

ZoomUganda Project Report

Support Education & Safety for Uganda Rural Girls

Dear Friends,

The girls and community of St. Andrews Senior Secondary School, Matala Uganda wish you a happy summer.

Term 2: The beginning of summer here in North America kicked off with the beginning of term 2 for the students at St. Andrews.

New Principal: The new principal Mr. Andrew Ssajjabbi is continuing to get up to speed with the school and our work with the young women of this community.

Advanced Levels (A-Levels): The Advanced level section (Senior 5 and 6 – these are the last two years of high school in Uganda) is up and running now; which will give the girls and boys of Matala an opportunity to continue their senior education, in preparation for universities and other tertiary institutions of higher education.



Before this, Matala only had Ordinary Level (O-Levels) education and meant that students had to apply to other schools after Senior 4 at Matala. Now they can finish their high school at Matala.

2013 A-Level Mock Exams: 2011's best student in Rakai district was from Matala. He is continuing to do very well at his A-Level at one of Uganda's prestigious college-prep schools in Kampala. He is supported by one of ZoomUganda's good friends and supporters. At the A-Level mock exams, which are preparation for the national A-Level exams, he earned 18 points, out of the maximum 20 points. Robert is well on his way of achieving his dream of going to university to study computer science. We know this dream was not possible for a kid from St. Andrews Matala 10 years ago. Our work there has opened these doors!

Sister School Matala Students Fall Visit to USA: Our partners at Southridge High School in Beaverton, Oregon have continued their generous tradition of a 24-hour student led fast in order to facilitate cross-cultural visiting programs and other development work at Matala. This fall, Southridge plans to bring student and staff representatives from Matala, Uganda to Oregon for the 3rd exchange of its kind. We are thankful to Southridge students and teachers who participate in the Sister School Club for this important work!



Fundraising for the Girls' Dorm Project: We are continuing fundraising efforts to start the next phase of construction of the Girls' Dorm and will be sharing updates in our reports as we make progress.

We kindly request that you continue to include the Girls' Dorm Project in your 2013 giving; because together we can change lives and make an impact that lasts for generations!

Gratitude: We continue to be filled with gratitude for the opportunities to; serve, connect two communities, make a difference in young girls' lives, make a difference in the trajectory of young people and the evolution of a community, and most importantly, **gratitude for you, our donors and supporters.** You have contributed your time and resources to ZoomUganda and to the Harambee Centre. We are always **thankful to you** for being a part of this journey.

DONATE TODAY! by clicking on the Give Now button below.

Thank you for your support. Wishing you and your loved ones a fun filled, giving inspired summer!

With gratitude from The ZoomUganda Team,

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