

Blue Lupin Community Library

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project Newsletter

Greetings! The Blue Lupin Community Library, like the flower after which it was named, continues to bloom and grow. We are excited to share with you the progress of an initiative that will help eradicate illiteracy and therefore, poverty in southwestern Uganda. More than 100 community members have utilized services that would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. We share their warmest gratitude with all of you.



If you were to visit the Blue Lupin Community Library today, you would find that the grounds have been consistently developed to create an inviting and accessible landscape that includes trees and flowers. The fencing, which will encircle the entire compound and include a sentry box for a security guard, is almost completely finished.

The library will be monitored by a local security company to ensure the safety of our community's valuable resource. The building is undergoing the final improvements by a local construction company. When the local economy receives a boost from the ongoing initiatives of the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project it is a transformative side effect.

Many of the rooms are completely furnished and the selection of available books continues to grow. We have stressed the importance of gathering books by Ugandan authors to encourage every reader with the possibilities that literacy can bring. There are many medical books available for our future doctors and nurses too. Soon, software will catalog all of the new books and make them easy to access for any visitor inquiring after a specific topic of interest.



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There have been two Dell computer systems purchased for use by library patrons. 18 computers have been connected on the same network so far, making managing the whole system much easier for our staff. Four people have completed computer classes teaching them how to use Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer and many more are interested in joining a class soon. We are also in the process of connecting the internet.



The people of rural Uganda will soon have access to information unlike ever before. This means a better education for students, more informed adults and greater knowledge of the world at large for all who visit the Blue Lupin Community Library!

We received special visitors in the month of September including the Founder and Executive Director of the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, Twesigye Jackson Kaguri. With Jackson came Fr. Tim from New Mexico who hosted Catholic services in the main hall for several local community members and other visitors to include four volunteers from New Mexico, Rev. Father Louis, Dean Makiro, St. Louis secondary school from Kambuga, St. Charles Lwanga and Nyaka children and staff. These events solidify the library as not just a learning center but a place for the community to gather together.



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Finally, we would like to announce the addition of Agaba Edmond to the Nyaka family. He has recently been hired as the Librarian at the Blue Lupin Community Library. Mr. Agaba is a well trained librarian with experience working in other libraries in Kampala, Uganda. A local from the area, Mr. Agaba has relocated to join our staff. We look forward to the growth and effectiveness our initiatives will begin to see with the arrival of our new librarian.



Join us in celebrating yet another milestone in our mission to break the bonds of poverty for the people of Uganda. We are serving more than 400 children who have lost either one or both parents to AIDS. We are consistently providing services for more than 7,000 Grandmothers who are now the single most important adult figure in the lives of the orphans we serve. We continue to build, grow, dream and take steps to see those dreams become a reality for those who need us the most. The future is bright and we hope that we will have the honor of your support for many, many years to come. Please take a moment to visit our new and improved website at www.NyakaSchool.org. The best is yet to come and we cannot wait to share it with you!

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