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Rotary Support Meeting
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Williamson's Chapel UMC





Acres of Hope International

A USA Based not for profit Corporation

- Acres of Hope International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Contributions to Acres of Hope International are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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About Acres of Hope International

General information

- Acres of Hope International, Inc., in partnership with Acres of Hope Uganda
 - Exists to transform the lives of orphans and vulnerable children academically, physically, spiritually, socially, and economically via sustainable development that empowers communities.

Accountability

- Your contribution is sent to Acres of Hope Uganda (AoH Uganda) every month
 - It is used for education, food, clothing, healthcare, spiritual development, and social development of the students under AoH Uganda's care.
 - AoH Uganda ensures that every sponsored child is in school and their needs are provided for
 - We do not maintain a separate account for each sponsored child.
- 100% (less bank fees) of every dollar contributed to Projects supports direct in-country aid in Uganda
 - Your contribution is sent to AoH Uganda in the month following its receipt.
- AoH Uganda is accountable for the funds sent by AoH International
 - AoH International works very closely every week with AoH Uganda and reviews AoH Uganda's financial statements every quarter.

Financial Reporting

- Acres of Hope International is committed to full disclosure and accountability for financial reporting.
 - To receive a copy of AOHI financial statements, please request via email: aohi@aohi.org.



Acres of Hope Uganda

A Ugandan Community-Based Organization

- A Christ-centered community for vulnerable children located in Nebbi, Uganda.
- Acres of Hope provides hope for a future for orphans and vulnerable children by providing them with basic needs such as food, shelter, medical care, and education.
- The goal is that these children will mature and become productive, generous citizens who will pay it forward and be bright lights in the community.

Acres of Hope Timeline – Acres of Hope International



2009 - Land Purchased:

- Pastor Geoffrey purchases the first piece of land with a dream of developing Acres of Hope.



2011 - First Home Built:

- March Mission Trip w/ Samaritan's Feet and WCUMC meets Geoffrey while they distribute shoes; pray over land; and a few children are sponsored.
- Easter WCUMC members pledge to fund 4 homes at AoH and in July the construction of the first four homes begins.



2012 - Child Sponsorship Begins:

- March Mission Trip saw 4 homes under construction; distributed more shoes; accompanied by World of God board member.
- Child sponsorships begin through World of God, Classes at Acres of Hope begin under the mango tree in Nebbi with Nursery through Primary 3.



2013 – SCHOOL ADDED:

- School construction began on Nebbi Campus and Primary 4 was added.

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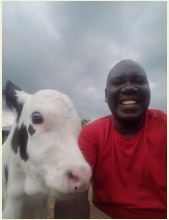


2014 - Permanent School Building on Nebbi Campus:

- Classes begin inside the first permanent school building and Primary 5 was added.
- Construction of Piggery began after the WCUMC / West UMC Mission trip in April.

Pakwach Campus:

- Classes begin in a temporary structure (Nursery Classes).



2015 – Agriculture & Aquaponics:

- September Mission Trip focusing on “The Leader in Me” with the Children and new bios for child sponsorships through World of God.

Nebbi Campus:

- Primary 6 was added, Goats, chickens, turkeys, and dairy cows were added to the AOH farm.
- The Aquaponics program begins.

Pakwach Campus:

- Primary 1 was added; a tin roof was added to the structure and a well was constructed in Pakwach.



2016 – Child Sponsorship Thrives:

- Child sponsorship reached 185 due to the October Mission Trip to AOH & Pastor Geoffrey's visit to the USA.
- Nebbi Campus:
- The second permanent school building was completed, the third permanent school building began construction and Primary 7 was added.

Pakwach Campus:

- Primary 2 added, cement floors and walls were added to the structure.

Acres of Hope Timeline – Acres of Hope International



2017 – Third School Building:

- February, Mission Trip is focusing on Yobel International; a Small Business Training for 30+ village women.

Nebbi Campus:

- The third permanent school building is almost complete!
- Major expansion of aquaponics program underway.

Pakwach Campus:

- Primary 3 added; additional classroom added.



2018 - A year of Generosity:

- So many friends and supporters came together to raise funds for the 3-story school building to educate 400 children.
- AOHI tried something new; Cruising for Classrooms – a fundraiser on Lake Norman with Pastor Geoffrey as our special guest.



2019 - Three-story Primary School Building Opens:

- Through God's grace and a lot of hard work on both sides of the Atlantic, the new building opens and accommodates up to 400 students from Primary 1 to Primary 7.



2020 - A year of Trials:

- The world shuts down due to COVID-19, but AOHI perseveres.
- The government requires Uganda schools to remain closed for most of the year.
- The AOHI staff focuses on making sure children are fed and keep up with their studies as best as possible.

Acres of Hope Timeline – Acres of Hope International



2021 – AOHU Certified by Ugandan Ministry of Education:

- As COVID continues to affect everyday life, Acres of Hope Uganda Primary School has become officially certified by the Ugandan Ministry of Education!

This is a major step forward for AOHU!



2022 – Dorms for the Older Students:

- The girls move into their new dorm and construction begins on the boy's dorm!
- These dorms make space for 200 boarding students.



