



Outside the Dream

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Alice's Story

Alice Wegoye came out of retirement not long after she entered it. She had taught, worked as a school administrator, and raised ten children for the last thirty-nine long years--yet she still wasn't finished.

Shortly after retiring, the former teacher decided to act on one of her community's most pressing problems: lack of education. The nearest secondary school was an hour-long walk away for most students in Kigo, Uganda (pronounced *Chee-go*). For those within walking distance, lack of school fees presented another barrier to their attendance. With this in mind, Alice decided to create a school. She opened her home and land to local children, boarding students in what used to be her sitting room, and cooking for them in what used to be her own kitchen. She now lives with her sister and daughter in the city. Her pension funds many of the school's needs, and she has taken out loans to pay teachers' salaries. When students cannot afford full tuition or uniforms, Alice has made adjustments so that every child can receive the education they deserve.

Awegys Christian Comprehensive Senior Secondary School began in 2004 with only four students, but with care, has grown to forty-five students, a dedicated staff, and a board of governors. However, many needs remain. With plans for expansion and goals of essentials such as a well and electricity, Outside the Dream is committed to meeting these needs and creating a self-sustainable school for the Awegys students.



Director Alice Wegoye with donated art supplies at her school in Uganda.

Below: Alice's former home, now a part of Awegys school.



“What sculpture is to a block of marble,
education is to the soul.”

—Joseph Addison



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Philip Bbosa

"I was born in 1990 in Kampala and grew up in Kakoni village in Luwero district. Both of my parents died in 1992. I have no brothers or sisters, [as they passed away.] After my parents' deaths my grandfather took care of me until he died. After that I began working making bricks and digging [in gardens to earn money] for school fees...I do enthusiastically appreciate your help and kindly ask for your love, education, to make me special, the word of God and a way to communicate with you...I love you and am full of hope."

After the deaths of his family members, Alice Wegoye met Philip and took him in. He has since been living year-round at the school.

Philip recently received a sponsor.



1. Sponsor a student.

By sending a student to school, you not only give that child the gift of education and support their vital needs, but also make a long-lasting impression on the student through communication and caring.

2. Set a goal and help build Awegys.

Awegys school has many needs crucial to its development, such as a library, land, a well, and academic resources. Set a goal to contribute these materials to further Awegys's students' educations.

4 ways to help Awegys Students

3. Make contributions.

By making contributions to Outside the Dream (OTD), you ensure the development of Awegys School and the continuation of OTD's student support in Uganda. All donations are tax deductible.

4. Raise awareness.

If you are not in a place to contribute financially--or even if you are--raising awareness is a critical aspect of OTD's work. Tell everyone you know about the organization or write letters to Awegys students to continue our intercultural awareness campaign.

"I was born in 1991 in Wakiso district, where my father died in 1994. My mother took care of me until she died in 2004. My uncle had been trying to pay for my school fees by digging food crops but it is not enough money. In 2007 he brought me to Awegys school but I have not enough money for fees and materials. I am the best in the class and prefer chemistry to other subjects...I am hoping for your positive consideration. Thank you."



Angela Namugenyi

An aspiring nurse and talented singer and songwriter, Angela also cares for her peers and strives to do well in school. When asked why she would like to be a nurse, Angela replied, "I have seen the care given to the patients in the hospitals when my mother was there. I would like to show them mercy and carry those people with all of the parental love in my heart."

Angela is in need of a sponsor.

Gorilla Guerrilla

From the acclaimed author of *Love and Mayhem* and *Don Don* comes this latest novel reflecting the lost innocence of a child soldier and the plight of the silverback gorillas in Africa.

Gorilla Guerrilla, by author and OTD board member **Nick Taussig**, is a novel that will awaken compassion and a new determination for peace in both adolescents and adults alike.

For more information or to purchase the book, visit www.revolverbooks.com. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Outside the Dream.



Above: With volunteers Gretchen and Elizabeth, Awegys students proudly display their newly covered journals, part of a writing project at the school.

