CO-FOUNDEES’ LETTER

It has been one amazing year for Bridge of Hope Africa Ministries (BOHAM) and each day we are overjoyed by the life-giving work that the Lord is doing on the ground. Through the generosity of our sponsors and ministry partners, more joy has been added to the lives of numerous children and their families in Wakiso and Mityana, Uganda.

In 2017, BOHAM continued to provide education, microenterprise, and Christian discipleship to more than 70 children, with multiple sponsorships per child. These children now have access to education and microenterprise projects that provide them the opportunity to lift themselves and their families out of the cycle of poverty.

BOHAM also started a new program for parents of our children: The sewing project! This program gives women the tools to succeed by teaching sewing skills and providing training in the necessary components of running a small family business. Although men can also be part of this program, we are working toward a specific men’s initiative in 2018.

As many of you know, for any sponsored child to succeed, they need to be part of a healthy family and community. This year BOHAM continued to lead several parent trainings for families in our program. Our team also performed numerous home visits in the communities we serve to gain a better understanding of the family needs in order to tackle problems and improve their situations together.

We are truly grateful as BOHAM continues to grow in 2018. There has been no greater joy than watching BOHAM set children on a trajectory for a better and brighter future and it is all due to your gracious support! These children are now closer to fulfilling their own unique hopes and dreams, and that deserves an AMINA. “Amen!”

Webare nyo! “Thank you!”

Henry Tumwesigye
Co-Founder & Executive Director, UG

Katie Walter
Co-Founder & Executive Director, US
OUR MISSION

PROVIDE UGANDAN CHILDREN IN NEED WITH ACCESS TO EDUCATION MICROENTERPRISE & CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP TO DEVELOP THEIR UNIQUE POTENTIAL—BECOMING FUTURE CHANGE AGENTS FOR THEIR SOCIETY.

Through BOHAM’s sponsorship program, children are able to attend school, receive medical care, earn an income, and most importantly, learn about Jesus. In 2017, 73 children were sponsored in Wakiso and Mityana, Uganda, and its surrounding areas. In addition, 33 children began their microenterprise projects with their families, learning valuable business skills and generating new income for the family along with a new sense of accomplishment!
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WHY WE ARE UNIQUE

The majority of our Ugandan staff are former sponsored children who personally experienced the life-transforming effects of being sponsored out of poverty. Many have professional experience working for sponsorship organizations and bring a unique "boots on the ground" perspective to BOHAM. They understand firsthand the needs of the communities we serve and are passionate about finding solutions to poverty.

HENRY TUMWESIGYE
Co-Founder & Executive Director, UG

An orphan at four years old, Henry was raised and educated through sponsorship. Growing up in similar circumstances, Henry always had a passion for helping orphans, the poor, and street children. This passion led him to found BOHAM with his colleague Katie Walter, where he continues serving those in need.

KATIE WALTER
Co-Founder & Executive Director, US

Katie co-founded BOHAM with her colleague Henry Tumwesigye. She has years of non-profit experience and has a deep passion for serving children and communities in need. Prior to BOHAM, she worked for organizations serving at-risk communities in Liberia, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi.

LYDIA NAMAGEMBE
Director of Child Development & Human Resources, UG

After losing both her parents as a young child, Lydia was educated through sponsorship. Growing up in similar circumstances, Lydia was always motivated to give back and serve the community.

KENNETH KISEGERWA
Director of Finance & Operations, UG

Kenneth grew up in a poor family with five siblings and received an education through sponsorship. This upbringing gave him a desire to give back to other suffering communities in Uganda.

JAMES KAGGWA
Choir Director, UG

As an infant, James was abandoned by his mother and at seven lost his father in the civil war. He was raised in sponsorship. James has always been passionate about giving back for all that he freely received.

HILDA NAMUKASA
Sponsorship Coordinator, UG

As a child, Hilda lost both her parents and grew up in a sponsorship organization. She has found that growing up as an orphan helps her understand the needs of many of our children.

GEOFFREY SOZI
Sponsorship Coordinator, UG

Geoffrey was raised and educated through a sponsorship program after losing both his parents as a young boy. Growing up in similar circumstances, Geoffrey has always loved working with children in need.

