

# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Hope for a Child. Change for a Nation.

*Thank you sponsors and donors....*



Thank you for your faithful and generous support throughout 2018! ***In October, during my travel to Kapchorwa and K&K, I saw first hand the incredible difference you are making in the lives of these students.*** One day, the Hope Africa Choir was performing a song about making the most of their opportunities, when a girl fell on her knees before us expressing her gratitude for the gift of sponsorship. My heart was moved in this moment

and humbled that *we are allowed* to take part (even from a distance) in the lives of these exceptional children! I sat in many of their homes, shared meals with their families, and listened to beautiful stories of how God is at work. Our partnering schools told me they love Hope Africa children because they value their education and have excellent character. Each parent, school teacher, and child is thankful for your love for Uganda!  
—Katie Keranen

## 2019 Schedule

- **February 2019:** Students start the 2019 school year.
- **February-March 2019:** Students receive S4 and S6 exam results
- **May 2019:** 1st term break for students. Camps and center days for Secondary and Primary
- **August 2019:** Katie's potential travel to Uganda to follow up on the children and staff
- **September 2019:** 2nd term break for students. Camps and center days for Secondary and Primary
- **November-December 2019:** Primary 7, Secondary 4 and Secondary 6 students sit for government exams
- **December 2019:** School closes, Christmas Party and Center Days for Students
- **December 2019-January 2020:** Students enjoy their end of the school year break and help their families at home.

## WHY SPONSOR WITH HOPE AFRICA INTERNATIONAL?

A sponsor recently emailed, saying she appreciated Hope Africa because we are small and personal, deepening her experience as a sponsor. We agree and feel this stems from passionate people in the USA and Uganda who believe all children are important to God! Our Ugandan staff are local residents who know the true needs of their community and sacrifice daily for our children. They challenge parents, schools, sponsors and children to

work together in making change in Uganda. Children receive much more than a simple education or meals for each day. They receive the knowledge that God loves them and has more planned for them than a career or more financially stable future. God desires to use them to impact their families and communities with the love of Jesus, something we see our sponsored children doing already. ***This is what sponsorship does!***

2018 AT A GLANCE



One of our Secondary Students (top photo) and children at K&K (bottom photo)

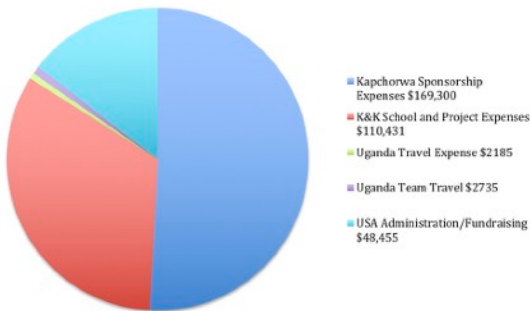
—Photos by Chris Yankey

Thank you for your prayers and commitment to Hope Africa International throughout 2018! Here are some of the major highlights:

- Hope Africa Ugandan Staff challenged our partnering schools to help subsidize some of the children’s school fees as part of a healthy partnership between Uganda and the USA.
- We connected with an information technology company, Samasource, to provide future training and potential employment for some of our graduates.
- Chris Yankey traveled to Uganda to produce a film for Hope Africa to help promote the program.
- 32 children were sponsored in our Kapchorwa program.
- 24 sponsored children graduated from Secondary Six, and 19 vocational students graduated from their programs in Kapchorwa.
- Our Primary 7 students in Kapchorwa *all passed* their government exams with top scores!
- One sponsored student with Muscular Dystrophy is receiving medication which has improved his quality of life, bringing his family *hope after years of believing they were cursed*.
- 29 children were sponsored for K&K Schools (in the valley below Mt. Elgon).
- Amazing Grace Senior Secondary School at K&K graduated their first class of Secondary 4 students, a first for this rural community!

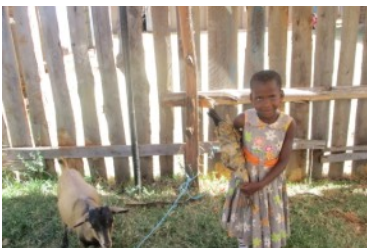
2018 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

2018 HAI Expenses



Please be watching for our detailed, final financial report on our website after our 2018 tax return is submitted after May 2019 at [www.hopeafricakids.com](http://www.hopeafricakids.com)

Of the \$333,106 spent in 2018, \$169,300 (51%) was specifically used for Kapchorwa Sponsorship, \$110,431 (33%) for K&K Primary School, and \$2185 for Uganda Travel, \$2735 for Uganda Team Travel, and \$48,455 (15%) for USA Administration. *Annually, an external C.P.A submits our USA 501c3 tax return, and a professional audit of our Ugandan finances is completed.*



LETTERS AND GIFTS FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN

Emailed letters are easiest and may be sent to [letters@hopeafricakids.com](mailto:letters@hopeafricakids.com), but you are always welcome to mail letters to PO Box 762, Sisters, OR 97759. When you receive letters from your children, keep in mind that English is a second language, and there are cultural differences. Please keep child gifts (including animals) to once or twice per year and less than \$20. We ask all *K&K sponsors to refrain from special child gifts.*