

# Siloam Ministries

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## ORPHANS REPORT

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**UGANDA.** Osanidde Village, home to 160 orphans, is located on Bussi Island in Lake Victoria. It is operated by Lake Victoria Islands Child Care, Uganda (LAVICCARE) and is supported by various individuals and organizations. **We are so privileged to have a part in seeing these wonderful children physically blessed and growing in the Lord!** About ten children and their “momma” live in each house at Osanidde. There are also a chapel, classrooms, kitchen facilities, and housing for other caring adults who complete the Osanidde staff. The children get up early in the morning on their own to pray and also have an adult-supervised prayer meeting in the evening. Add to this, classes, studying, and chores, and you’ll see that their days are very full!

Siloam Ministries’ commitment to Osanidde is to support the girls in Siloam House and the Osanidde directors, Michael and Ronald. As the campus was being built, your gifts also helped to construct a number of the buildings, and during the difficult times of the last two years, your generosity has enabled us to contribute to the overall funds of the orphanage much more than our original commitment. From several reports that we’ve received, the food supply seems to be adequate at this time. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**

The children are growing up! **There are 35 children in high school at this time, and there will be 16 more next term if all pass their exams.** When I mentioned in the last newsletter that some would graduate soon, I didn’t understand the system in Uganda, but Michael has given me clarification. High school is in two levels—0-Level and A-Level (or Advanced). The oldest Osanidde girl, Justine Nantongo, has graduated from 0-Level—getting a fine grade on her national exams—and is now in A-Level, studying Mathematics, Economics, and Geography. She’ll be ready for university in two years. Within the next five months, four more children will be taking exams, hoping to go on to A-Level high school. **Please pray for all the children who will be taking exams,** and also for funds to cover the higher fees of A-Level.

Last month Osanidde participated in **sports competitions with several other schools in the islands.** They came in second and subsequently represented four islands at the district level. They also had a face-painting contest during the holidays!

*In Uganda, performance on exams affects a child’s future.*

*Ritah, winner of face-painting contest at Osanidde.*





**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (C.A.R.)**. As you know from our emails and May newsletter, the lives of everyone in C.A.R. have been turned upside down by **atrocities accompanying the rebel takeover in March** and the subsequent occupation of the country by rebel troops. **God has continually answered prayer by protecting His people!** We're so thankful that none of the orphans under Brother Anatole's ministry have been hurt, but they continue to live in hard and dangerous conditions—beyond anything that most of us in the U.S. can imagine. **One boy, Bodel, was abducted along with six other people who were riding in a van that was suddenly taken over by rebel soldiers. He was apparently held for several days, but then was allowed to return home.** Praise God! May God give special grace to these precious children to trust Him and live in peace, not in fear.

**WE HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST** for those of you who have the name and picture of a child who lives in **Uganda**. Directors Michael and Ronald are asking that the different sponsoring organizations each collect letters from sponsors to their children and send them all at once to Osanidde. That way, each child in a particular house will receive a letter. **If you'd like to write to your child, please send your letter to us by Dec. 15,** and we'll send it on to Osanidde. (For those of you whose child lives in C.A.R., there's no need to write. If you particularly desire to do so, I'll do my best to translate your letter into French, which is the school language in C.A.R.)

**We realize that some sponsors may want to support orphans but may not have the time or inclination to write letters.** If I don't receive a letter from you to your child by Dec. 15, I (Marilyn) will write her a letter myself so each child will get a letter. **Please don't feel any obligation to write.** (I expect we'll collect letters about once a year.)

**The address for sending letters is Siloam Ministries, P.O. Box 2143, Fort Davis, TX 79734.** If you wish, you may send a small gift to your child. Some suggestions are school supplies, games, books, beads, hair ornaments. The address for sending packages to Uganda is the same as it has been since Osanidde started: Osanidde Village, P.O. Box 70230, Kampala, Uganda. It's probably best not to send a package to C.A.R., considering the present turmoil there.

