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A SPECIAL VISIT:
**Meet the Partners
Behind the Work**

Meet our Visiting Partners

This fall, six of our partners are visiting Canada throughout October and November to collaborate with our team and meet supporters across the country. If you'd like to meet one of our partners and hear them share their work, contact Josiah at josiah@internationalneeds.ca.



Tabita - International Needs Burkina Faso

Tabita is Project Coordinator at International Needs Burkina Faso, where she has served in various roles since 2014. Today, she oversees projects from planning and implementation through monitoring and evaluation. She is passionate about helping communities thrive through access to clean water, education, health, and development.

Her passion is matched by a lifelong commitment to learning. Tabita holds a Master's degree in Humanitarian and Development Project Management and is currently pursuing her PhD. She brings that same spirit of learning to her team, encouraging them to keep growing.

Outside of work, Tabita is married and the proud mother of a young son. She treasures time with family, especially her son, nieces and nephews, whether playing games, going on outings, or simply being together.

When asked what she loves most about her work, Tabita didn't hesitate. It's witnessing communities gain access to clean water for the first time, and the impact it has on health, education, and livelihoods, especially for women and children. For Tabita, this is what it looks like to live out her faith in Jesus Christ, making her work feel like a calling.



Malis - ECDC Cambodia

Malis is CEO of ECDC Cambodia, a partner of International Needs Canada, working alongside vulnerable children and families across the country. She joined ECDC in 2010 and stepped into her current role in 2017.

Malis was raised in a humble but deeply supportive household. Her family did everything they could to empower her and her siblings, while the church became a sanctuary for love and faith to take root. These experiences continue to shape the way Malis leads and serves today.

Her calling is rooted in Isaiah 61, where God calls his people to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim freedom to the oppressed. It is a passage that has influenced both her personal life and her ministry.

For Malis, the greatest joy is witnessing transformation firsthand: children receiving opportunities for a better future, parents providing for their families with dignity, and communities discovering hope through God's love.

Outside of work, Malis values time with family and friends, and is drawn to listening to people's stories and learning from different cultures.



Vincent - International Needs DR Congo

Vincent is Executive Director of International Needs DR Congo, a role he has held since 2025. His connection to International Needs goes back to 2010, when he began as a volunteer in a management role.

He brings nearly three decades of experience across international NGOs and the private sector, including World Vision, USAID, and the International Rescue Committee. Today, he works closely alongside communities to understand their needs and bring relief through the love of Jesus Christ.

His last name, Muyeye, means “the imprint.” It’s a name he takes seriously. Vincent believes that every person he meets, especially those facing hardship, has a story worth hearing, one that deepens his own understanding of what life truly means. He hopes to leave a mark on each of them in return.

That desire to serve is rooted in his faith. The verse that shapes his calling is Matthew 28:18-20: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” For Vincent, preaching the gospel and serving communities in need are not separate things. They are the same work.

Outside of the office, Vincent enjoys tending his garden and raising chickens, a grounding rhythm alongside a life of leadership and service.

Martha - Real Hope Kenya

Martha is Executive Director of Real Hope Community Foundation, a partner of International Needs Canada, where she has served in her role since 2014.

She grew up in Kawangware, one of Nairobi’s informal settlements, where poverty and hardship were a daily reality. As a young child Martha found herself homeless, caring for her ailing mother and younger brother and living on the streets in search of food and survival.

When she was eight years old, a social worker rescued her and placed her in the care of Koinonia Community, a children’s organization that gave her something she had never known: safety, education, and hope. That experience became the foundation for everything that followed.

After pursuing a career in social work and community development, Martha felt a deep calling to give back. Together with three friends who shared similar experiences and a common vision, they founded Real Hope in 2014, determined that children facing the same circumstances they had faced would have the same opportunity to rebuild their lives.

For Martha, this work is deeply personal. Every child Real Hope serves is a reminder of the little girl she once was, and every family restored strengthens her conviction that hope can transform lives when compassion is matched with action.



Gerald - International Needs Uganda

Dr. Gerald is Executive Director of International Needs Uganda, a role he has held since 2025.

Gerald's path to where he is today began in circumstances very different from those he knows now. Raised by his aunt with limited resources, there were times when bark cloth served as his bedsheet because that was all she could afford. His childhood gave him an early perspective on hardship that would stay with him throughout his life.