ANGELLA TUSHEMEREREIRWE
Sponsorship Coordinator, UG

As a young child, Angella was taken in by sponsorship after losing both her parents. Growing up in similar circumstances, Angella has always had a passion for assuring kids they can make it in life despite their situation.

DOROTHY KAZIMOTO
Marketing & Database Assistant, UG

Growing up in Uganda, Dorothy’s passion for children began when she started helping at Sunday School and around the church community. Being surrounded by those in need from a young age has helped Dorothy understand the unique needs of many of those we serve.

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SPONSORSHIP

Bridge of Hope Africa Ministries’ sponsorship program provides education, microenterprise, and Christian discipleship to more than 70 children and counting with multiple sponsorships per child.
2017 SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

Top: Arafat receives school supplies before the start of school

$600 PER YEAR
- School Fees - 2/3 of total private school tuition: $35
- Weekly Bible Club - Includes a hot meal & mentoring through home visits: $5
- Operating and program costs in Uganda: $5
- Admin costs in the US: $5

Level 1
- $50

$1200 PER YEAR
- School Fees - Full private school tuition: $55
- Weekly Bible Club - Includes a hot meal & mentoring through home visits: $5
- Operating and program costs in Uganda: $10
- Admin costs in the US: $10
- School supplies & school uniform: $15
- Healthcare provisions - Includes medicine & medical checkups: $5

Level 2
- $100

$1800 PER YEAR
- School Fees - Full private school tuition: $55
- Weekly Bible Club - Includes a hot meal & mentoring through home visits: $5
- Operating and program costs in Uganda: $15
- Admin costs in the US: $15
- School supplies & school uniform: $15
- Healthcare provisions - Includes medicine & medical checkups: $5
- Microenterprise materials for chicken business project: $40

Level 3
- $150
2017 CHILD SPONSORSHIP

L1 $50
28 CHILDREN

L2 $100
12 CHILDREN

L3 $150
33 CHILDREN

2017 SPONSORSHIP
INCREASE IN CHILDREN SPONSORED
20%

2018 SPONSORSHIP GOALS
INCREASE IN CHILDREN SPONSORED
105%

73 CHILDREN
SPONSORED THROUGH 151 SPONSORSHIPS

150 CHILDREN
SPONSORED THROUGH 400 SPONSORSHIPS

Top to Bottom: Lydia and Charles during a home visit. Children at school playing.
Francis is a child in the sponsorship program who grew up with noticeable health issues. He was chosen to be part of the program and quickly received full sponsorship. With health coverage as part of BOHAM’s sponsorship program, Francis visited the doctor to learn more about his situation. Although Francis’ health required significant medical attention and treatment was quite costly, his sponsors joined together and raised additional funds for surgery and aftercare. In 2017, all funding needed was raised so he could begin surgery in 2018.
Annet Maria began the microenterprise project in 2017. Annet Maria and her parents were the first to strategize and expand their small chicken business. First, they raised their chicks given to them through the microenterprise project, then after the hens started laying eggs, the family figured out a way to incubate those and hatch dozens more! The family’s ingenuity was rewarded. As their business grew, they were able to earn additional income and save for their family’s future. Because of the microenterprise component of full sponsorship, Annet Maria and her family experienced a new sense of ownership and pride in their small business! We are incredibly proud of Annet Maria and her family.

**MICROENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

*2016 20 children and families*
*2017 33 children and families*

**MICROENTERPRISE GOAL**

*2018 150 children and families*
At Bible Club, Rahumah first learned about Jesus and was excited to learn Scripture each Saturday. During that time, her parents also became interested in Christianity. The family requested to meet at our offices to pray. During that time, the staff shared the gospel and gave the family the opportunity to give their lives to Jesus Christ. The family happily accepted the call.

The Bible Club component of the sponsorship program stems from our desire for children to know the Lord Jesus Christ and the love that He provides. Rahumah’s parents continually mentioned they felt the love and care that BOHAM showed them and wanted to know more about the God they served. The parents could not stop thanking the child’s sponsor for supporting the family. The family said they’ve never come across people like those in BOHAM; people who loved them so deeply and took the time to look into their concerns. The family saw something different in BOHAM and its staff through their love of Jesus and wanted to become Christians as well. What a testimony to the work BOHAM is doing and to our faithful sponsors and donors who share Christ’s love on a daily basis.

