



# UPDATE

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Dear friends and supporters,

recently my brother Josia Eicker (media officer) and I Lea Eicker (1st chair) returned to Germany after spending two amazing months in Uganda.

Looking back we can say that all our efforts were worth it and we are glad that we took the leap to get into the plane inspite of the current pandemic as well as the political unrest due to the upcoming presidential elections in Uganda.

Our time in Uganda was extremely rewarding and fruitful. We were even able to welcome 4

friends and relatives from Germany during our stay.

Today I would like to tell you about all the exciting things we were able to accomplish thanks to your generous support! The entire „God Remembers Team“ feels blessed and is constantly in awe seeing how God always provides everything that is need at the right time, not only for the children’s current needs but also for our future projects and expansions. At this time we would like to THANK YOU for all the clothing, learning materials and games you donated.





## KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMAY SCHOOL:

The local community of Ntungamo has given us the approval to start teaching half of our students during the first part of the day. This program was called „warm up“. During the first few weeks we had many children join us even children from other schools that were currently still closed due to the pandemic. In the beginning it was evident that many of the children were struggling to learn and to concentrate but it was great and encouraging to see how willing and brave they were. Unfortunately after the first month half of the parents found themselves unable to come up with the small monthly tuition of 4 Euro.

We are now thinking about options of how we could continue providing education for these children through our program that would

otherwise not have a chance to go to school. In cooperation with our new school principal Boaz we started developing a model that aims to enable poor families to pay for their children's education not with money but rather with practical hands on support.

We are so thrilled to finally have found a competent and loving school principal in Boaz.

As things currently stand we will be able to finally open up our Kindergarten and school again after about 15 long months of waiting. Our teachers will be attending some courses prior to the reopening of the school in order to be best prepared for the return of the students after this extensive break.

## NEW CHILDREN'S HOME:

During the last two month we were able to make some good progress on the new children's home. Everything is being build by hand which means that progress is much slower than what we are used to. The foundation has been completed and the walls have already been build using our self-made bricks. By the middle of June we should be able to complete the roof. 16 children will soon be calling this new, loving and child-friendly place their home. You can support us and the children with the finishing touches by donating a bed, a closet, table or chair!

## CHILDREN'S HOME:

COVID-19 put a strain on families worldwide and that included our house mother Betty since all the children spent the entire year at home. Thankfully this time allowed the relationships between the children and the staff to continually grow, the relationships became deeper and more trusting. One thing that we also noticed during this time was how the self-confidence seemed to grow in all of the kids and how the place started to feel more and more like a loving home.

## FARMING:

We were able to hire Deus to become our new farmer. Dues lives with his family in the nearby village and will be helping us to increase our yields and with new projects. One of the projects will be to install a small fish pond as the children all love fish. For the last 4 month we were able to provide breakfast and dinner for all children and staff from our last harvest. In cooperation with some great Ugandan NGO's we were able to bring more structure into our young project, part of that was developing a new list of priorities.

We are all so very excited to see what the coming months will have in store for us and are full of passion for the children and staff we get to work with.

We want to THANK YOU once more for your valuable and much appreciated support.

Best wishes,  
Lea Eicker





### **BRIEF EXPERIENCE:**

It was colder than usual on my last day in Ntungamo since the rainy season had started. I was standing in the middle of the school area surrounded by the children and was quietly saying good-bye to my home away from home. While looking around I noticed 6 teenager girls walking towards me. They were wearing jackets and scarves and all of them had small hand sown purses. They were shy when they told me that they had heard that we were running a sewing school and had walked here for 45 minutes to express their interest in joining the school. The teenagers explained that their parents could no longer afford paying for school and they were therefore hoping to start an apprenticeship.

It is during moments like these when we feel so blessed that we have been given the opportunity to use your donations to make a positive change in so many lives, but at the same time it is hard to accept the fact that there are so many more girls and boys out there that are looking for opportunities to live a life worth living.

At this time we are unfortunately only able to provide sewing lessons to 3 teens as we only have 3 sewing machines. Let us know if you would like to help us expand the sewing school.