His faith is equally central to his story. In 2004, Gerald walked into a Sunday service thinking life was simply moving along, and walked out having surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. Since then, he has seen God's faithfulness in ways he could never have imagined.

Gerald came to International Needs after more than 13 years working in refugee settings with UNHCR. As a medical doctor and specialist in public health and management, he brings extensive experience working alongside vulnerable communities. Looking back, he sees how his upbringing, faith, medical background, and career have all prepared him for this season of leadership.

Gerald is passionate about a holistic approach to transformation, ministering to people's hearts with the Gospel while also responding to practical needs, including education, clean water, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

Away from work, Gerald enjoys time with his wife, Dr. Mercy, and their three children, and serves as a youth pastor at his local church.



Cyrus - International Needs Zambia

Cyrus is the Executive Director of International Needs Zambia, a role he has held since 2024.

Growing up in rural Zambia, Cyrus experienced many of the same struggles faced by the communities he now serves. His family lived without electricity, and it wasn't unusual to go days without food. Some days elephants would pass by his home, other days giraffes. These experiences gave him an early understanding of both the challenges rural families face and the resilience found within their communities.

Today, that lived experience shapes the way he leads and serves others. Cyrus believes in empowering people through fairness, dignity, and leading by example, walking alongside communities with understanding, not from a distance. For him, meaningful development is not about deciding what people need, but helping create the conditions for individuals and communities to build stronger futures for themselves.

His faith continues to guide both his life and work. One verse that has deeply shaped him is Isaiah 1:17: "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."

Cyrus often reflects on the image of a fruit tree. While people admire the fruit, the tree itself never consumes it. In the same way, he believes his work is ultimately about serving others, labouring so that someone else can flourish.

Thank You for Making Golf for Hope a Success

Mark Your Calendar for July 24, 2027

The first Golf for Hope tournament wrapped up on August 1 at Royal Niagara Golf Club, **raising \$59,596 (and counting!) for the Real Hope Safe House & Drop-In Centre in Nairobi**, a place where vulnerable children and youth find safety, care, education, and a real shot at a different future.

None of it happens without the people behind it. Thank you to everyone who golfed, joined us for dinner, bid in the silent auction, volunteered, or supported the event in other ways, and a particular thank you to the sponsors whose backing made a first-year tournament possible.

Platinum Sponsor: Michel Paquette and Edella Blinn

Gold Sponsors: Redwood Financial Group, Garrett Group

Competition Sponsor: ACM Mechanical

Hole Sponsors: B&K Printing, EB Media, Dueck Optometry

Your support made the day possible before a single ball was hit, and it's the reason we're already looking ahead to next year's charity golf tournament.

We hope you enjoyed the day, from the golf itself to the evening's stories from Real Hope, and we hope to see you on the course on **July 24, 2027!** We'll share more details as we get closer to next summer.



Empowered for Greater From Child Sponsorship to MBA

Thomas is a testament to how child sponsorship can change the course of a young person's life.

Growing up, Thomas' family struggled to consistently afford his educational needs. While they managed to keep Thomas in school throughout his early education, their financial circumstances made it difficult for Thomas to transition into high school, a crucial step toward pursuing higher education.

His family turned to International Needs Ghana for support, and they enrolled him in the child sponsorship program, where he received the quality education and resources he needed to continue learning.

After graduating from high school, Thomas applied to his dream institution, the University of Ghana. Since his acceptance, he has successfully earned a BA in Communications and Marketing and now works as Brand Manager for a local company.



Today, Thomas earns a sustainable income that allows him to stand independently, and he's now setting his sights on the next step in his journey: an MBA in Finance.

Driven by resilience and vision, Thomas loves learning new concepts, ideas, and skills, and aspires to become a Business Intelligence Analyst. He hopes that within the next five to ten years, he'll be working at the World Bank.

As Thomas continues on his journey, he is deeply grateful for the support he received. "It changed my life, giving me the foundation I needed. I'm thankful for everything International Needs and my sponsor made possible."



Praise & Prayer Corner

Praise: We give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Tabita, Malis, Vincent, Martha, Gerald, and Cyrus. We look forward to welcoming them to Canada this fall.

Prayer: Please pray for each of our partners as they prepare for their visit. Canadian visa approval can be a difficult process for our international partners. We ask that you join us in praying that each of them would be granted safe, timely approval to travel.