

A TIME OF REJOICING FOR THE ROSE OF SHARON SCHOOL

The staff and students at the Rose of Sharon Christian Primary School in Barranquilla, have cause for rejoicing. Their prayers have been answered and they now have a new kitchen and dining room in their school. Thanks to the generosity of Canadian donors, the new kitchen and dining hall provide a clean place to prepare meals and snacks for 400 students. The cafeteria also serves as an activity room when it's not being used for meal times.

Thank you so much for your support of Colombian children and their families.

Life in Colombia can be extremely challenging. Broken families, drug abuse, the recruitment of child soldiers, and the ongoing strife between the Colombian militia and Guerilla groups have forced many families to flee for safety. Finding refuge in urban slums, these families are left with nothing – no food, no clean water and no shelter. Sadly, close to 75 percent of displaced persons are women and children.

With God's help, our team in Colombia is impacting the lives of vulnerable children and their families. The Rose of Sharon School is a Christian school located in the slums of Barranquilla and is the hope of many displaced families. Martha Villamizar, the school's founder, dreamt that the school would stand out in a desolate area as a source of life and the fragrance of God. Her dream has become a reality. Children are being fed, educated and equipped to reach their God-given potential. These children will someday become leaders and persons of influence in their community. It began in the heart of God and was planted in the heart of Martha Villamizar and now has taken root in the hearts of many in Barranquilla and Canada.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our faithful supporters, for your help in accomplishing so much in His Name, in the slums of Barranquilla. Through your continued prayer and support we anticipate many more exciting developments in the months ahead. Thank you for investing in the lives of children. The impact will be felt for generations to come.





EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH CLASSROOM SPONSORSHIP

It all begins with one classroom, and you. Have you ever wondered how you or your business could impact the world or at least leave it a little better than you found it? Sponsoring a classroom in a developing country is a very practical way of having a lasting impact in the lives of children in need. It also has a ripple effect on future generations.

A critical part of helping children escape poverty is to change the world they live in. Sponsorship gives children an opportunity to go to school, eat nutritious food, receive regular healthcare and an introduction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This gives children the hope that they too can dream and with hard work and determination their dreams can become a reality.

The families of sponsored children and their community also benefit from long-term assistance such as safe drinking water, a school in their community, health care and income generation. Classroom sponsorship is an ideal way of sponsoring children as no child is left out, all are included. Many of these children grow up to become agents of change and leaders in their community.

For many years businesses and corporations have partnered with International Needs to eradicate extreme poverty in some of the world's most destitute places through child sponsorship, sustainable development and advocacy.

Join the growing number of businesses who recognize that a partnership with International Needs demonstrates to their clients and associates a real commitment to creating a better world for everyone.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” Nelson Mandela

To learn more about our work among the world's most vulnerable and to explore ways you can partner with us please visit our website at www.internationalneeds.ca

You can also call our Executive Director, David Marshall, to discuss ways in which your business or corporation could be involved in helping build stronger communities for children and families in need. Call us toll free at 1-888-702-9805

60 children x \$41 = \$2,460 monthly

FOR THE LOVE OF JAMESON

Jameson is a young Haitian boy living in Villa Esperanza, in the Dominican Republic. Jameson went through a tremendous transformation, thanks to the love and support he received from his teachers at Juan Calvino School, and his Canadian sponsor. When Jameson was in seventh grade, he was experiencing difficulty at school. His attitude was very bad, he was obnoxious and on occasion he resorted to violence. Jameson was failing miserably in the classroom.



The teachers at Juan Calvino School decided that they would work with Jameson on a

one to one basis. This turned his life around. The individual attention he received was a real balm to his soul and his teachers helped him focus on what he really wanted to accomplish with his life. One of his goals was to do well in school so that he would be able to get a good job later on in life.

Jameson graduated from grade eight this past December with very good marks and is now in grade nine in High School and doing really well. He has a positive attitude and is optimistic about his future. He is very grateful for his teachers and sponsor, who saw beyond his bad behavior to his God given potential.

Jameson is a wonderful example of the power of sponsorship to change a child's life. Thank you!



INTERNATIONAL NEEDS CANADA RECEIVES AN OPEN DOOR AT KINGSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kingsville Public School has become a friend of the children of Kenuwloe, Ghana. The students and staff at Kingsway collected pennies in big water jugs and raised money to buy a water tank for Kenuwloe Elementary School. The new tank collects rain water and supplies the school with safe, clean, drinking water.

Kingsville's young school reporter, Katie, asked Festus Addei many questions regarding life for children in Ghana. She also asked why he, a former school teacher, had begun working as a child sponsorship coordinator for International Needs in Ghana.

