



FUNDING WORKSHEET

Friends of TOUCH

Location: Calvary Primary School, Kitintale - Kampala, Uganda

Total Project Cost: \$20,900

Project Purpose:

Replace broken desks and chairs; add desks and chairs to serve additional children in the coming year; provide cupboards for storage in classrooms.



Project Summary:

TOUCH Program is improving the lives of children in Kitintale, on the outskirts of Kampala, Uganda. In this urban slum area, most parents and guardians cannot raise funds to send their children to school. TOUCH is providing education, supplies, and two daily meals to over 500 children.

Many of the children are orphans. Some still have their parents, but family resources are not enough. Abject poverty here means children will not go to school without an intervention like the TOUCH program.

Our school, Calvary Primary, is badly in need of desks & chairs to replace the very old and dangerous ones now in use.



What is the issue, problem, or challenge?

We are providing education for 500 children, but there are not enough desks. Students sit 4 to 6 per desk, when desks are only designed for up to three students. This makes for distractions, fights, and poor performance.

The desks we have are dangerous. Their joints are loose and some have nails and splitting wood that can cut the children. The desks are wobbly and collapse, leading to classroom disruption and injury.



Many desks have been repaired multiple times, but they are now past the point where we can safely continue to use them. The benches are very dangerous because lose nails. Broken pieces cause accidents to both children and teachers. Sometimes children can be cut with the broken pieces.

Desks wobble and break because of their age and because they are overloaded. Six pupils are sitting at desks meant for 3 pupils. They squeezed 6 on the desk and this leads to frustration, poor handwriting, and sickness like flu, measles, and cough; which spread quickly when children are so tightly packed.

Class control is hard for the teachers because of the sitting arrangements. When children are seated 5 to 6 per desk, most times they are distracted and pushing each during their lesson.

How will this solve the problem?

By providing new desks, the learning environment and safety for students will be greatly improved. Students will not be jostling for space on a rickety bench. They won't be cut by nails or hurt when a desk breaks.

Our furniture replacement project is a TOUCH initiative towards improving the facility in which educational, emotional, social, nutritional and spiritual care is given to orphans and vulnerable children.



Potential Long-Term Impact

All students at Calvary Primary will have a safe place to sit and complete their assignments. We expect performance, discipline, and learning to improve. The children are eager to learn, and when they are given that chance, they do well, working to better themselves and their situation.

Testimonials:

"I wish to see TOUCH expanding and reaching to many in our community, because many families are suffering . . . but I trust you and Mama Sara can do it, because you caused joy in our family again." – Julius M., student

"Life became fine when we came to Calvary Primary through the help of the TOUCH. We were four children in the family, and we were all brought to school, given school uniforms and books. From then my studies haven been ok, also with my sisters."
Sarah N., student

Recent News:

In June, 2012: "Recently we managed to purchase 45 chairs for baby class!"

Project Cost:

Desks for 500 students (170 desks @ \$70) = \$11,900

Chairs for 200 students (200 chairs @ \$30) = \$6,000

Cupboards for each classroom (15 total @ \$200) = \$3,000

Total: \$20,900

Timeframe:

Funding is needed during the long school holiday, in the period November 1, 2012 to January 15, 2013, so the furniture can be purchased and ready for use in the new school year, which begins in February 2013.

Additional Information:

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