

### MWEMEZI MANASI

(CHRISTALIS HOME)

Dear Sponsors & Donors,

I thank you for all your efforts to help a soul like mine reach where I am today. I lost my father at age 2 and my mother at age 4. I was taken in by my uncle, where I cared for cattle and other livestock. I was later taken by my grandmother and then taken in by another uncle who passed away after 3 years of caring for me.

The school allowed me to continue my education tuition free until primary seven because of my excellent grades. I did not have the resources to pay for secondary school but God had a plan. He sent missionaries to our region, among them were Mum Evon David and Aunt Shalini David who had a desire to start an orphanage home in our region. My teachers requested help for me from the Christalis Home.

I was brought up by the home just like a parent bringing up their own child. I was provided with the tools to succeed. I finished high school and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education majoring in chemistry and mathematics in November of 2014. My graduation ceremony was one of the most important moments in my life, thus I would like to thank the donor who sponsored the family trip so my

brothers and sisters could witness my graduation.

I am now living in the eastern part of Uganda as a teacher, I am able to pay for my rent, electricity, food, transportation, and clothes. Above all mentioned, the most precious gift the home provided me was the knowledge of God. In the Home, I always saw Mum Evon praying for each one of us, so during hard times I knew that I was not alone in prayer. I never worry about anything because God says in the Bible, "I knew you before your born" "I have plans for you, not to destroy you, but to prosper you" "I know how you sleep and when you wake up".

Thanks be to God for using you, His humble servants, to help the needy. I along with many other children who need help may not be able to thank you with gifts, but God in Heaven is always seeing your work, He records and rewards it in a way you may not see. Thank you for the sacrifice and financial support you have provided to support me and others thru Christalis. My appeal is that you continue supporting Christalis inc.

Ihank you,
I'm your son
Mwemezi Manasi

(Sponsored by Elsie Moses for 9 yrs)





The Christalis Home provided 26 children housing, parental figures, love, support, basic needs & opportunities to succeed, in 2014.

The Assistance Program provided education, healthcare and other basic needs to 54 children in 2014.

## ASINGJA HARRIET

(ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

Asinja Harriet, completed a sweater making and tailoring course which has enabled her to start her own home business. Through this endevour she will be able to provide for herself and her family. We want to thank her sponsors, Patrick and Sally Jacob, for helping her for the past four years. Her sponsors not only paid for her education but also helped us purchase her a sweater machine and sewing machine.









The Meal Program provided 2 meals a day to 12-15 community children who do not get food at their homes in 2014.

# OUR ANGELS: WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY'S THREE STUDENT MISSIONARIES

We would also like to thank Walla Walla University for providing three student missionaries (SM) who stayed at the Christalis Home for 6-8 months. Their service was an incredible blessing to our children. The children not only received extra love, affection and mentorship, but they learned so much from the SM's, including but not limited to guitar, music, songs and extra tutoring that has reflected in their grades. Our SM's have also played vital roles in the improvement of our projects and operations. We are so grateful to have them as a part of our family.



"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to work at Christalis. God was able to use me to help those around me and I received a huge blessing from most everyone I worked with and cared for! I have been so blessed to have such an experience!"

### **BRYSON WEIR**

A senior, majoring in Theology. Served: ASWWU To Build A Home (Building Project) Representative



"When I first came to Christalis I was very nervous about what the year would hold. But my fears were soon put at ease because of the absolutely amazing children that make up the Christalis home. Their energy, fun loving spirit, smiles, jokes and big hearts are just some of the things that make them so special.

I have learned that I can go without a shower for a week at a time and still find the courage to go out in public. I learned that it is possible for a child to cry for an entire afternoon just because they feel like it. More importantly, however, I have gained new perspectives on life and how to live it. It is the little things in life

that count - like the feeling when a child finally gets a math concept after hours and hours of working on it. Or when they come running towards you when you come back from town like they haven't seen you for days. Or when they learn something new about Jesus and their faces just glow with excitement and happiness.

We only have one life to live, why spend it so wrapped up in ourselves that we don't see the beauty and joy in it? The kids here have been through so much sorrow and suffering. Yet they go through each day with a smile on their face. The kids continually amaze me through their strength, compassion and forgiveness of those who have mistreated them. They continually open my eyes to how life should be lived.

I came here thinking that I was going to teach the kids, and sure I have, but they have taught me immeasurably more about life itself and what truly matters in this world.

