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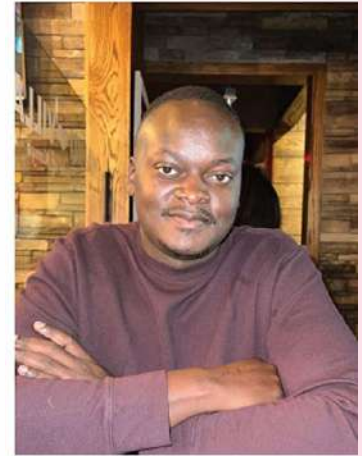
Welcome to Our Newsletter

Grace and peace unto you! Welcome to Divine Hearts Foundation, where our journey began in September 2013. Moved by heart-breaking situations, I, then an independent community worker and youth leader with The United Methodist Church in East Africa, felt the calling to community service and transformation. Sharing this vision with my late sister Rev. Dr. Patience Kisakye, the Ministry kicked off with her encouragement and support.

As a dedicated Christian Nonprofit Organization, we are committed to strengthening the resilience of the communities we serve. Our mission revolves around removing barriers to development and safeguarding the well-being of children, youth, and women in Uganda. Through our village-to-village approach, we tirelessly work to create a sustainable environment fostering protection, health, and survival, empowering individuals and communities to thrive.

Therefore, we warmly welcome you to come journey with us as we extend God's love to the nations. Someone once pondered why Africa's stories were often spoken and not written. Divine Hearts Foundation, especially in Uganda, understands this sentiment and today, we unveil the inaugural edition of our electronic Newsletter, The Divine Hearts Newsletter. It's a moment to globally share our narrative – unfolding the 'what' and 'who.' Join us in this noble cause, exploring social, economic, and spiritual dimensions.

Anticipate quarterly volumes delving into worship, testimonies, the impact of your gifts, and transformative stories. Your door might be the next one we knock on, seeking your story or participation in our mission to touch and transform lives and communities.



Benjamin Musasizi
Founder | Visionary

Mission opportunities

- Volunteer in Mission (Short and Long term)
- Medical Teams
- Teaching teams

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Did You Know that your **GIFT** of **\$12** could **Feed** clothe, **HOUSE**
Educate, and **Medicate** **ONE CHILD** for **One Day**

↓Partner With Us Through↓

* PRAYER

* VOLUNTEERS IN THE MISSION FIELD

* SPONSORSHIP OF A CHILD

* FINANCIAL DONATION

The Board

We are extremely blessed to have an incredible team that love the Lord and desire to lead with integrity, compassion, and wisdom this makes us a strong organization.



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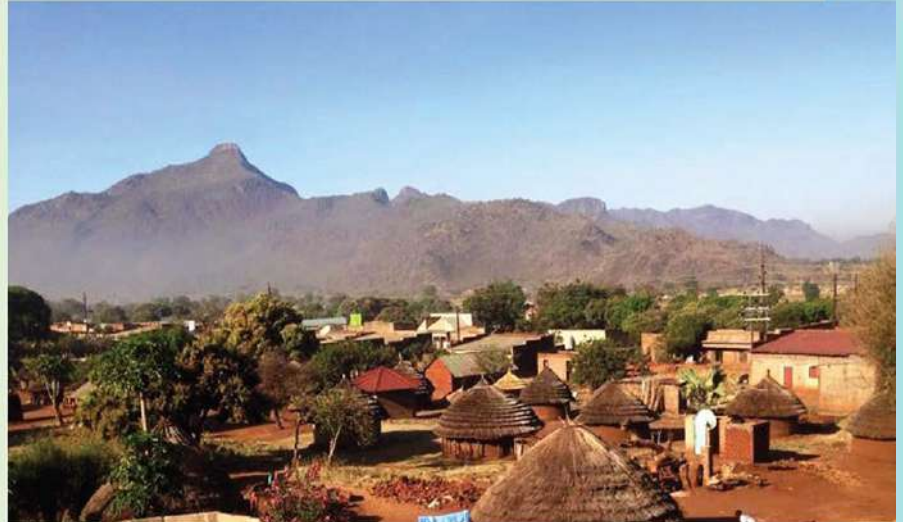
Margret Nalumaga

The story of Kigulu

Kigulu village, situated 131 km east of Kampala, is one of the eight counties comprising Iganga district in Uganda. With a population of approximately 239,461 people and 34,466 homes, 78% of the total residents are under 18, grappling with high illiteracy rates, early pregnancies, unemployment, and prevalent diseases, including HIV/AIDS.

Life in this area is marked by daunting challenges such as high death rates resulting from the widespread impact of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases. The lack of clean and safe water contributes to a surge in water-borne diseases. Ignorance prevails due to limited education, and inadequate food is a stark reality for some, with one or no meals a day. Early marriages and pregnancies further compound the difficulties.

Sickness and death are alarmingly frequent in Kigulu, with two to three deaths a week becoming a norm. The community lags behind due to entrenched beliefs in harmful cultural practices, hindering knowledge and exposure. Witchcraft is pervasive, leading to treatable ailments turning fatal. Instances of animal and, at times, child sacrifice underscore the urgency for us to extend salvation and God's love to the people in this struggling area.



Home setting of the eastern part of Kigulu village

Quick Facts about Kigulu

- Area population - 239,461
- Life Expectancy – Male: 51.9; Female: 54.1
- Education – Compulsory ages 6-12
- Literacy – 3.6%
- Limited availability of clean & safe water
- Electricity – Not accessible
- Availability of schools in the area – 5 public primary schools.