2023 – AOHU Secondary School Opens on Nebbi Campus:

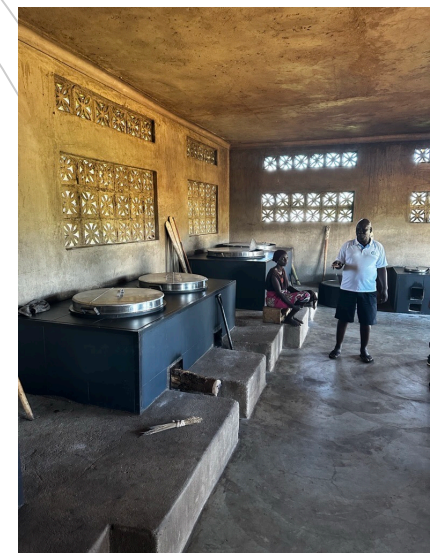
- For the first time ever, Secondary students return to Nebbi from campuses throughout Uganda.
- The students attend class in temporary classrooms with the hopes of a permanent secondary school structure soon.
- Child Sponsorship reaches 232
- Paid debt to all property owners within 30+ acre compound

2024 – AOHU Plans to begin construction of a Permanent Secondary School:

- Pastor Geoffrey returns to Mooresville, September 10 – 15!



2023 MISSION TRIP PHOTOS



2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT



1. GENERAL FUND
2. INFRASTRUCTURE – HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
3. INFRASTRUCTURE – SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS
4. HIGH SCHOOL TUITION FUND
5. UNIVERSITY TUITION FUND
6. WOMENS EMPOWERMENT
7. VISIT AOH UGANDA
8. SPONSORSHIP
9. GENERAL FUND AOH INTERNATIONAL

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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

GENERAL FUND

- 100% of this fund balance is sent to Acres of Hope Uganda monthly to be used at Acres of Hope Uganda for their most pressing needs.
- These needs could include supplementing soaring food prices during drought times, purchasing new desks and books, installing windows in a dorm, supplementing costs associated with the brand-new Acres of Hope Secondary School, and the list goes on.
- The list is varied, and every dollar is enormously helpful!
 - Current needs:
 - Science equipment - \$12,000
 - Desks, tables, and chairs - \$9,000



2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

INFRASTRUCTURE – HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

- The next big project is the construction of the Secondary (High School) building.
- This is another monumental task and Pastor Geoffrey is working with his contacts and supporters around the world to make this dream a reality.
- The Secondary students are currently in school at the Nebbi campus in temporary structures, but Geoffrey is hopeful that 2024 will bring the start of the new permanent high school structure.
- If you would like to be a part of this incredible, project, we THANK YOU!
 - Estimated cost \$500,000



2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

INFRASTRUCTURE – SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

- Acres of Hope has several projects dedicated to local income generation.
- Cows produce milk that supplements the children's diets and sometimes there is enough milk left to sell locally.
- The piggery has created much-needed local income through the years.
 - Right now the Ugandan government is requiring AOHU to move the pigs outside of the AOHU for the children's health and safety.
- Farming produces fruits and vegetables to both supplement the children's diets and to sell to the community.
- Any gift to this fund will be used toward the highest priority project at any given time.
- Thank you for your support of Acres of Hope!



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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION FUND

- Attending Secondary "High" School in Uganda is quite an accomplishment.
 - Less than 50 percent of all Ugandans achieve this level of education.
 - In part, because Secondary School is quite expensive as most students go to boarding schools.
 - Tuition can reach \$1,800 per year, about 3 times a normal sponsorship.
- Acres of Hope is working hard to supplement tuition for these students with local resources.
- However, gifts to the High School Tuition Fund are greatly appreciated.
- Each student is required to bring many supplies when they begin Secondary School. In addition to tuition, it costs approximately \$600 to outfit each student for the first day!
- Items required include a metal storage trunk, mattress, bed sheets, towels, scientific calculator, many other school supplies, Bible, toiletries of every variety, uniforms, shoes, and non-uniform clothes.



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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

UNIVERSITY TUITION FUND

- AOHU currently has several students attending Universities and Colleges.
- As you can imagine, the cost of these programs is much higher than the \$50 per month sponsorship.
- If you would like to help supplement these student's educational expenses, we would truly appreciate it!



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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

WOMENS EMPOWERMENT

- The women who care for the Acres of Hope children are working very hard to become self-sustaining.
- Some create beautiful needlepoint works of art, some create necklaces and Christmas decorations from recycled paper beads, some farm, some sell items in the local markets, and ALL love and support the children they care for.
- You can support these hard-working, kind, lovely women by purchasing craft items here in the US or by donating here to their ongoing efforts in Uganda.



2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

VISIT AOH UGANDA

- Teams and individuals from all over the United States visit us throughout the year.
- We have had teams help with nursing clinics, music classes, pastoral training, pig rearing classes, entrepreneurial training, construction, teaching the children how to play field hockey, assisting with the piggery, and so much more.
- We love it when you share your gifts and talents with us!
- Feel free to drop us a note below if you have questions or words of encouragement.



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VISIT AOH UGANDA

JUNE 10-20, 2024

Join us for a life-changing visit to share God's love with our friends at Acres of Hope.

Acres of Hope is a school and home for orphans and vulnerable children in Nebbi, Uganda. You will worship, play, grow, learn, and laugh with the children and staff - you will see what love and hope can do!

**\$3,300 - Includes airfare, local travel, food, hotels, one day safari.
Does not include vaccinations, \$50 visa, souvenirs.**

Payment 1 Due: February 14, 2024: \$2,000

Payment 3 Due: April 1, 2024: \$1,300 appr



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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

SPONSORSHIP

- Sponsorships provide the students at Acres of Hope Uganda with education (including school uniforms, books, school supplies, etc.), food, medical care, and most importantly love and hope for the future!
- Child Sponsorship is \$50 per month
- You choose the child and correspond regularly through letters



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2024 OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

GENERAL FUND AOH INTERNATIONAL

- This fund is used for AoH International (our US-based nonprofit) costs.
- This includes staffing, marketing awareness, and other operational costs.
- This fund also allows AoH International to help AoH Uganda with emergency relief.
 - For example, emergency medical expenses, unexpected school fees, unexpected infrastructure needs, natural disasters, etc.



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Thank You!



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