Kevin through a missionary who served in UG, after a concert in Lynchburg by the WATOTO Children's Choir, also from UG. This whole group of unrelated interested Christian people wanting to help children in UG has gotten to be known as "The Greenhouse Orphanage Group". It seems like this all came together under our Lord's direction. We're still amazed.

Several things have already happened with many positive results. Rachel Rossin received the grant through FSU, spent June 2008 at GHO, teaching art to the children, taking 1000s of pictures and videos, interviewing the staff and children, and learning a great deal herself about living conditions in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. Rachel prepared a Power-Point and DVD presentation and showed it at The Kirk. The same Sunday an employee of World Help, who also has visited GHO, gave a powerful message concerning the need for the Church of Jesus Christ to rise up to respond to huge needs in many places around the

world. An LU friend of Kevin's, Brandon Waggoner, visited GHO last August while touring Africa with African Inland Mission. Brandon graduated from LU's Aviation Program last May 2008 and wants to be in African Missionary work. The Kirk Community Church is providing the 501(c)3 tax deductible channel for anyone to



contribute donations for the support of the children at the Greenhouse Orphanage. There has been substantial

donations to date that will be forwarded to the orphanage soon.

The GHO Group has been meeting with the following action in place:

- 1) Raising funds for new bedding for 64 children-\$1500.
- 2) \$3500 needed for school fees, Sept. 2008.
- 3) \$500 needed to get water back into the home.
- 4) Making plans to get an experienced contractor to visit GHO and list various doable projects for Short Term Mission groups.
- 5) Lining up Short Term Mission groups for 12/08 and 6/09.
- 6) Rachel's friends are designing a STM Trip "how-to" package.
- 7) Long term possibilities:
  - A) Vocational training for the GHO children.
  - B) More property to raise food, chickens, cow, etc. for the children and income.
- 8) Rachel and Brandon are preparing P-P / DVD for Kevin and others to use to make presentations to tell the story.

## KEVIN'S STORY

Kevin and his siblings became orphans when he was 7 years old. The four children were separated and placed in homes of relatives and for many years did not have any contact with each other. Kevin was placed with an Aunt who used him as a slave boy, cleaning up around the house, helping prepare meals, washing dishes and clothes, could not eat with the family and generally treated poorly. He was not allowed to go to school while living with this relative. The situation was so bad Kevin ran away and joined the UG army where he learned how to handle a gun, to kill and mistreat people. After several years, Kevin began thinking about his sister and brothers, wondering where they were, how were they being treated and how could he find them. One day he met an old friend of his parents who knew that the home place property was willed to Kevin and his siblings. She helped Kevin find his long lost sister and brothers, helped them move into their home, got them into schools and generally looked after them. It was during this time that Kevin gave his life to Christ.

Back in school, Kevin found he could run faster than most boys. He began winning all the 100m and 200m races, receiving scholarships to schools, trophies and money prizes that he put in saving. Up to age 18, Kevin never lost a 100m race and became a Ugandan national champion. He began dreaming of qualifying for the UG Olympic Team. This God given talent eventually led to receiving a full scholarship to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, starting in January,

2007. This spring Kevin was contacted by the UG Olympic Committee and invited to try out for the team, of course he said yes. His trial heat, which he won, was in Oregon but he was not selected to go to Beijing. All of us are proud of our friend for his accomplishments—anyone want to challenge him?

While Kevin was growing up rapidly into early manhood, he learned there is much conflict, killing, harsh treatment and ill feelings among peoples. At the same time he remembered being loved by his parents and other people. Now back in their home place and seeing all the little children on the streets of Kampala, Kevin's heart felt compassion rose to the top. He began wondering how he could repay his Lord for all the blessings he had experienced. Soon after this



at the age of 17, Kevin, Kathy, David and Ben took in their first child. It didn't take long for the word to spread and the orphanage population to grow. When Kevin came to America, Greenhouse Orphanage had grown to 64 children. The name, by the way, signifies growing children is much like growing plants in a greenhouse—you nourish and feed and care for them and finally a mature finished product. It is very evident that Kevin loves each one of his children and misses them greatly.

## SUPPORT THE ORPHANAGE

This brings us around to why this Green House Orphanage Group has banded together to help support the orphanage. We will appreciate any help anyone is led to give. Keep the children and their needs in your prayers. We know God Loves them too. Additional information can be obtained from:

- 1) [Greenhouseorphanage.com](http://Greenhouseorphanage.com),
- 2) [greenhouseproject.rar-rar.com](http://greenhouseproject.rar-rar.com),
- 3) <http://blog.brandonwaggoner.com>,
- 4) [thekirkonline.org](http://thekirkonline.org).

Financial support can be sent to:  
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Please mark donations for GHO (Greenhouse Orphanage)