



St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund

Email Newsletter

Gombe Community Polytechnic

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Children in Uganda take four subjects in Primary School, but when they advance to Secondary the subject load increases to fifteen. Seven subjects are compulsory for all four years of high school, including Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. For students who are not so academically inclined, we offer an excellent alternative: vocational training at the junior level. Gombe Polytechnic is a boarding school that offers the Uganda Junior Technical Certificate in a variety of courses like Motor Mechanics, Tailoring, Carpentry, Catering, and Plumbing. Students are given hands-on practical training together with theory. They are taught

general science, English, and math, but not at the "college prep" level that is required in secondary school. Sports, music, dance & drama are also part of the curriculum. Because of an over-emphasis on university education, Uganda is lacking skilled workers to meet the increasing demand in commerce and industry. Quality vocational training gives graduates a distinct advantage in securing gainful employment. Upon completion of the three-year junior program, students are qualified to upgrade to the same standard vocational certificate as their high school counterparts; but instead of experiencing four years of academic failure, polytechnic leavers are full of confidence and self-worth as they advance to the next level.

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund supports over 240 orphans and vulnerable children in primary & secondary school, vocational & professional training, and university. We pay school fees and provide uniforms, shoes & socks, school supplies, meals, and health care. With your help, we can make a real difference in their young lives.

Student of the Month

Nathan is eleven years old and completed fifth grade in November. His father died when Nathan was two weeks old, and his mother scrubs floors at a local high school, earning \$30 per month. This was his first year in our program and he has already emerged as a leader among his peers. Rare for a fifth-grader, he was elected Head Boy of the school. On his final report card in 2016, he earned Distinctions in all subjects including a 97% in Science.



Nathan

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Help Us Help the Children

We welcome donations of any amount. You can also help by organizing a fundraising event in your church, school, office, Sunday School, or organization on behalf of the children of Uganda. Fliers and information sheets are available for downloading on the website.



Morning assembly: Primary school students begin each day with prayer.

Donations to help support our children can be sent to the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund, P.O. Box 285, Chardon, OH 44024-0285, or you can donate on-line via PayPal by clicking the "Donate" button below.



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