

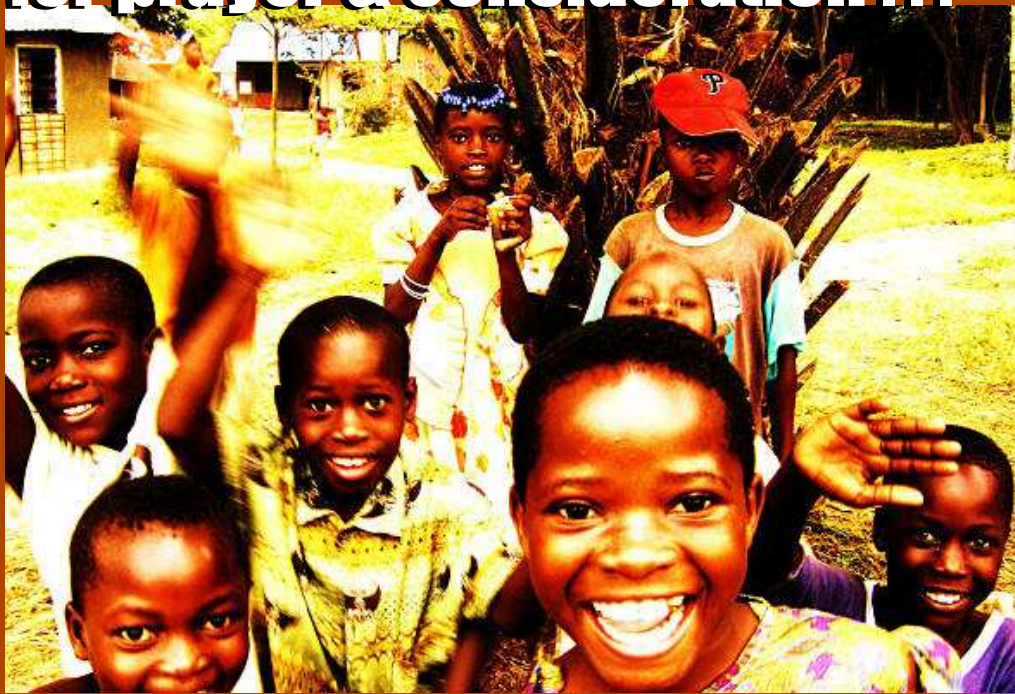


Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27

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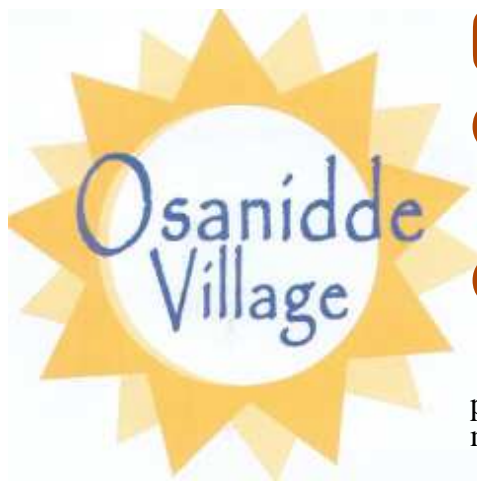
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143,000,000 orphans in the world.
The need is BIG . . .

What could YOU do? . .

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Q. How much does it cost to sponsor a child?

A. Osanidde child sponsorship is \$1/day, or \$30/month. If possible, we suggest the option of “upping” that support to \$35 per month, since needs have increased greatly, and the kids are growing!

Q. What does the word “Osanidde” mean?

A. “Osanidde” is an African word in the Luganda language which means “YOU ARE WORTHY.” It is used only in reference to God (or to a sovereign king). Our heart is raise these children to bring glory and honor to JESUS CHRIST, our KING of kings and LORD of lords. When pronounced, the word sounds like “OH SUNNY DAY!!!” Our vision is to provide a happy, SUNNY, place where orphans-no-longer (worthy by the blood of Jesus and “chosen” by their heavenly Father) can be raised in a nurturing family-like environment, with a strong mission-minded spiritual foundation where GOD is GLORIFIED!

Q. How long has Osanidde Village been going? How did it start?

A. Osanidde Village is located in Uganda, E. Africa on about 40 acres of beautiful lakeside property on Bussi Island in the middle of Lake Victoria. For ten years, this land was owned by Harvest Ministry as a “NETS Retreat Center” and used by Harvest Ministry co-workers, and other national ministers for PRAYER, rest, and international intercession. Because of the huge need of the orphans (over 90% of the island tested positive with AIDS/HIV), Ann and Christi Dunagan traveled to Uganda to assess the situation and to seek the Lord’s will. After much prayer, Harvest Ministry decided to transform our prayer center into a place of PROTECTION & GOD’S PRESENCE - a real “HOME” - for the growing number of orphan children. Officially established in February of 2006, Osanidde Village began with 30 children, using our existing six prayer huts. The vision quickly grew to reach 60, 70, 100, 130, and finally 160 children (with over 40 caring adults, including mommas, uncles, aunties, certified Ugandan teachers, and a registered Ugandan nurse). Our vision is not only to feed, house, and clothe these children, but to raise them to be mighty men and women of God who will powerfully impact their generation, including their nation and surrounding nations, with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Q. How are these children being trained spiritually?

