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MISSION STATEMENT

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field.
Grow a prayer lifeline to nurture their spiritual, physical and economic needs.

GOD IS FAITHFUL!

By John 2019, 2020 Harvester's Scholarship Award Recipient

In 2001, along with many Northern Ugandans, I suffered the murder of all my family under the violent slaughter of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). I was orphaned at age 8 and lived on the streets of Kampala for 4-1/2 years. Afterward, God led me to Agape Christian Children's Center where a midwife at UNM Hospitals sponsored, educated and supported me spiritually the whole time. I graduated from Uganda Christian University (UCU) in 2016 with a B.A. in Economics and Management. At UCU, God gave me His favor, I was elected to serve in the Student Guild as a Honorable Member of Parliament representing a department of about 3000 students. I also served in various leadership positions including Mobilizer of the UCU Teso Development Association (Teso - Nilo-Hamite people of eastern Uganda). In spite of all the extreme difficulties, God gave me endurance and gratitude of heart that shined even in the darkest of times. Psalm 40:1-3 (King James Version) "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." is my story. I thank God for remembering me, and I am fully sold out to Him, to the service of Him, and to see that His Name and goodness is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Ministry call

In my last semester at UCU, God awoke me one night, He reminded me of how He spared my life from death, utter darkness, hopelessness, danger on the streets, and how He lifted me up to a place of hope and purpose. I heard God calling, "Son, for all the wonderful things that I have done in your life, come and serve me in any volunteer position in my house as a means of giving thanks to me." Next morning, I awoke up with a hunger to serve the Lord. I went to the UCU chapel where I found Spirit-filled people; they encouraged me to serve with them as one of the Chapel Wardens at UCU Chaplaincy. There I, along with other volunteers, scrubbed the dusty chapel floors every Saturday night preparing it for Sunday services.

Ministry experience

During that time, I together with a group of about 70 local missionaries traveled twice to remote villages in Uganda preaching the gospel and serving the poor. This is where God deepened His calling for me to proclaim the Gospel and promote the ministry of justice and compassion.

After graduating from UCU, I joined Watoto Church where I served as a church usher, in the area of finance, and hosted small groups in the apartment.

Next, God opened up doors for me to come to the United States to study. My application for F-1 VISA was declined three times without reasons. The Holy Spirit whispered to me how God had a plan to use me in America to bring many to His Kingdom and led me to pray and

fast as I sought only to know God and His sovereign will for my life. My guardian and her friends prayed for me also. When I returned to the Embassy the 4th time, I was overwhelmed by God's Presence; the heavenly multitude was all around me (Heb 12:1). Instead of being treated like a "street boy", I was welcomed like a king and got my visa. To God alone be the Glory! God used "the VISA trial" to birth a ministry where I started to write Spirit led online daily devotions to hundreds of people. Over 52 people had come to know Christ and thousands of people throughout the world were encouraged daily to fix their eyes on Jesus the author, perfecter, and finisher of our Faith.

I came to University of New Mexico (UNM) to pursue a master's degree in Economics with a desire to serve the poor in my country. During my first year, God continued to direct my whole being towards full service of Him. I took a Christian Scriptures class expecting to learn more about God. The professor was an atheist and he defamed the Word of God. My heart broke, burned and protested with Scriptures that reveal God's truth. I was given an assignment to present Romans 7:7-25. The Holy Spirit moved me, I prayed in class with students and explained the need for a Savior. Students listened and applauded many times. Joel approached me after the class. He along with other students wanted to study God's Word with me. We started a weekly Bible Study. Joel gave his life to Jesus Christ. At UNM, God revealed to me the void in people's lives without Christ. Even in the midst of economic prosperity, people are empty and perishing.

From there, He guided me to Trinity International University (TIU) pursuing a Master's degree in Divinity. By God's grace I will start my third year

this Fall. God has given me several opportunities to go to nearby colleges to share the good news and I have witnessed God saving many lives through me. God also gave me an opportunity to lead and spiritually mentor a team of 11 international student leaders as President of TIU Fellowship of International Students. This has been a rich multi-intercultural-dimensional training ground as I have learnt a lot how to interact, communicate and incarnate to meta-socially, to different cultures with a Kingdom purpose. This will help me with the work of global missions and evangelism.

Commitment to the gospel mission

God called me to a lifetime missional ministry. He has given me passion, gifts, and talents to be a missionary and an evangelist who shares the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ everywhere I go. With God's grace I am committed to do this till my very last breath.

By the grace of God, I together with my Mom and other believers in Christ have started a nonprofit charity organization called "Christ Child International" and a church in Uganda called "Divine Church International." Through them, we want to bring the Gospel and hope of Christ to the poor among the poorest. And save children and families from chronic poverty in Uganda and across the globe.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation	\$60,057
Expenses:	
Scholarship Distribution	\$53,000
Office Expenses	\$ 195
Total Expenses	\$53,195
Excess	<u>\$ 6,862</u>
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 19,452
Mutual Fund	\$861,800
Total Assets (as of 6/30/2019)	\$881,252

Board of Directors

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"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10:2