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# Eagles Wings Children's Village Newsletter



## Scripture Union Camp in Kako

### Information

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> –  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August  
2015

Total expense for each  
participating student comes  
to – \$23

Which includes the fees for:

Camp registration

Mattress

Transportation

&

Food

Please help us raise funds to  
send our family children to  
this event!



## A Success Story – Paul Batcher

Paul Batcher came into our lives shortly after we first arrived in Uganda in 2002. When we traveled into Masaka town from where we lived in Kako by Boda Boda or truck we were introduced to Batcher when he and his close friend, Christopher, came begging for money. They were two street kids. Batcher was around 9 years old and Christopher a little older. (Read more of Batcher's success story on page 3).

### Praises:

- We have completed construction on our new library, senior 4 classroom, and 2 science labs which completes our O level
- Money to repair hut roofs
- Discipleship training for staff and family children on biblical manhood and womanhood

### Prayer Requests:

- Planning for the vocational school
- Purity among our family children and students
- For all of our family children to desire to live a life that honors God
- God's provision for future funding for the higher level education programs

## More News...

### Classrooms For Africa

We want to issue a warm public thank you recognizing Classrooms for Africa for their donation of two science labs for our Eagles Wings high school! With the completion of these two labs we have all the requirements for our O level of the high school!



### Birthday Celebration

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrated all our family children whose birthdays fell in the months of January, February and March! It was a very nice event with cakes and presents for the children. Soon these children will not be children anymore!

### An EWCV Clothing Drive

Attention, attention! This is not your usual kind of clothing drive! We want to provide our family children with a few new outfits. Unfortunately with our location, you can't just send us your unwanted clothing. So, if you are interested, we are asking that you send cash donations earmarked towards "Clothing Drive". Or, you may be able to sell your unwanted clothes to a consignment store and send the proceeds to EW towards the clothing drive.



### Canada Revenue Information

Here is a link to a page in Canada Revenue that shows how each of our dollars is spent. We are blessed to have a great administrative team in Canada that keeps our expenses there at a minimum.

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/lstngs/menu-eng.html>

## A Success Story – Paul Batcher cont...

... We soon realized that Batcher was totally deaf. Christopher had another problem to deal with. When he was living with his aged grandmother she tortured him so that he lost most of his fingers and spent a year in hospital where the doctors tried to help him with his hands. Batcher would make loud noises when begging and would hold his hands out for money. The boys watched closely for us when we went shopping to see if we had any change.

One day we came into town to shop and sensed that it was very quiet on the streets – no Batcher nor Christopher. I looked over by the steps of the shop we were to enter and saw Christopher leaning against the building outside sitting on the sidewalk with heavy perspiration running down his forehead. His eyes were closed. Nearby Batcher was sitting on the steps. I ran to some clinics nearby to find a doctor but with no success. I decided to find a taxi and take Christopher immediately to see Dr. Jjun Ju who was our personal doctor. When I woke Christopher up I took him to the taxi and then found Batcher jumping in behind us. He wasn't about to be left behind.

Dr. Jjun Ju tested Christopher to find out that he was suffering from malaria. He had also noticed Batcher coughing and we had him tested and he was also sick needing some treatment. The doctor gave us some medication for the boys to take. I soon realized that if I returned the boys

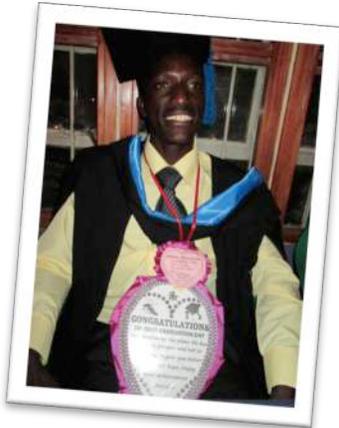
to the streets that they would have nobody to monitor the times and amounts of medications to take. They would also not have any clean drinking water.

I phoned home to Ann and explained the situation. There was no place for me to take the boys other than home, at least until they were both better. Ann agreed that we take them into our home. We were not prepared but managed to have them sleep on the two living room sofas. The boys were bathed and given some clean clothes.

They were given three good meals each day and they responded quickly to getting better. By the end of the week, they were better and we had to decide what to do with them. They were using the furniture as if the couches were trampolines.

Christopher couldn't speak English and Batcher couldn't speak period. We were indeed frustrated wondering what to do. We prayed to God to help us as we didn't want to return the boys to the streets. We needed His direction and intervention. We needed help!

Each evening around suppertime the boys became anxious and their personalities changed. A friend of mine explained it to me. He said that at that time of each day the boys must have wondered if they might be able to find something to eat. Perhaps they had gone all day without food. Also, they would wonder where they would sleep. Maybe they could find some cardboard to sleep on in the back alley by a shop. Perhaps they would be bothered at night by bullies. While they were with us they had security, three meals each day, and a place to sleep without being bothered.



## A Success Story – Paul Batcher cont...

That Friday when we were going to take the boys back to the streets, our young friend, Allan Kisakye, turned up with his bike. He had completed his Senior Six schooling and needed a place to stay. We told him that indeed he was welcome to stay if he agreed to be responsible for the two boys full time 24/7. Allan wanted to begin studying to become a Social Worker and this would be his first practical challenge.

We worked out a daily routine whereby Allan would work at the kitchen table each morning after breakfast to assist the boys with drawing and coloring pictures. Our livingroom wall became an art gallery displaying the new art work. Christopher soon found out that with the couple of short stubs on his hands that he could do some art work. Each day Allan also took the boys walking in every direction from our home into the villages sharing the gospel message with the villagers and even to the nearby prison. When evening came, they returned home quite tired from all the walking and were very hungry. They were happy to be in bed early after Allan prayed with them.

Soon we made contact with new Danish friends who had come to Uganda around that time. They were starting a home for children and one of their Danish sponsors offered to sponsor our two boys along with the other eleven children he was sponsoring. The day came when the team came for our boys and we had to release them into their care.



By this time we had bonded with them and hated to see them leave us. However, we knew that this would offer new opportunities for the boys which we were not able to offer.

Since then, Batcher has attended several schools for the deaf. Things didn't work out for Christopher and he ended back on the streets, this time in the big city of Kampala. He had become rebellious at school and later

continued begging on the streets to have coins in his pocket. He also turned to drugs. Batcher on the other hand ended up being sponsored by another sponsor, Joan Davidson Voutour, who still is Batcher's advocate in life. She monitored his learning at a special School for the Deaf in Kampala. There the most important skill he learned was some

carpentry/woodwork. He completed three years training at the school and then was able through Uncle Paul to be able to work as an apprentice at a local woodworking shop here in Masaka. He rides his bicycle each day from Auntie Joan's place to the shop where he spends his day.

Recently, Auntie Joan planned a special celebration for Batcher to recognize his graduation from the school for the Deaf. It was a wonderful event which made us all quite proud of how Batcher has developed into a fine young man. He has had the opportunity to meet a man who is able to communicate with Batcher through signing. Also, Batcher has been able to connect with some of his relatives and to put the story together for us how he initially ended up on the streets of Masaka as a young boy. Well done, Batcher, and Auntie Joan.



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