A. Raising these precious children to LOVE JESUS and to WORSHIP HIM freely is our primary purpose. Spiritual training -- in prayer, Bible study, and worship -- is a daily part of life at Osanidde. The children begin each day in fervent early morning prayer, and most evenings there is chapel (except one or two days a week the kids have prayer time with their mommas in their own homes). The children are already involved in missions - sharing the Gospel to other remote islands, ministering through preaching, music, and dance; and praying for the nations. Nearly everyone who visits Osanidde is usually “blown away” by the spiritual depth of the kids. Osanidde kids PRAY, and often intercede for hours each day!!!

Q. Who are the leaders of Osanidde Village?

A. Osanidde Village was cofounded by Jon and Ann Dunagan and our longtime co-workers and dear friends, Drake and Josephine Kanaabo (all of Harvest Ministry). Ann codirects the ministry vision and sponsorship on the US side; Josephine and the uncles (Michael and Ronnie) codirect the ministry and care for the children on the Ugandan side (with support of many faithful individuals, ministries, and churches).

From the founding, our specific vision has been for Osanidde Village to be completely led on the local level by Ugandan nationals. No Westerners live at Osanidde; and the Lord has given us MUCH favor by this decision. The national leadership has taken personal "ownership of the vision" and these awesome leaders work hard to see these children cared for and raised for God. The Vice President of Uganda has visited Osanidde Village several times, and actually was "on site" to officiate at our dedication ceremony.

A unique aspect about Osanidde is how God "set up" many details far in advance. For years, Drake and Josephine had no children of their own, so they adopted two boys: Michael and Ronnie. These boys grew up in the heart of HARVEST MINISTRY missions. As the desperate plight of the Ugandan orphans grew in my (Ann's) heart, it also grew in Josephine's heart, and in Michael and Ronnie's hearts. Jon and I have known Michael and Ronnie since their childhood. They are wonderful, well-educated, spirit-filled men of God, now married (and with babies of their own), and they absolutely LOVE what they do! They are trustworthy, humble, and giving their lives to minister at Osanidde. We are honored by their leadership.

Q. What exactly does the \$1/day sponsorship cover?

How much of my monthly sponsorship actually goes toward my sponsored child, and what needs does this cover? I can guess it's meals, education, school supplies, a roof over their head, etc., but I just wanted to double check!

A. 100% of every penny given to Harvest Ministry for ORPHANAGE sponsorship goes directly to Uganda for the needs of the orphanages; nothing is taken out for overhead, general ministry/office needs, or even for communication with our orphan sponsors. The \$1/day sponsorship actually only covers the most basic needs for the kids and on-site leaders, mostly for food. The children eat 3 good-sized meals a day. Each house has become a family unit. Each momma cares and prepares food for her "own" children, the kids eat meals in their own homes (or on their porches), together with their house-siblings.

Q. How can you raise a child on \$1/day???

A. It's amazing how far our money can go to help these children!!! The basic support primarily supplies food and basic sanitary necessities for the children along with the monthly support for the mommas, uncles, aunties, and teachers. We are also very thankful for many people and churches who give additional generous non-sponsorship "orphanage" mission gifts, which help with the many educational needs, clothing, wells, water-needs, necessary maintenance, and more. At the beginning of each month, Harvest Ministry "wires" the monthly support to our ministry account in Africa, to directly meet the orphanage needs. At the end of each month, we receive budget/expense reports, updates from the kids, along with praise reports and prayer requests. We gather the highlights, and share exciting updates and news in our regular monthly Harvest Ministry newsletter, and on our ministry website.

Q. What about clothes for the kids? Do you have special project ideas?

A. The kids have play clothes, school uniforms, and church clothes. This is always a big need. We usually do extra fundraisers for clothing several times a year. We often have big projects to raise money for uniforms or play clothes. One church held a fundraiser for a big underwear drive - to purchase new underclothes for all the kids. A woman led a church sewing project to make special unique sundresses for all the girls. The girls and mommas are also learning to sew clothes. We do our best to keep the children supplied with sandals, shoes, and/or flip-flops; but it's a big continual need. Schools sometimes organize projects to collect toys, such as gathering baggies of LEGO'S. Purchasing clothing, shoes, underwear, toys, or school supplies are great PROJECTS for schools or church groups (about \$10 clothes a child).

