# LIBRARIES for the world

# September 2020

# **UGANDA**

The village of Abwanget is getting closer to opening its first community library! It's been one year since we started on this journey. We began with bare earth and homemade bricks. One year later, we have the foundation, walls, and roofing complete. Our crews have overcome excessive rain, bouts with malaria, and restrictions due to the pandemic. Thanks to your continued generosity, construction has progressed steadily and we are now getting ready to install doors and windows.





Before schools closed due to the pandemic, our organization found sponsors for Samuel's education. Schooling is not free in Uganda. If students' families cannot afford tuition, uniforms, and school supplies, then children don't go to school. We are currently seeking sponsors for more children. Read about two children wanting to attend school below. To sponsor or partially sponsor a child's education, donate at <a href="mailto:paypal.me/LibrariesfortheWorld">paypal.me/LibrariesfortheWorld</a> and add "child's education" in the note field.

Thank you from Samuel, recipient of an educational sponsorship:



RE : APPR	ECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT
given to n With our to extend At the mo with some But most through the	Johnit my appreciation for the support you have no with my beloved grandma.  Great heart feelings Pray to the almighty God to you all the world wide and heavenly blessings ment, lam at home with my grandma helping her domestic work  Of my time is being occupied by learning radio and television, since the covid-la
Out break	
	Yours sincerly
	Samuel,
	SAMOUEL .

## Pandemic relief

Some of the families that we have come into contact with have needed aid over the summer. While our main mission is to improve literacy, Libraries for the World is also approved to provide charity. We don't want to see families going hungry and are continuing to monitor the situation. The people of Uganda have endured one of the strictest lockdowns in the world during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Book drive through Usborne Books

Help us acquire more books for the library in Uganda by contributing to our book drive! There are 3 ways to get involved:

- 1. Shop for yourself at <a href="https://x8428.myubam.com/">https://x8428.myubam.com/</a> (U.S. only). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Libraries for the World.
- 2. Purchase a book for Uganda from our wishlist.
- 3. Donate funds using this form so that we can purchase books from Usborne.

Thank you for helping us put books in the hands of children in Uganda!

### **GUATEMALA**

We might be in the middle of a pandemic, but that hasn't stopped the work. This month, we sent one large box of books and educational materials to the Miguel Angel Asturias Academy in Quetzaltenango. The box also contained several Samsung tablets and iPads that had been donated for the school. School buildings remain closed, but teachers at the Academy continue to work and teach through online schooling. Because many families are struggling economically,

the school has been distributing food baskets to families in need. Many families are also struggling to pay tuition, which leads to the school struggling to pay its teachers. If you would like to help with either feeding hungry families or paying teachers, donate at <a href="mailto:Paypal.me/LibrariesfortheWorld">Paypal.me/LibrariesfortheWorld</a> and make a note "for Guatemala."



We continue to collect books in Spanish for the homework help center in San Antonio Aguas Calientes, which we are helping to organize into a community library. Check out our <u>Amazon wishlist for Guatemala</u> and donate a book today!

### THANK YOU

The people of <u>Highpoint Fellowship</u> in Cedar Park, Texas held a book drive in July and donated almost 400 books! The church also donated funds to help complete the roofing on the library building in Abwanget, Uganda.

<u>Half-Price Books</u> of Round Rock, Texas donated 4 boxes of children's nonfiction books and picture books!

