

Greetings friends!

No More Mozzies!

This past December, Tusubira's friend, Tanner Weber set out to raise the money to buy mosquito nets for the children in Mafubira! Each of these essential nets cost only \$10 and make a world of difference where malaria is always imminent and its threat is often fatal. By Christmas time, Tanner's Mosquito Net Drive was a success! With the funds raised, over 200 mosquito nets were purchased and distributed to the children at STAO and some families in the greater Mafubira area. These mosquito nets will significantly decrease the number of malaria cases among the vulnerable children at STAO.



When It Rains, It Pours:

Flooding, Latrines, and an Emergency Aid Fund

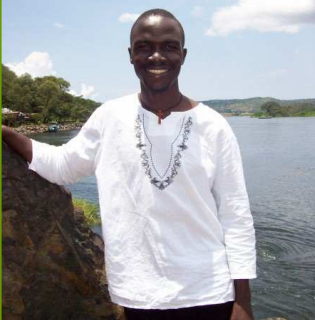
Due to heavy storms and severe flooding in November and December of last year, the latrines at STAO were destroyed causing sanitation issues and leaving the children extremely vulnerable to diseases such as typhoid and cholera. Thanks to the generosity of



many, a disaster relief fund was started and money has been raised for new latrines at STAO. Because of the swift answer to this dire need, construction on these sanitary latrines has already begun! Tusubira hopes to continually maintain an Emergency Aid Fund for unforeseen circumstances like these, when STAO needs help the most.



We have hope...



Welcome to the Tusubira Team!

Tusubira welcomes Suzanne Philen to the team! Suzanne visited STAO in Mafubira late last year and came back to U.S. with a desire to do more. Since then, Suzanne has done a phenomenal job coordinating a child sponsorship program and a scholarship fund for the children at STAO!

“ My heart is driven to empower African orphans and vulnerable children through meeting their survival needs, giving them the care and love they deserve, and to lift them up to be the leaders of tomorrow through the opportunity of education; seeking God’s will and His perfect plan for each child. ”



Suzanne and her daughter, Ashley, will be going back to visit STAO this summer to visit their new friends and to further support the child sponsorship and scholarship programs.

Building Blocks

Amazing progress is being made on STAO’s new building! When the Tusubira Vision Team visited in August 2007, the building was little more than a pile of bricks. Here is the latest picture:



The building will serve the kids at STAO and the village of Mafubira by providing extra rooms, a computer lab and sewing room, and hopefully, even a clinic in the near future.



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HELP!

Do you have graphic or web designing skills? Want to put your grant-writing experience towards a great cause? Tusubira needs YOUR help! In order to keep the website fresh and to keep the organization running, Tusubira covets your expertise in these areas. Whether you're willing to put in long-term regular hours or a couple of short projects as your schedule permits, we would love to have you partner with us as we seek to bring sustainability to STAO. Join us! Contact Kate at :
hopewanders@gmail.com

BECOME A REGULAR!

The need is great in Mafubira. Therefore, Tusubira deeply covets regular donations and pledges. Recurring donations will allow STAO to function with stability and regularity, making sure all the children at STAO are well fed and able to attend school while simultaneously seeking long-term sustainability. Would you consider and pray about supporting Tusubira on a regular basis? Tax-deductible contributions can be made at wehavehope.org, where you can subscribe to direct-deposit recurring donations.

Sweet Eats for a Sty

Acting on AIDS (University of Washington Chapter) hosted an ice cream benefit on April 8 to raise funds to expand STAO's pigsty as well as to contribute to the completion of STAO's new building. Through dollar sundaes and donations, they raised over \$700— all of which will go towards these sustainable income-generating activities! Mmmm-ukamayebazibwe!



A Voice for the Voiceless

Our next event will be an open house on Sunday May 4th, at the Mercer Island VFW Hall. Join us at 6:00pm for a series of short presentations on:

- The world food crisis
- A story about how we are connecting two Ugandan orphans in need of surgery with a medical mission in the US.
- Exhibits of our widows empowerment project
- Education for orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda

Suggested \$5.00 donation at the door
Located at 1836 72nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, 98040

As always, the need of this poverty stricken community is great. We are blessed to have a God who has placed such urgency in our hearts, an urgency to reach out and make a difference in the lives of many. May God continue to bless STAO and the many it serves.

*In Him,
The Tusubira Team*

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