

# St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund

## Newsletter

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"As in the rankest soil the most beautiful flowers are grown, so in the dark soil of poverty, the choicest flowers of humanity have developed and bloomed."

—James Allen



**Hildah** and her two sisters joined our program when she was eleven years old. Their father had died a few months earlier, followed by their mother the next month. Out of pity, their landlord allowed them to stay rent-free for a few months and neighbors helped the girls with food. By the time they approached our office for assistance, they were on the verge of being evicted. Hildah was in the final term of primary school. We paid off her tuition arrears so that she could sit for the national exams and she passed well. We enrolled the three girls in secondary boarding school, assumed their rent payments, and provided a food allowance while they were home between school terms.



Hildah at 11

In her final two years of high school, Hildah discovered an aptitude for Economics and was admitted to Makerere University to study for a Bachelor of Arts degree in that discipline. After graduation, she was offered an administrative job with the university and took advantage of her employee discount to earn a master's degree. Her dissertation was titled "How Macroeconomic Factors Affect Bank Liquidity."

At the graduation ceremony, Hildah was recognized as the top graduate student in the Economics department. With this award, she was given a full-time position



as a research associate with the Economic Policy Research Centre. The EPRC is an autonomous non-profit organization which provides research-based policy analysis to support the formulation and evaluation of government economic strategies. After a probationary period during which she rotated through the organization's four departments, she was promoted to Research Analyst. In this capacity, she travels throughout Uganda doing ground-level research. Based on her findings, she has been sent abroad to make presentations in Nairobi, Kenya, and Cape Town, South Africa.



Hildah has never forgotten where she came from nor the opportunity that she was given. She is a shining example of "paying it forward" by educating three orphaned relatives: two in primary school and one in secondary school.

**Daniel** is one of six children raised by a single mom who was also caring for a younger sister still in high school. Their father died of AIDS when Dan was twelve years old. The family of eight lived in a one-room flat and the children slept on the floor.

After their father's death, their mother washed clothes for neighbors and sold fish that she acquired from fishermen at Lake Victoria. She also borrowed a friend's sewing machine in the evenings and made dresses which she sold to customers in the neighborhood. Recognizing her talent, we helped her to get her own machine and set up a tailoring shop. She was now able to manage rent and food for the family, but paying school fees for the seven children was beyond her financial capacity.

While some other charities in Uganda limit their support to one child per family, our policy had always been that when we find a deserving family, we commit to educating all the children in the house. Two notable success stories among Dan's siblings are Lydia, who works as a survey engineer for the government of Uganda, and Joan, who is a second-year law student at Ndejje University.



*Daniel at 15*



*Our medical students ca. 2019  
Daniel is front row, left*

Daniel graduated from Medicare Health Professionals College in Clinical Medicine and Public Health. While in school, he did his clinical practice at Galilee Community General Hospital where he was hired full

time after graduation. Dan was named hospital employee of the year in each of the past three years and has been promoted to Head Clinician. He truly enjoys his work, alternating 12-hour shifts day and night, and is loved and respected by his colleagues. Dan also serves as an adjunct physician for Ryan Medical Centre, a health facility that does not employ a permanent physician.



Your faithful support and your prayers have made all the difference for these young professionals. We wish you the blessings of this joyous season of our Lord's Nativity!

### *Peter & Sharon*

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