

Similar to last year, we were unable to obtain visas for entry into the Congo. We are grateful that some Congolese volunteers took the photos of the sponsored children in the Congo, as well as their grade level for us. If you have a sponsored child who was seen by the volunteer, you will receive a photo with the child's current school grade level on it. Thank you for understanding. Even though we are unable to see them, we have complete confidence in Pastor Bamo that they are using the funds for the designated purpose of schooling.

His Hands for East Africa Newsletter -- May, 2018

Our 2018 team.....in Uganda and Congo, with our partners:

Philip & Jamie Charles, Pastor Stephen Bamoleke & Siriaka, Pam & Luke Brochu



In Rwanda, with our partners: Luke & Pam Brochu, Therese & John Rudasumbwa, Jamie & Philip Charles





HIS HANDS FOR EAST AFRICA's IMPACT

The name, "His Hands" tells it all for where God's hands are at work they must make an impact.. a transforming impact –

"His Hands' is certainly making an impact here in Africa in several ways - by providing salvation and educational opportunities to children from poor families, developing in children and parents the trust in God as a provider, fostering poor families economic empowerment through goats/ sheep/pigs program to the widows/poor women/ single mothers, and offering occasional gifts/supports to the elderly taking care of the needy children.

This is <u>a true testimony</u> from one mother whose husband disappeared some years ago, leaving all the children to her with no way of surviving and going to school. Referring to what "His Hands" is doing to help her children, she said to me:" It is God who brought you here for us; If you people had not come I was about to leave the children and go away to commit suicide by jumping into the lake and die. By taking my children on your program, you saved my life and gave hope to my children; I don't know how to thank you". One of the children in this family sent me a message saying:" Pastor, Thank you for the change you have made in our family. May God bless you so much" (This message is certainly for "His Hands"; I am just a channel of What God is doing through this ministry).

Talking about the impact, one of these children (Esther) will be completing her course in ICT in December. In Congo, Louise a former beneficiary of His Hands' support just graduated with her BA in Accounts with distinction, now hunting for a job. (Both girls!) Praise the Lord. All this, because of YOU joining hands with us. THANK YOU SO MUCH. Pastor Stephen Bamoleke

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The His Hands for East Africa program is making a difference:

From a Mom in Rwanda: "This program has been impacting my son (Jean de Dieu Bigirimana) in different aspects: My son, who was like a street boy, now is doing very well in secondary school



senior 4. I was almost desperate because I could not manage to help him to love school- no financial means. My son now loves the church so much as never before. My family members are amazed to see how God

is using the program through church ministry. May God bless you sponsors and the Church". (Judith Bigirimana in Kabeza Kigali)



From some parents in Rwanda: Both my wife, children and I have seen God's love and care through this program. First, Together with our two sons, Japhet and Gedeon, we are grateful to see how they are able to go ahead with their studies which could not be the case if His Hands in East Africa had not come in our area. Secondary, because of the program, our family, our children in this case, have released the value of the presence of the church in our area...Indeed the love of God is being demonstrated through this program as well as in the church... (Silidio and his wife in Kabeza- Kigali)





We have been partnered with Pastor Bamo and Pastor John since 2007 so this is one of our longest-running partnerships and it's one we treasure. Both men are such wonderful servants of God and we consider it an honor to be partnered with them.

We have decided to change the name of this program to His Hands for EAST Africa due to all the new opportunities God is bringing to us on the continent of Africa. Check out <u>www.hishandssupportministries.org</u> to see all of our new programs! God is on the move! Louise Niyibizi of Rwankuba, Congo was sponsored through His Hands for East Africa. She just graduated as an accountant!

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