For more, please visit www.outsidethedream.org

Visiting Awegys

On their latest trip to Uganda, OTD board member Gretchen Seibert and her daughter and OTD volunteer, Elizabeth, not only met the students of Awegys, but spent a week teaching and learning with them. The students were so engaged and eager to learn that Gretchen and Elizabeth often had to *urge* them to leave the classroom and take lunch during their break, or stop work on their projects--hours after class had ended.

The Seiberts brought a number of books with them to Uganda, and the students also learned for the first time how to use a dictionary. After that first lesson, the dictionaries became a vital addition to the classroom, as the students realized firsthand how empowering language and education can be.

Below is a community poem written by Awegys students and compiled by Gretchen and Elizabeth.

This is Uganda, This is Me

Uganda is a good country
Her people so welcoming
As are her good fresh waters, lakes, and rivers
Beautiful and warm sunshine
Fresh winds that blow towards the people.
Cattle are of great importance
Providing milk, meat, and skins.
Uganda has a favourable climate which encourages
Agriculture practice, animal survival, people at LARGE.
People who have their rights to do and talk whatever they want in Uganda
People who produce many children which makes a country poor
And sometimes people who can help you in paying your school fees
Or paying school fees for orphans
Like me.
Ugandans put on white clothes in order to reflect the light.
Ugandans are hospitable through welcoming guests.
But the number of people getting AIDS is just increasing
Just increasing
Instead of reducing.
Yet we have Jackfruits, green in color and rough of skin.
And bananas green in color before peeling but after peeling, white--
A delicious meal eaten by most people in Uganda.
Uganda is evergreen
With yellow birds who fly nicely in the sky with the sound of Qee Qee
Through the good climate, good for growing crops and trees
All which help in the formation of rainfall
Green in colour. Good for my life.
People also plant trees
Trees that make noises like kakaka when you are cutting them down.
In Uganda people are suffering a lot
Especially in the North where people are staying in camps
And leaving their homes
And losing their properties
And lives.
BUT We respect each one from different countries through welcoming them with joy
Talking to them in a humble way
We are helpful to each one
Thank you.
This is Uganda.
This is me.

What We Do

Outside the Dream offers education and hope to those whose dreams are collapsing under the burden of extreme poverty and war. Former child soldiers, orphans, the homeless and the vulnerable are given the opportunity to attend school.

The foundation...

1 ...provides tuition fees and other necessary educational expenses through student sponsorships.

2 ...partners with individuals and villages to assist in creating schools where there are none.

3 ...offers microfinancing for small business start-ups for students wishing to fund their own education while supporting their dependents.

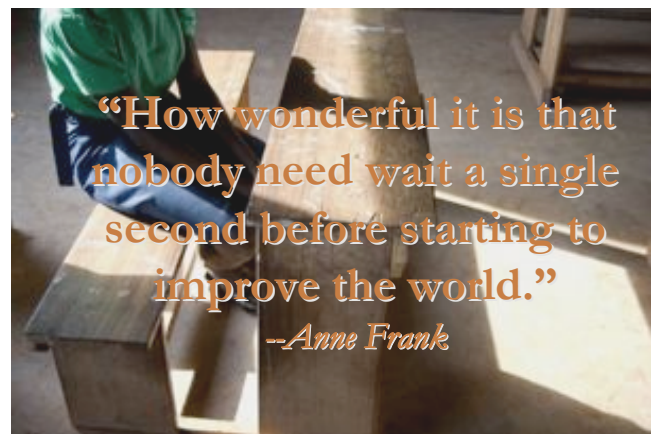
Outside the Dream is a registered non-government organization (NGO) in Uganda and 501(c)(3) in United States, relying primarily on donations and volunteer support. All donations are tax-deductible.

Did you know?

At 22 years long, the devastating war between the Lord's Resistance Army and the Ugandan government is the **longest-running civil war** in Africa. More than **25,000 children** have been abducted and forced to serve as child soldiers.

Uganda, one of the world's poorest countries, has been called "**a nation of orphans.**" Of its population of 27 million people, an estimated **2.2 million** are orphans. The UN predicts that **by 2010, there will be 3.5 million orphans in Uganda.**

Although Uganda has adopted Universal Primary Education (UPE), funding for the program is still incomplete and has not been successfully extended to secondary schools. Only an estimated **40% of primary school students go on to complete secondary school.**



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