"I recognized the problems facing children in the community and as a Christian I wanted to do something to help. Problems

like malnutrition, child labour and water contamination had to be addressed and changed. Working with International Needs gave us the resources we needed to do that." Festus Addei

Having access to safe drinking water is crucial to the health of children. Water-related diseases are the most common cause of illness and death among the poor in developing countries and claim more lives than AIDS, malaria and measles combined.

Many thanks to WMAD – Women Making a Difference – for introducing us to Kingsville School and encouraging young people to get involved in helping to improve the quality of life of children in other parts of the world.

HOPE RESTORED THROUGH LIVELIHOOD PROJECT IN UGANDA



Betty Namutebi is a single mother who lives with her youngest son and two orphaned grandchildren in the village of Misindye. For years Betty struggled to make ends meet with less than \$3 a day. The best her family could hope for was eating one scanty meal a day usually made up of maize and beans. School was not an option as she could not afford to pay the school fees.

Then life took a turn for the better when Betty received the gift of two piglets through International Needs' Livelihood Project in Uganda. The Livelihood Project aims at improving food security and household income in poor farming communities. Betty was thrilled to receive the piglets, who have since produced three litters and a total of 64 piglets. Most of the piglets were sold, providing her with an income.

Now Betty is able to feed her family 3 nutritious meals a day, buy clothing, pay for medical care and send her son and grandchildren to school! What a blessing! With the income she receives from her piggery, Betty recently bought a cow and 25 layer chicks. She hopes to sell milk and eggs to increase her earnings. Betty dreams of expanding her business by raising dairy animals. Her major ambition is to support her son and grandchildren through school and university.

Betty was able to take a small gift like two piglets and turn it into a viable livelihood. There are many women in similar circumstances in Uganda's farming communities who would love to be given the same opportunity. Equipping single mothers to help themselves not only blesses them but their families and communities also. Everyone benefits when mothers are empowered. Support a mother today.

For more information on how you can help, please visit our website at www.internationalneeds.ca or call us toll free at 1-888-702-9805.

SPONSORSHIP CHANGES

Due to the global rise in food prices, it has become increasingly difficult to provide the same level of support to the children in our sponsorship program, at the current monthly rate.

Therefore, on April 1st, 2014, the rate for child sponsorship will increase to \$41 per month. The global economic crisis has made things difficult for our partners around the world and we understand that it may have made things difficult for you also.



If the increase creates a hardship for you, please call us to discuss options that would best suit your financial situation. Thank you for your investment in the lives of children. Your love and support make a deep, lifelong impact.



HARD WORK + SPONSORSHIP = SUCCESS

David Sembwa was four years old when he last saw his mother. When his parents separated, they abandoned him. A friend took him in but eventually David

was sent to live with his grandmother. Life was not easy for David; every day he had to walk 8 km through the forest to get to school. Yet he was eager to learn and diligent in his studies and performed really well. During his last two years of primary school David had to work in a local

quarry and do some gardening to pay for his school fees. Unfortunately, he was unable to raise the extra funds needed for secondary school and had to drop out.

At this time, David began working with his uncles in a carpentry workshop. He learned a new skill and his small wage helped to provide for his needs, but David longed to return to school. When he met some of our partners at International Needs Uganda, David shared his heart for going back to school. He was enrolled in the sponsorship program and received a sponsor in 2004.

With the additional support he received from his sponsor, David was able to finish school and graduated in December 2012 with a Diploma in Social Work and Social Administration.



“International Needs will always be my home. It was there that I first felt cared for. I used to enjoy going to the meetings organized by the sponsorship office where I learned life skills that have helped me to be where I am now. I didn’t

have parents to teach me how to live so I am very thankful to the sponsorship staff for being there for me. They helped ground me in my faith. I am where I am today because someone cared enough to give me hope and a future.”

Currently, David is working as a Customer Care Executive with UMEME, a company that distributes electricity. In his free time, he volunteers at a child care ministry where he is able to teach life skills to children. His desire is to bring healing to the children of the Nation. A big dream but with God all things are possible.

COMING UP

UPCOMING 2014 DISCOVERY TOURS:

March · Zambia & South Africa

April · DR Congo & Kenya
Moncton Wesleyan

October 1-9 · 40th Anniversary Tour of Seven Churches of Revelation, Turkey

For more information contact info@internationalneeds.ca

PRAYER CORNER

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

“Don’t pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.” Corrie Ten Boom

Please pray for all the children in International Needs’ care, that they will come to know, love and serve the Lord. Pray for wisdom for their teachers. Pray that the children will experience joy even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

ITEMS FOR PRAISE

“Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.” 1 Chron 29:13

Praise the Lord that close to 4000 children around the world are receiving support from Canadians across the country. When you consider that International Needs began in 1974 with a handful of children, it truly is amazing! Thank you Lord!