Of course living here for almost 7 months I have learned how to be Bakonjo and can live according to their customs and traditions. But more importantly I have learned how to be myself. Here at Christalis Inc. Uganda I have learned invaluable things about

God, myself, and the world around me that I wouldn't trade for anything."

### RENEE TITUS

A junior, majoring in Business Administration. Served: Christalis Home & Assistance Program



"In the last several months I have fallen in love with the kids here at Christalis who are hardworking, studious, playful, mischievous, and sometimes a little crazy! They each have their own unique personality that brings life to the Home.

When I first came I started tutoring Michael. He was all over the place doing flips, crawling on the floor running around in circles, and trying to jump on top of me like I was a foam pit that he could safely land in. His inability to speak English made it more difficult to tutor. But I could tell that he wanted to learn, even though the best way he learned was by moving around the room constantly. We started with his ABC's and numbers, once he mastered those, he learned how to write out his name. He is starting to read small words. It is really fun to watch his excitement and the light bulb go off in his brain when he makes connections.

Renee and I started doing small group worships for the children. I told the kids they could have a party if they could all say each of the memory verses for the quarter, and that is exactly what they did. They still know the verses today! I can tell that they want to learn more, I

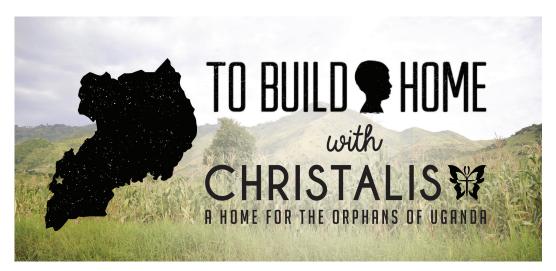
hope and pray that God will draw these children close to Him, and that they will continue to bury His word in their heart.

I am so glad I brought a small travel sized guitar with me. The only other instrument that I have seen here is an old keyboard that the church owns. The kids love singing praise songs with the guitar and I see many of the smaller kids playing air guitar while we sing. When I started lessons, everyone wanted to learn and many people picked it up very fast. Our recent graduate, Manasi, practiced everyday while he was at the Home, and in a few weeks he could play many praise songs.

Each one of these kids has had their share of pain, and I can see that it has affected them. Each one is fighting their own fight and I know that there are times that I have to sit back and watch and pray. These times have been the hardest for me. but I have learned to take the issues to God and pray that the kids will find a way to Him and that He will help them with their battles. There are other times that I can see them fight these battles and win. During these times, I thank God for His continual presence in their lives. I know there will always be battles in their lives, but it is my prayer that they will learn to fight these battles with God on their side."

### **HEIDI SPADY**

A senior, majoring in Biology. Served: Christalis Home & Assistance Program



















### DREAM COME TRUE (BUILDING PROJECT)

For the past nine years we have been renting houses in order to shelter our children. Through the grace of God in May 2014 the Associated Students of Walla Walla University (ASWWU) chose to help us build a home for our children.

We are so thankful to this team of hard working students who have committed their time and energy

towards making our dreams come true. They have helped design our future home which will hold approximately 40 children and staff on our land in Kirembe, Kasese District Uganda. They have been tirelessly working on fundraisers to help raise money towards part of our building project projected to cost \$200.000.00-\$250.000.00.

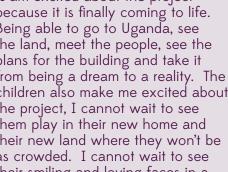
### OUR FIRST MISSION TRIP

In early September, seven members of ASWWU visited our home in Kasese, Uganda. During their trip, they helped design our future home, established relationships with local government including the Mayor of

Kasese Godfrey Kabyanga and our local board. They also spent a lot of time developing relationships with our children and taking amazing pictures and videos for us.



"I am excited about the project because it is finally coming to life. Being able to go to Uganda, see the land, meet the people, see the plans for the building and take it from being a dream to a reality. The children also make me excited about the project, I cannot wait to see them play in their new home and their new land where they won't be as crowded. I cannot wait to see their smiling and loving faces in a home that is big enough for them to be children in."



TREI DECKER President of ASWWU

LYDIA KORE Fundraising Manager of ASWWU (2013-2014 school year)



"What makes me the most excited about this project is being able to do something tangible, real, and worthwhile. Especially since I get to get students from all across campus involved and excited about Uganda. It's a contagious energy and passion. Once you've been to Uganda and seen the kids and gotten to know their culture, you can't not be excited about what we are doing."







