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To ALL Sponsors,

Many Loving greetings in the hope that we all share. This is just to thank you for your total support for these children in Kamukuywa (Kenya) .

Children are really pleased with what you are doing for them. Many children were unable to go to school and write and now they themselves have started reading and writing. All basic needs are being given to them. **Lela home** is built to accommodate 60 children.

Children are finding the place so nice to them. Three meals are given to them every day. Good care from the staff at Lela is appreciated. The home is **for the young children**. They truly appreciate your efforts you put together so that such a home could be supported.

Kimbilio is another far, far good **for the older children**. These children send their innermost love to you all who struggled hard to see that they could get where they would put their heads. Kimbilio is so good because older children are enjoying their accommodation. Everything is being provided for them. Special room for studies and sleeping comfortably each has got a Bed, Mattress, Sheets, and Blanket and above all are able to go to school.

Sponsors, it is God's good will that you took these children under your care, continue with that spirit of helping. **Apart from your support, people around this community have come to know God**. Pray for these children every day whenever you have opportunity of doing it.

The Lela home and Kimbilio home are coming together on every Saturday and Sunday for physical and spiritual activities. There are children who are in primary school, others in high school and others joined for trade all these are your efforts. I do thank you so much, you sponsors.

Above all, hear me, sponsors you have taken away the big and huge burden we had as family in the past ten years.

Glory be to God forever and ever! Sponsors, I know that your heart will not be faint and you will not holdback your hands.

Please help Deb, help James help these children, help Agape in Action by supporting them with financial above all put me together with my family in your prayers always.

Finally as a family we thank Agape in Action for their tireless work they are doing for these children and I also thank them for their good advice for us.

Let us all join hands together as we pray for these children and the work of Agape in Action. God is good all the time and sponsors are good all the time...

Thank you sponsors and thank you Agape in Action.

