



# Rescue African Children

The Children's Voice

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## What is the story of Rescue African Children? (REACH)

Rescue African Children or REACH is an African born, African led ministry from Uganda. Today, Uganda is experiencing peace under their current President, but past decades of leadership under those like the infamous Idi Amin and following close after, the AIDS epidemic brought devastation to the country's economy and the lives of their people. As is often the fruit of these types of wounds to a nation, the numbers of orphaned children and those with HIV reached into the millions. At this point, in the early 2000's the Lord broke the heart of a young pastor, Fred Tumwebaze over the plight of his country's children. He started locally in his hometown of Buwenge. He was blessed to be educated so he knew it's value to a young child. He also knew a school needed to provide some basic needs they were lacking in the poor community: a uniform (clothing), one warm meal (food), school supplies, and access to medical care. With this in mind, in 2002, Fred Tumwebaze started a school under a mango tree which would later become Omega School. But Fred, unable to meet the needs of the children under his care, sought the Lord's guidance. He had one contact in the US who had offered to host him. It was a way to get help for the children, and he felt his path was leading there. If he could procure some sponsors for the children in his school, he could better supply these basic needs and add greater numbers from the needy who were all around him. He made great sacrifices to follow the path the Lord had set before him, even selling his source of income, a cow.

Fred Tumwebaze has been faithful to his call to rescue the children. It is 2018 and there are over 500 students at Omega School but hundreds more have been educated in the last 14 years, going on to secondary schools and some college or trade schools. A library, school buildings, desks, a kitchen, a farm to grow food for the children and to raise chickens have all been provided through donations from sponsors. Fred's widow's mite sacrifice of his cow and his faithfulness to walk in the way divinely planned for him has blessed the innocents who suffered but now have a hope and a future. And, in the midst of this, he has both started and been Pastor to 2 churches while raising up 12 pastors to lead their own churches, who have sponsors as well.

This is a small summary and it falls short in reporting the years of beautiful kindnesses and generosity of the sponsors to REACH as well as struggles, misunderstandings, and cross cultural impasses. It cannot relay to the reader the hours Pastor Fred and his church gave to long nights of prayer and fasting to meet the challenges that felt insurmountable to mere humans. And it does little to impart the mercies and love that our gracious God poured out on Fred, REACH, and it's sponsors. But the story is not over. AIDS has not claimed its last victim and Uganda is still a poor and needy country. Who knows what the future holds for the country Britain called the "Pearl" of Africa. Christianity has been on the rise but the dangers to the children are still very real and present. Witch doctors and ritual practices have claimed children's lives as well as exploitation, war, and poverty.

It is REACH's hope to continue to rescue and give a hand to all children who are poor and needy. It is a great desire to build a secondary and vocational school so that Omega can take the children from nursery all the way to adulthood. It is REACH's desire to provide safe water and low income homes for the families of children, as well as income generating projects for the community. AIDS awareness is still a large priority because 83,000 contracted the HIV in just 2016. Uganda has a predominantly young population with adolescents constituting 24.3% of the population. 3% of adolescent girls 15-19 years live with HIV. So, school to school AIDS education to these young people is still a major activity for REACH. Thank you to Sponsors for continuing to extend a hand to our international brothers and sisters. Your efforts and sacrifice have saved and bettered countless lives.

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## Gifts received by March 10, 2018 allow for a timely transfer of funds to Uganda

**Fred Tumwebaze will soon be in the US....** Pastor Fred's arrival is imminent. His plane arrives in San Francisco March 8th. He will be in the Sacramento area until the 29th then he will be in Arkansas for 4 weeks and at the end of April, on the 26th. He will then be in LA area until the 29th. If sponsors would like to host Pastor Fred in their churches, bible studies, group meetings, or homes, please let us know, he still has availability. Pastor Fred will be speaking at Upper Room Community Church in Auburn CA at 10am on March 11th. He is also scheduled for William Jessup University's Friday 9am chapel. For more info or to host: email Sandy@rescueafricanchildren.org  
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