

Dear our friends and supporters,

In this month of Thanksgiving, We say, special Thank you for supporting COBURWAS to provide education, leadership and entrepreneurship to refugees and underprivileged youth in Uganda.

Our 2012 Calendar is based on the school Calendar for the 90 students living in the COBURWAS students hostels have gone back home after finishing their end of year examinations.

On November 16, 20 students who were in senior four (equivalent to grade 10) a level in which one has to take National examination to qualify for Advanced level. And on November 23, the 6 students who were in their last year of high school finished their National Examination. The other 64 students were in other classes (senior one to three) did end of year exams which are set by school. And they will go to the next level in the year 2013. COBURWAS also has been able to support about 8 students with interests in vocational education. These students have as well found it easy to go to school while accessing health services, accommodation and guidance through your support. This is a big achievement for COBURWAS, friends and to many communities in Africa. We are so grateful that you enabled us to make this happen.

Since 1997 the refugees in Kyangwali settlement did not have an opportunity to access high school education. In more than 10 NGO's operating in Kyangwali settlement only COBURWAS has been able to send a big number of girls and boys in higher institution of learning. We believe in education and we put it first in all that we do. By standing on your shoulders my friends and I (the COBURWAS leadership team) are providing education to the growing passionate leaders who will change communities in Africa.

In addition to starting farming projects, microfinance projects to support widows and orphans, our students are also going back to help set up more tutoring program to support and inspire more refugee children to do well in school and some of them are volunteering as teachers at our primary school. All this makes our management easy and less costly.

Any step we make in providing to a refugee girl or boy, it brings exponential changes to a larger community. At first we were called, "the refugees" but today we are becoming leaders, entrepreneurs and the agents of positive change. We now have hope and every day we are dreaming for a better Africa we build together because we are growing stronger because of your support.

It is very hard and impossible to precisely express how grateful for your big support. We pray with hope that God will continue to bless you.

For us to continue supporting youth, we need YOU, your friends, your family, your co-workers, church members, and neighbors to help us raise the required funds. This will not happen without you! Please tell your friends, family, co-workers, church members and neighbors. Ask them to invite 10 friends to give and tell them why you gave. Post the link on your facebook page, tweeting or emailing or anything else you can think of! Thank you again for allowing CIYOTA transform communities in Africa by preparing, developing, and empowering a unified group of young leaders to tackle the greatest challenges facing our communities.

With heartfelt appreciation

Joseph Munyambanza, Benson Wereje, Daniel Muhwezi, Bahati Marcel, Nziyonvira Ntakamaze and the whole COBURWAS family