I remain your brother in the Lord's vineyard,

Justus Mabuka



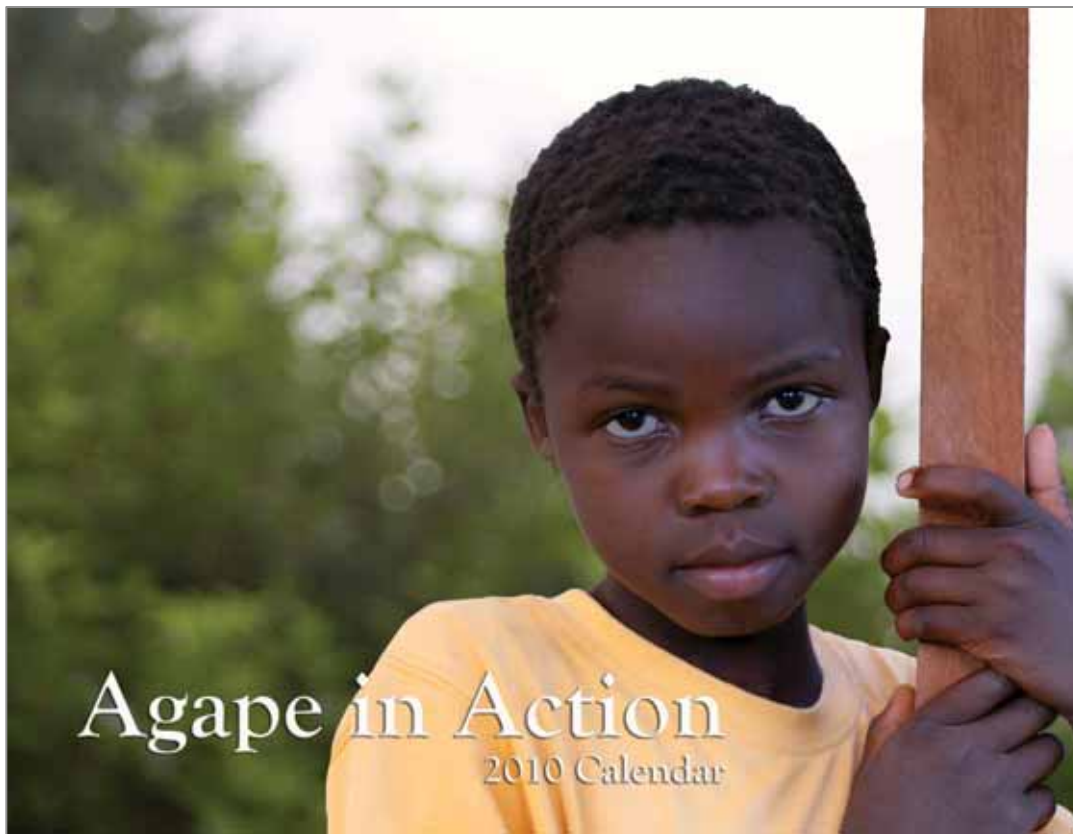


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This 2010 Calendar is a fundraiser – all proceeds to AinA.

Calendars are \$10 CAD/US or \$12 AUD/NZ.

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They make great gifts!

— ATASHINDA —

We are so thankful to God for the response of all those who stepped up to help these young people in Kenya. They now have an opportunity to go to high school or to learn a trade.

We are thrilled to let you know that we have been able to recruit sponsors for ALL of the young people that we had on the list for a January 2010 start God willing. Come January, there will be 29 young people starting high school and about 15 starting trades! Together with the 2009 cohort, there are 73 young people benefitting from this program.

This program is critical in enabling a generation of Christadelphian young people support themselves, their families and their ecclesia's as we all await the return of our Lord. Thank-you so much for your generosity.

Now to start on the next year's list..... ☺

AinA USA

Agape in Action is now a registered charity in the United States. All sponsors from the U.S. will shortly be receiving notification of how this will affect your payments and how you can receive tax benefits.



Tour D'Agape Down Under

A fundraising bike ride is planned in Adelaide on a Saturday in late February or early March – stay tuned for details!

Widow's Project

We hope to pilot a widow's project in Western Kenya starting January 2010. The older young people that are living in Kimbilio will be part of a program implementing care for the elderly and widows in their ecclesia and communities.



"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27



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Christadelphian Faith Home ~ India ~

At the India Christadelphian Faith Home, there are currently 14 children that are being cared for. These children come from various backgrounds, some having lost parents, some coming from desperately poverty stricken families and some with very sick guardians that could not care for them.

Bro. Andrew & Sis. Shuba have taken in these children and given them a place to call 'home'. Through AinA sponsorship they are being fed, clothed and given an opportunity to go to school. It's a happy place! The whole family attend the Kadium Christadelphian ecclesia which is just across the road.

However, there is something that these children lack that we would like to help Andrew and Shuba with. Currently, the children most commonly sleep on the concrete roof of the house on mats. All the children lined up on the roof. When it rains they all cram in to Andrew & Shuba's home and find a bit of floor for the night.

When it is meal time, the children eat outside on the ground on the concrete slab outside of the house. When they do their homework each day it is in this same place outside where they do their work.

God willing, we would like to build a second level onto Andrew & Shuba's home. Here there would a separate room for the boys and girls which will become necessary as they get older. This will be their own place to keep their belongings and sleep. And a third room will be used for the kitchen/eating area. This project will cost approximately, \$7000 CAD and if possible we would like to build by May 2010. If you would like to support this project, please earmark donations – 'Faith Home'.



Homework time at the India Faith Home



Sleeping inside on a rainy night



Dinner time at the India Faith Home

NEEDS A SPONSOR



This is John Thomas. He lost his father to HIV and his mother struggles to look after him and provide for his needs. His mother is a sister in Christ.



There are 8 children who Andrew & Shuba are helping by allowing them to go their school without paying school fees. These are Christadelphian children, who without this help would be unable to attend school.

The school is having trouble holding on to teachers as they cannot pay very good salaries due to the fact that not all the children in their school pay fees.

We are looking for sponsors to pay school fees for these 8 Christadelphian children. School fees are \$95 for a whole year for each child. If you can take on one of these sponsorships, please contact us.