In 2017, between 50 and 75 children attended Bible Club at our Wakiso and Mityana locations. At Bible Club, both sponsored and unsponsored children receive a hot meal, play games with their friends, and learn about Jesus. Children are taught Bible lessons, learn how to tangibly share and represent Jesus to others in the community, and memorize Bible verses.
Rita is a child in the sponsorship program who has developed noticeable health issues. Rita suffered from a toothache and went to the dentist for help. At the dentist, the family learned that another tooth had grown just above the gum line near the nose, which would require oral surgery. Besides continuing to be in immense pain, Rita and her family of seven are living in extremely impoverished conditions. Her parents work in neighbors’ gardens and work to put their other children through school. They have no bedding in the house save for a small mattress used by the parents. Their house also continues to fall apart, making it dangerous living quarters for the family.

With this diagnosis, Rita very much needs surgery to end her extreme pain. Her family desperately needs the opportunity to better their living environment. We hope that through much love, prayer, and further donations, we can provide Rita with oral surgery in 2018 and provide her and her family with an improved living space.

Top to Bottom: Rita at the dentist, Rita’s home, Close-up of Rita’s tooth
At BOHAM we know that in order to raise healthy children and build strong communities, you need to build up the family unit. We attempt to do so through our three-pronged approach to child sponsorship: education, microenterprise, and Christian discipleship. In 2017, we desired to do even more for these families and added the Women’s Sewing Project. This program is designed to provide additional support to mothers of children in our program. Through the Sewing Project, these mothers learn valuable skills and gain the confidence to be entrepreneurs in their communities.

Clockwise: Sewing machines · Ladies hard at work during training · Aisha leaning over machine · Gorreti looking at her youngest son, Gibson
CHILD GIFTS

Many families lack the basic, everyday necessities to fully function and be lifted out of poverty. Providing such basics as a mattress, food package, hygiene kit, or livestock can substantially and tangibly help many families in their time of need. A staggering 80% of families in the BOHAM program lack proper bedding, and 60% of our sponsored children often go without food during school breaks. Thankfully, child gifts are one way that sponsors and ministry partners can give above and beyond to sponsored children in the program!

Clockwise: Hassan with his food packages and toy · Steven with his new mattress and bedding · Diriisa with his goat named “Grace”
During the Fall of 2017, BOHAM planned and began preparations for bringing its first children’s choir to the United States for 2018!

That plan, thanks to our donors, has become a reality. At present, 18 children are on tour, sharing their hope for a bigger and brighter future through song, dance, and the playing of musical instruments as they tour the Western and South Central regions of the United States. The children perform at schools and churches to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and raise awareness and support for their communities back home. The goal is to help more Ugandan children become a part of BOHAM’s sponsorship program — a three-pronged outreach that provides Christian discipleship, educational opportunity, and microenterprise support to better assist their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Through BOHAM’s first children’s choir tour, our hope is to not only impact families with the love of Jesus Christ, but to help these children become future change agents for their society and help their communities back home be lifted out of poverty!
2017 REVENUE
$186,911

REVENUE SOURCES
GENERAL FUND ........................................ $55,517
SPONSORSHIP ........................................... $82,250
CHILD GIFTS ........................................... $16,690
CHOIR FUND ............................................ $21,000
SPECIAL PROJECTS ................................... $5,791
MISSION TRIP .......................................... $3,230
PRODUCT SALES ...................................... $2,433

2017 EXPENSES
$207,993

EXPENSE SPENDING
UGANDA OPERATIONS .............................. $52,679
STAFF SALARIES•RENT•VEHICLE•ETC
UGANDA PROGRAMS ................................. $95,881
CHILD SPONSORSHIP•CHILD GIFTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT•ETC
US FUNDRAISING ..................................... $10,621
TRAVEL•EVENTS•MISSION TRIPS•ETC
US OPERATIONS ....................................... $48,812
STAFF SALARY•INSURANCE•PRINTING
PHONE & INTERNET•SUPPLIES
WIRE•PROCESSING FEES•ETC

60% of General Funds were given in late 2016 and spent in early 2017. BOHAM reports its financial activity on a "cash basis", so revenue is recognized when received and expenses recognized when spent. Giving received in late December 2016 was not wired to the Uganda office until early January 2017. The result is "gain" in 2016 offset by a similar "loss" in 2017. Due to the nature of end-of-year appeals for giving, we expect this to continue to occur.