### OUR FIRST FAMILY VACATION

(CHRISTALIS HOME)

Every child or parent desires to witness and support their brother or son at graduation. Since Manasi was our first son to graduate college, it was our desire to have all our children and staff attend his graduation, so that they could show him the love and support of a true family. God heard our prayers and supplied us the funds to send all our children to the graduation through a special anonymous donor.

Many of our children have never been outside our town and thus were extremely excited. They not only witnessed their brothers graduation, but we were also able to treat them to many "firsts" including a trip to the zoo, Lake Victoria and an American meal. The children never having seen animals at the zoo, excitedly ran around identifying the different animals. At first sight of the large beds of water, they were scared to go into Lake Victoria, but just as all kids are, they soon ended up splashing and dancing in the lake and having tons of fun!

This trip was not only entertaining but also an inspiration to our children. After watching Mansi march, our children were overheard discussing how they were going to study harder and work towards becoming an engineer, teacher, nurse lawyer etc. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## HEROES OF 2014

We would like to thank all our superheroes: 110 runners and numerous sponsors who supported our 5K Run/Walk on October 5, 2014 at Washington Adventist University. This event not only raised more awareness but also \$5,345.37. The runners enjoyed lively music, an energized warm up, cheerleaders throughout the trail, pre and post run snacks, goody bags, massages prizes & more.









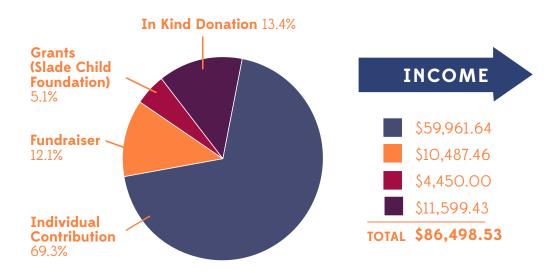


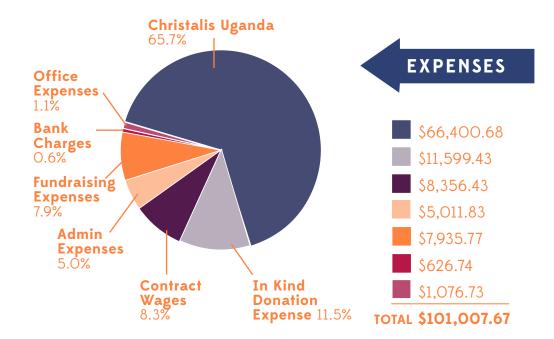






### FINANCIAL





### To Build A Home (Building Project)

Our Building Project has raised \$57,118.28. In 2014 we used \$11,500.00 towards the project.

## SPECIAL THANKS



**SladeChild Foundation:** Thank you for helping us provide children in our home with nutritious food every day. Due to their support we were able to add more milk, eggs, fruits, and variety to our children's diet.



Washington Adventist University: We would like to thank Dr. Spence (President), and all the departments of WAU for helping and supporting our SuperHero 5K Run/Walk. The University allowed us to use their facilities decreasing our expenses for the event significantly!



**Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists:** Thank you Pr. Weigley and the Columbia Union Conference for their generous donation that provided us with the seed money needed to start our building fund.



**WGTS:** Thank you Jerry Woods, Spencer White & Blanca Torres for giving us the opportunity to share about our cause and promote our annual fundraiser on the morning show. We are also grateful to Brennan Wimbush who MC'd our event!

Western Uganda Field of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church: Dr. Martinez, the Global Missions coordinator, donated a barrel of soup mix for the children at Christalis Home. The children have been enjoying the soup every week. The soup mix is made of different kinds of legumes and grains and makes a hearty meal.

We are so grateful for the support of the following churches in 2014. They graciously allowed us to share about our projects and fundraiser to their congregation.

- ► Arlington SDA Church
- ► Fairfax SDA Church
- ► Habersham SDA Church

- ► Southern Asian SDA Church
- ► Takoma Park SDA Church

## A HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & BOARD MEMBERS OF CHRISTALIS INC:

We would not be able to serve the Lord or our children without the support and tireless work of our volunteers, board members and Uganda staff. Please visit **www.christalis.org** for a complete listing of our leadership family (about us page).

Our mission at Christalis is to show our love for children who are victims of various injustices by providing them with more than their basic needs. In addition to providing safety, food, shelter, clothing, education and healthcare, we also give them security, affection, emotional support, a family environment, opportunities to succeed and most importantly the knowledge of Christ.

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