VOLUNTEER WORK

This is a great destination for long term (2+ months) field workers. If you would like to do a teaching stint while living and helping at the Faith Home in India please contact us.



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Sacrifice for the Truth...

I grew up in my rural home in Busia, Kenya. I took my early education there and luckily enough my community raised my high school fees and sent me with a lot of hope to Nairobi where I did my high school. I completed my high school education with grades that could not enable me do my University. I went back to my rural home in the same community and they put their heads together and approached some member of the community who was in the Army to help me get recruited in the Army and in fact he helped out and about a year after my high school I was recruited in the Army at age 20. While in the Army I got to know about the Christadelphians through the Glad Tidings a friend was receiving from the UK and got to study the Bible lessons they were offering. I got a very nice tutor who in fact had served in the British Army helping with environmental conservation who really convinced me of the need to stop serving in the Army if I was to please my God and follow his ways. For almost seven years I kept in communication with this brother who has since fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection. All this time he was trying to get someone to baptize me, either the local brothers or the visiting brothers from UK one way or the other. This took so long until one time he informed me of a visiting brother who was visiting Nyanza Province where I could travel to and be interviewed for baptism. I managed to meet the brother and was baptized in the year 1998. By then I had quit the Army the previous year.

What my community, which had educated me, could not understand was that I a poor boy from their community who they had sacrificed the help and I was quitting the army for religion which they said they knew was practiced even in the Army. What was so unique with this new religion that don't arm themselves for their country. Not even my parents could forgive me as I was a let down to them and the community at large. I had to leave home and search for work. I settled in Nakuru where I had no relatives to despise me. The community had a feeling that I will definitely come to them begging for favours or fall back on them for help. This happened last year, ten years later, when the post elections violence forced me to go back home and request for them to accommodate me as I had lost my home and everything in it when the gangs burned it to the ground in the slum where we lived. My parents had since forgiven me but still can't believe I voluntarily quit the army. To make it worse, some friends in the Army still come offering constabulary jobs in the army where they say I would only be doing guard duties and not going to war but I tell them that is not the problem.

You can remember you all helped me get on my feet again and came back to Nakuru where I am trying to provide for my family and trying to provide them with education and see if I could break the poverty jinx in the family. I received some money and it was suggested that I buy some piece of land in the rural home to help boost our economic income. We managed to buy the piece of Land and tried to plant maize this season which was a failure due to prolonged drought. All this could be facts you don't need to know but I just thought to tell you anyway.

Bro. Joseph Odhiambo - AinA Rep – Nakuru

(Joseph was trained as a paratrooper. In addition he trained with the US Special forces in jungle warfare and mountain climbing & rescuing. He held the Army middle weight boxing title. He is now the cornerstone of the Nakuru ecclesia and Agape in Action's Nakuru representative. He currently oversees the sponsorship program for 19 children)





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Kids at the Faith Home in their new play clothes - India



New Classroom at the Bukigai Day Nursery School - Uganda



PRIORITY PROJECTS

1) Kenya Nursery Schools

support Christadelphian and destitute children from the communities. For \$30CAD/mth you give these children food, clothing, education and health care in a group environment. These projects have also been great outreach tools as several

of the children and their parents from the community now attend ecclesial functions.

3) India Faith Home

needs 2 additional sponsors to cover the increasing food costs so that the children get more than just rice!

For more information, to become a child or project sponsor or to make a donation, please contact us

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SUSTAINABILITY MODELS - We are working towards our nursery schools in Kenya becoming self sufficient and sustainable. Sustainability projects will be put in place in January 2010 God willing. It is our goal that in 5 years the schools will be fully sustainable. Local AinA representatives are putting together project proposals including the growing and marketing of vegetables, chicken rearing, dairy, etc. The schools will engage the children and the income generated will be used to cover the schools running costs allowing sponsorship funds to move to a new Christadelphian school in the area. God willing, support for income generating activities will continue to grow and involve guardians of sponsored children.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another. If any one of you has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in you? Dear children, let us not **LOVE** with words or tongue but with **ACTIONS** and in truth." 1 Jn. 3:16-18