

black buffalo global missions

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As we near the end of 2024, I can report that much has been accomplished at our Village of Joy. Last year at this time, we were concerned about the future of our high school students. A letter had been given to us from the Ministry of Education explaining that without a separate high school, our HS students would be done.

For over 80 high school students, the news brought many to tears. After speaking with Pastor Kavuma, I suggested we take the step of faith and start building. We could begin with digging the trenches for the foundation and laying the bricks we had already made. We would believe God to supply the need.



In December of 2023, the finances started to come in for this new project. It is with much joy that we can report that in June of 2024, our high school students moved in! We still needed to complete the outside and add power, but the students were able to use the school. We now have six high school classrooms. All total there are 18 classrooms at our Village of Joy. We have come a long way since Ray Wilson Jr. was there in 2015!

In October, 8 of our high school students left for three weeks to take government exams. This is a requirement for all high school students in grade 10. We are thankful we had the funds to cover the cost of their trip, exams, and accommodations. We will find out the results of those exams in the new year.



In early November of 2024, we were able to send most of our high school students to a Gospel Outreach in Kampala. They enjoyed this special time gathering with other youth from Kampala. Lives were touched and our youth were blessed.



Our children are doing well. They come from such poor conditions with only a very impoverished single parent or no parents. Our YouTube channel, Black Buffalo Global Missions, has a few interviews of some of these children. You can also find a link to our YouTube channel on our web page, blackbuffalo.org under media. I am so thankful we have a place for these children where they receive wonderful care, an education, and learn about God's love.



Just recently we had another nurse leave the VOJ. We are required to have a full time nurse, and it's not always easy to find one. The good news is that for the past few years one of Pastor Kavuma's daughters, Peace, has been sponsored for nurses training and has just completed it. She is our new nurse!





Things are going well at the Village of Joy. Unlike last year, we have been able to meet our monthly needs of food and covering staff pay. We were also able to fix our well that had been giving us problems. The well was dug deeper, and a new pump was installed. Thank you for your faithful giving! Even in these difficult financial times, your partnership enables us to do what we do in Uganda. As we near the end of this year, it would be great to complete some of our unfinished projects. Our high school still needs a few things done to be completed. We need to paint the inside and outside (around \$3,000 USD), complete the electrical wiring and hook up electricity (\$1,400 USD), and finish the outside walkway at (around \$1,000 USD).

After completing our high school, we will be looking at upgrading our kitchen. A new kitchen will cost around \$6,500 USD. This will be a great blessing as our existing kitchen (basically a small room with three small burners) is very small and not able to accommodate the large pots and tables for preparing the food. All work is done outside and the wood (which is expensive to buy) burns fast with open fires. Next year, 2025, we are planning two trips to Uganda. One on the last two weeks of March and the other in late November. If you are interested in joining us for any of these trips, please send me an email asap. The cost for a trip is around \$3,000 USD, which includes flights, hotels, and food. I have more information for anyone interested in going.

As we end 2024, can I encourage you to consider a special financial gift that will help us finish well and give us a good start to the new year? Your financial gift can also be used to help with Income Tax reduction. What a blessing that is to many of us!

In closing, I want to remind you again to check out our web site at blackbuffalo.org, our Facebook page at Black Buffalo Global Missions, and our YouTube channel at Black Buffalo Global Missions. If you 'like' and subscribe to our YouTube channels, you will get the latest updates with these short videos we post every few weeks.

Thank you for partnering with BBGM, your generosity is making a huge difference in the lives of hundreds. May God richly bless you!

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