Urgent Needs for Kigulu

- Need for a Medical center
- Drilling of at least 2 more boreholes for the provision of clean & safe water
- More assistance in raising funds for sponsorship in education



Growth & Development



Education

Over the years, We have impacted over 527 children, with 128 receiving support for primary and secondary education, thanks to your generosity and school partnerships. This summer, Nakandi Betty became the first of many to pursue a bachelor's degree in divinity at Africa University, bridging the gap for those who couldn't afford university education after completing secondary school. Education is invaluable, and a gift of \$114 allows a child to attend school for a full term (three months). Additionally, we're working to reinstate our vocational training institute,

empowering youth and women with practical skills for self-reliance and sustainability in business. Introducing the Rev. Dr. Patience D. Kisakye scholarship, a tribute to our co-founder. We're raising funds to sustain this scholarship, honoring Dr. Patience's legacy of impacting lives through education. The scholarship supports deserving students from less privileged backgrounds who share her commitment to community service, leadership, and academic excellence. Your contribution makes a meaningful impact on this cause close to our hearts. Thank you in advance for supporting the Rev. Dr. Patience Memorial scholarship fund and continuing her positive influence on generations to come.

Clean & Safe water

In Uganda, 83% of the population, around 38 million people, faces the stark reality of lacking access to clean water. Families endure arduous journeys of over 9 miles to contaminated water sources shared with animals. To combat this crisis, a transformative initiative involves strategically drilling water wells and boreholes, improving community hygiene and fighting waterborne diseases.

Since 2013, this initiative has made strides, establishing four boreholes and seven water wells in villages like Namunkanaga, Kigulu, Katebo, and Nakabango. Over 10,000 locals now have access to clean water, reducing infections like diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid.

Beyond immediate health benefits, the initiative contributes to decreasing mortality rates linked to consuming unclean water. The positive ripple effect extends to improved overall well-being and health outcomes, offering solace to families previously burdened by waterborne illnesses.

While the financial investment for a borehole is \$8,124, its returns are immeasurable, providing clean water to over 1,000 families daily. This goes beyond monetary value, representing enhanced health, empowered communities, and a promising future.



These boreholes and water wells symbolize positive change, transforming communities from water scarcity to sustainability. The ongoing commitment not only quenches the immediate thirst for clean water but also nurtures community roots, fostering resilience, health, and hope for generations. The pursuit of clean water transforms from a necessity into a beacon of transformation, underscoring the profound impact of addressing fundamental needs in the quest for a healthier, more equitable world.

Missions & Volunteering

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Divine Hearts Foundation facilitates several life-changing opportunities for those who would like to volunteer both as individuals and as a team. Choose one of the options below, to volunteer and contact us when you're ready.

1) Individual

Individuals are invited to volunteer with Divine Hearts. Applications are accepted based on current opportunities. Contact our office on email: care@divineheartsfoundation.com for more information

2) Group

A person can form a group of people with similar interests to come and volunteer with us at Divine Hearts.

Divine Hearts Training Institute

We are taking the initiative to re-open our education and life skills training institute (Divine Hearts Training Institute) which will help in addressing challenges of lack of income as well as unemployment among the youth and other vulnerable groups of people. DHTI will train and teach practical life skills that will enable women & youth to become self-employed and self-reliant. The school will offer certificate and diploma courses operating under the guidelines and mandate of the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Uganda.



Be the change Mobile Clinic

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Kigulu Village (131 Km) EASTERN UGANDA

This is a mobile medical care program where we offer medical services to the people in need. This year we are reaching out to people of Kigulu village, Iganga district as we offer malaria treatment, we will also distribute:

**First Aid Kits | Mosquito Nets | Sanitary pads
Dental Checkup & Treatment | HIV Testing & Counseling**

Be the change Mobile Clinic



In the past, we have had up to three mobile clinics, aiming to provide medical supplies, treatments, and examinations to locals who often travel long distances to reach the nearest health center. "Be the Change" is a mission-driven mobile clinic program, inviting volunteers with diverse skills—religious leaders, medical practitioners, teachers, and athletes to offer their expertise in helping the people of Kigulu village, Uganda. After our last clinic in 2017, we took a break but we are now reopening sign-ups for individuals eager to share their talents and make a difference in Uganda.

Other ways to get involved

You can also get involved through contributing to any of the ingoing fundraising projects.

Project	Project Details	Amount Needed
Sponsorship in education	Raising tuition and scholastic materials for the students in need	\$33,516
Provision of Clean & Safe water	Drilling & construction of water wells & boreholes	\$8,124
Land for a community resource center	The community center will hold. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A church - Pre-school/Kindergarten - Library - First aid dispensary 	\$27,340
The laptop/Computer project	Computers to support the Uganda office team & the Vocational Institute	\$3,361.3
Divine Hearts Training Institute	Revival of Divine Hearts Training Institute	\$ 16,351
Support to the Uganda office	Gratitude/Renumeration	\$17,574.10

We are a 501(c) 3 Tax Exempt organization. Gifts and donations can be sent to our office on the address below;

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Pictorial



Conducting a Hairdressing Class at Divine Hearts Training Institute



Tailoring, Fashion & Design Class at Divine Hearts Training Institute



Distribution of Food to single young mothers at Nalufenya Hospital, Jinja



Teaching Liquid soap making at Divine Hearts Training Institute