2015-2017 REVENUE GROWTH
$18,929 2015
504% GROWTH $114,325 2016

63% GROWTH $186,911 2017

74% PROJECTED GROWTH $325,000 2018
2017 $52,679
UGANDA OPERATIONS
STAFF SALARIES .................. $28,179
RENT ............................... $2,291
INTERNET & PHONE ............... $2,066
WATER & ELECTRICITY .......... $824
SUPPLIES & LEGAL ............... $3,504
VEHICLE & REPAIRS .............. $9,368
FOOD & TRANSPORT .............. $6,447

2017 $95,881
UGANDA PROGRAMS
CHILD SPONSORSHIP ............ $56,430
CHILD GIFTS & DELIVERY ....... $15,150
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ..... $5,801
CHOIR ............................. $18,500

2017 $56,430
CHILD SPONSORSHIP
EDUCATION ...................... $37,077
SCHOOL FEES & SUPPLIES ... $5,408
BIBLE CLUB ..................... $616
FOOD & TRANSPORT .......... $616
HOME VISITS .................... $616
TRANSPORT & SUPPORT ....... $616
MICROENTERPRISE .............. $12,021
SUPPLIES & SUPPORT ......... $1,308
HEALTH ........................ $1,308
HOSPITAL VISITS & MEDICATION $1,308
MISSION TRIPS


Top: Mission team member surrounded by children at a community service project

Mission trips through BOHAM will allow individuals to gain a new perspective about the work God is doing locally in other parts of the world like in Wakiso and Mityana, Uganda. Our desire is for mission team members to become more aware of different cultures, serve alongside others, and return home transformed. It is our hope that individuals will not only impact communities and families in Uganda, but grow closer to Jesus through these acts of service and know Him more deeply. When teams arrive, we plan activities whereby teams can work with the BOHAM Uganda staff to meet physical and spiritual needs that can make a long-lasting impact for the families and communities we serve.
WHAT’S NEXT

BOHAM’S FIRST CHILDREN’S CHOIR TOURING THE WESTERN AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS OF THE US.

EXPANDING THE WOMEN’S SEWING PROJECT TO HELP MOTHERS OF CHILDREN IN OUR PROGRAM LEARN A NEW SKILL AND BETTER ASSIST THEIR FAMILIES.

GROWING THE LEMONADE STAND INITIATIVE IN THE US AND CANADA TO ENGAGE YOUNG SUPPORTERS IN GIVING BACK AND HELPING CHILDREN IN UGANDA.

COMPLETING FOOT SURGERY FOR FRANCIS!

GET INVOLVED AND INVEST

BECOME A CHILD SPONSOR AND GIVE THE TANGIBLE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TO A CHILD IN DESPERATE NEED:
BOHAM.ORG/SPONSORSHIP

GIVE TOWARD THE GENERAL FUND TO HELP US COVER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND URGENT NEEDS LIKE UNEXPECTED CHILD HEALTH EMERGENCIES.
BOHAM.ORG/WAYS-TO-GIVE

SPREAD THE WORD! HOST A PARTY OR LEMONADE STAND, DONATE ON YOUR BIRTHDAY, OR GIFT ITEMS WE COULD USE!
EMAIL INFO@BOHAM.ORG

BE PART OF A LIFE-CHANGING MISSION TRIP IN UGANDA! IF YOU’RE INTERESTED IN TRAVELING WITH US IN 2019, LET US KNOW!
EMAIL INFO@BOHAM.ORG

BECOME A CHURCH PARTNER AND ASSIST WITH SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN UGANDA!
EMAIL INFO@BOHAM.ORG

Top to Bottom: Henry playing with kids during a home visit · Kids at school · Kenneth supporting a mom during a home visit
WEBALE NYO!

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