Q. What about housing? How do these kids live?

A. The Lord provided designated mission support to build efficient housing at Osanidde Village. These buildings and continual maintenance are not covered through the monthly sponsorships; however, each child does have a wonderful "roof over their head"! The homes are made of brick and stucco, each with two bedrooms for the kids (with wooden bunk-beds), a bedroom for the momma, a bathing room (toilet facilities are in another building), and a living/dining room. Each LOVING HOME has 8 to 10 kids (all boys or all girls). Most of our mommas are widows who also desperately needed support).

Q. What else is at Osanidde? Do the kids learn to work?

A. In addition to the 20 HOMES (about 900 sq. feet each) and 2 SCHOOL buildings, we also have a large chapel (which can seat about 600), an occupational center/office building, 6 nice huts (where the teachers live), an open gazebo, an on-site primary health clinic (with a full-time Osanidde nurse), and 16 outdoor brick kitchens for the mommas (located side-by-side, to encourage fellowship among the mommas), along with a water cistern and toilet facilities. There are usually quite a few much-needed projects-in-process, and it's not perfect, but Osanidde Village is a beautiful, GOD-GLORIFYING place!!! We work hard to teach the kids to be clean and healthy. The kids participate in daily chores. They help their mommas, make their beds, keep their homes very clean, learn to share with other children who are even more needy than themselves, help to wash their own clothes, and daily pick-up garbage.

Q. What about education & future vocational training?

A. This past year, we completed a beautiful school, exclusively for our Osanidde children, with two buildings, eight classroom, nice desks, and certified Ugandan teachers. This need is being met with additional mission/orphanage funds - not from monthly sponsorships. The school follows the national Ugandan educational program, and in recent testing, the children in our Osanidde school performed well. The kids do have school supplies and education, although we have to raise additional support for those needs. OCCUPATIONAL training includes teaching with donated computers, 16 sewing machines (one per house, with a professional seamstress/tailor who comes several times a year, each holiday season, for sewing instruction). The children are learning to speak English, and to interpret from Luganda to English, with a special emphasis on MINISTRY and proclaiming the Gospel to the lost. Most of all, the children are being trained (through chapels, Bible training, prayer, and learning to listen to God's voice) to follow His plan for their lives. Our heart is for these kids to be raised for God's mission-minded purposes.

Q. How long is my commitment? What if I want to stop?

A. GOD IS OUR PROVIDER!!! It was really quite amazing, as this past year, despite the fact that 36 sponsors discontinued (or forgot) to send their orphan support, the Lord continued to provide with complete and steady faithfulness! We even added a second orphanage, Guma Na Yesu Children's Center, with over 600 children. For that orphanage, we don't do ANY one-on-one sponsorship. Instead, we simply trust God day-by-day for the whole amount. Some sponsors commit for the long-haul; some for a year. Just let us know if you decide to discontinue sponsorship so we can find your child a new sponsor!

Q. Can I communicate with my sponsored child?

A. If you decide to sponsor a child, we will send you a child's photo and information. If you desire, you can write to your child. However, it's difficult for the uncles to have kids write back. Usually, you can send small gifts to Harvest Ministry before we (Jon or Ann) travel to Africa (gifts must be able to fit in a manila envelope, no army/gun toys, nothing that can melt, and nothing ungodly/evolutionary/immodest).

Or you can attempt to mail a gift directly to Africa, although sometimes these gifts get lost in the mail. We try to send yearly child updates; although we can't make any guarantees about this. I (Ann) have found this is difficult and time consuming. It literally takes a few months to prepare individual packets. We receive general updates on all the children each month, and direct text/email updates several times a week. We send monthly HARVEST MINISTRY newsletters, and share overall updates on a regular basis.

Q. How do I sign up?

A. If interested in sponsorship, just send me an email or direct message via facebook or twitter with your physical mailing address. I'll send you a info packet, with no obligation. If you decide to sponsor, send your mission support (check, money order, or automatic bank check) to "**HARVEST MINISTRY**" (and designated for "MY ORPHAN" - or for your child's name) in the enclosed return envelope. We also greatly appreciate other mission gifts, either specifically designated for "GENERAL ORPHANAGE NEEDS" or best of all, for "WHERE NEEDED MOST." Send sponsorship mission support to:

HARVEST MINISTRY

Jon & Ann Dunagan

P.O. Box 727

Hood River, OR 97031

Website: <http://harvestministry.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/anndunagan>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/anndunagan>

Ministry receipts are sent at the conclusion of each year.

We are grateful for anyone who wants to be a part.

It's a big need. But God is bigger!!!

*Osanidde YESU!
You are Worthy, JESUS!!!*

Harvest Ministry February, 2010

Current Osanidde Village Children
Available for sponsorship

Thanks for keeping these kids in your prayers, and for considering sponsorship!



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