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QUARTERLY NEWS

SUMMER 2021

Impacting Lives: Meet Sebwatto Daniel



"I know God has my family at heart," says Sebwatto Daniel, but it wasn't always this way. Sent away from their home by his father when their land was sold, 13 year-old Daniel, his six siblings, and his mom didn't know where to turn. Then his mom learned of a commercial farm that hired day laborers, so she brought her family to the five-village area HEED serves. With no relatives to host them, a kind stranger allowed the family to make a temporary shelter out of sticks and tarps on his land.

Read on: <<Daniel's Story>>

Our Five Pathways to Transformation

To effectively impact our children and their community, HEED works through Five Pathways to Transformation. Thank you to all of our partners who equip us to bring improvement in each of these areas which are vital to a thriving community.

Education



One day the children ate their porridge in the dirt as they have done for 14 years. But on May 19, our students began sitting proudly at tables being served from a sanitary kitchen with stainless steel countertops in our new multipurpose dining hall. Dignity is a priceless gift. Thank you!

See more photos: << Education >>

Income Generation



Our demonstration farm, vocational learning, and empowerment programs are growing and sparking hope in the community.

Learn more: << Income Generation >>

Spiritual Growth



The hope and direction the gospel provides is central to the mission of HEED. This month, our village church will celebrate its 10-year anniversary. The church began with teaching children under a tree. It's taken ten years to grow from that tree to a completed building, but in June the church building was finally completed! It's primed & ready for a coat of paint.

See the church grow: << Spiritual Growth >>

Health



COVID-19 brought many changes with it including motivation for HEED to utilize the skills of our school nurse to open a community clinic. The clinic now provides the only skilled health care in a 12-mile radius and serves a population of about 6,500 people. Though schools are currently closed, the clinic is in full swing.

Clinic Testimonials: << Health >>

WaSH

(Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene)



Water Security remains a challenge. Open ponds provide 89% of our community members with their water and most people spend an hour or more per day collecting & carrying it back home.

Our Plans to Intervene: << Water >>

COVID-19 Update



Covid-19 and its variants continue to make life even more difficult in Uganda. In June, the country was placed under a 42-day lock-down that included closing schools and churches again. >>Click here to read more<<

Join Us in Prayer

"...As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." (2 Corinthians 1:11)

Praises:

- Rain! We have had SIX good rains in the past two weeks after months without rain. Uganda's food supply relies on consistent rain.
- We thank God for the funds to begin constructing our first high school dormitory. It is providing employment to a large crew who are thankful to have work during this hard season.
- We are grateful for the increase on the vocational farm: safe and healthy delivery of our third litter of piglets, dozens of new bunnies, and 5 new kids from our mama goats.
- The church has been completed! Praise God for the provision.
- We celebrate that every patient who has come to the clinic has recovered.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for vaccines for Uganda and for the schools to be allowed to safely reopen.
- Creativity, guidance and provision for a distance learning and outreach program to our students during this school closure.
- For the 8 acres of maize that was just planted: adequate rain and to be protected from birds while sprouting.
- Please pray that all our construction workers would remain safe on site.
- Please pray that the electricity will be activated in the wires that were installed outside the schools over a year ago.

Thank you for your love and prayers for HEED!

Please join our prayer team! E-mail heeduganda@gmail.com with the subject line "Add me to the prayer group". We would be gratefu to have your prayers!

Thank you for equipping us to reach out in love to bring transformation to children and their community.



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