



Child Sponsorship & Community Development

Empowering orphans and vulnerable children at Acres of Hope Uganda

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## Beating Covid at Acres of Hope

As you know, the USA continues to experience major upheaval due to Covid 19. Parents are home schooling kids. Shoppers are hoping their favorite item is on the grocery store shelf. Each of us is deciding whether to wear a mask or not. We are finding new ways to nurture relationships from afar, thankful for technology! We are figuring out how to safely care for older loved ones. And the list just goes on and on. But we are full of hope that we will return to a new normal with the resources we need to meet these challenges and thrive.

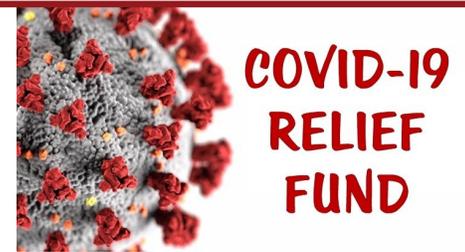
But those that we care for at Acres of Hope are facing far more upheaval than we can imagine.

- Curfews are strictly enforced preventing travel to work or to acquire food.
- Education consists of worksheet packets.
- Access to technology is limited so isolation, loneliness, and quality education are big challenges.
- People are hungry and desperate to grow food on their land as food distribution is illegal.
- And this list just goes on and on.

But our Acres of Hope friends are full of hope as they creatively find ways to meet these challenges! Let us tell you about a few examples. Our leader at AOH, Pastor Geoffrey, is performing modern day miracles!

- He is networking with local officials and being allowed to distribute food. The local officials are very appreciative of Geoffrey's willingness to share food with the most vulnerable community members in Nebbi and Pakwach in addition to helping all of the AOHU families.
- He is maximizing the output of the fishponds and farm at Acres of Hope, selling fish, vegetables, fruit, milk, and piglets to the local community and supplementing AOH income!
- He is making copies of the government-issued educational materials and making sure each student at Acres receives a worksheet packet. AOH teachers are reviewing the completed worksheets.
- Students who live close to AOHU are allowed to visit the campus (1 or 2 at a time) to write letters to their sponsors. This is thanks to Geoffrey's positive relationship with local officials.

**But he is 1 man and we can help him.**



We were overwhelmed with your initial offering to our emergency Covid 19 Relief effort. Rest assured that your contributions have literally saved people. We had hoped that this crisis would pass quickly, but President Museveni has not relaxed restrictions in Uganda. In fact, he is currently indicating that schools will not fully reopen until a vaccine is available. As we mentioned last month, Primary 7, Senior 4 and Senior 6 grades might return to school this year but President Museveni has delayed the return until at least July.

Your monthly sponsorship is a life line, but if you can give to our relief effort as well, we can ensure that the students are able to survive this and return to Acres of Hope healthy and ready to resume their studies. Please go to:

<https://aohi.reachapp.co/projects/a-o-h-i-covid-19-relief-fund>

**Every little bit helps; \$10 feeds a person for a month!**