



Our mission is to provide quality, free education and extracurricular activities, to children who have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS as a means to counteract pervasive hunger, poverty, and systemic deprivation.

Graduation and P-7 Report

Nyaka Celebrates First Pioneer's Graduation!



On Sunday, December 28, 2008, the Nyaka AIDS Orphans School convened the school's very first graduation ceremony. Twenty-two students in striking cap and gown attire received their certificates from Nyaka Headmaster, Stephen Kagaba; Nyaka Founder, Twesigye Jackson Kaguri; and Nyaka International Board President, Robert Auld.

A crowd of approximately 200 was on hand to witness this monumental day for the Nyaka students and community.

The day began with a march around the community, probably the first march of any sort in the history of Nyakagyezi. The graduates led the march, followed by their fellow classmates from Nyaka and their sister school, Kutamba. The teachers marched along with many of the "mukaakas" (grandmothers) who are so instrumental to our entire organization, as they help provide a home to the Nyaka children.

In addition to the great news about our graduation, Nyaka also recently received the final test scores for our P-7 students. We are extremely proud to report that 21 out of our 22 students passed their equivalency exams to be eligible for Secondary School. This 95% passing rate is excellent compared to other rural primary schools in Kanungu District (20% passing rate).



Nyaka graduates marching around their community

Nyaka's work continues

As our new graduates move onto secondary education and other endeavors, we will continue to help them and provide support. All of our graduates must fulfill a service component as part of their continuing to be able to receive scholarship funds and financial support for their education.

Our hope is that all those attending secondary school will attend schools in neighboring districts to Nyaka .

the new school year begins in February 2009, we have a set of new 'pioneers' beginning their educational journey at both Nyaka and Kutamba Schools. Nyaka remains a full-fledged primary school with levels 1 - 7 while Kutamba now has levels 1 - 4. In all, almost 350 children will be enrolled for 2009. Our goal is continue our legacy of retaining nearly 100% of the previous year's students and to continue to build for a better future for the Nyaka and Kutamba communities.



Dennis with founder, Jackson Kaguri



Jonathan



Nyaka's Class of 2008 (pictured with Board President, Robert Auld)









How You Can Help

Become a sponsor for a deserving Nyaka graduate!

Consider it an investment in the future.

\$500 covers one year of secondary school and covers the following: tuition/room and board, mattress/bedding, suitcase, books, travel, uniform, shoes, and most importantly - a quality education!

For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.nyakaschool.org/graduation2008.php>