



# GRACE WORKS INITIATIVE Newsletter 2019



- *9,816 Patients Treated*
- *70 Pregnant Mothers on ANC*
- *100+ Youths Empowered*
- *...and more*



## Who We Are

Grace Works Initiative (GWI) was founded in 2013 in Uganda and registered as a not for profit Non-government organization (NGO) in 2014, with a mandate to promote healthcare to marginalized communities in Uganda. We focus on mobilizing and empowering communities to carry out activities in areas of; improving primary health care, health education, enhancing food security, providing clean and safe water and sanitation, managing feminine health, malaria awareness, and HIV/AIDS.

## Our Vision

*To see a World of  
Healthy Communities*

## Our Mission

*To promote rural access  
to life-saving healthcare  
in Uganda through  
provision of health  
structures and integrated  
development  
interventions*

## Our Core Values

**Hard Work**  
**Growth**  
**Family Priority**  
**Dreaming Big**  
**Integrity**  
**Respect for God**



# Welcome



*We have the pleasure to present to you Grace Works Initiative's 2019 Newsletter  
This year has been filled with activities, excitement and energy as our team worked diligently to contribute to healthcare development in Uganda.*


*We acknowledge your important role thus far, in supporting GWI. Also, we acknowledge the role of our International Partners, the government of Uganda and local stakeholders in shaping the success story of our Organization.*

*We pray that the updates and information contained in this Newsletter is a useful insight for you to learn more about our activities so as to work together.*

*Wishing you an insightful reading!*

GRACE NAKAJJE  
GWI, CEO

## GWI STRENGTHENING INTERNAL CAPACITY IN 2020



*"We are not looking at GWI like an ordinary organization, but as a transformational ministry" says Grace Nakajje, GWI CEO, and answering the following questions.*

### Why strengthen internal capacity?

When we moved our head offices from Kampala to Bukomolo at the beginning of this year, I and my team decided to become listeners rather than doers. Our efforts have been much directed towards listening and learning from the communities - about their needs, their feelings and their capability to improve their living. These people have skills, abilities, and resources of which, when correctly utilized, would become sustainably beneficial in their personal lives, for the growth of their communities and the country as a whole. This has therefore, given us

direction to put up resources to increase our internal ability to serve better. We are starting with modifying the facilities within the clinic. We are installing pumped running water, building a canteen – to serve the community and the staff, a kitchen and offices for youths and putting up a cycle packing shade. This will enable a conducive environment for the staff to work comfortably and at the same time to enhance the community's ability to envision and take action on all our projects.



## Why Bukomolo village?

Bukomolo village became the centre of our interest in 2015 where we built a medical health facility. People walked at least 10 miles to the nearest clinic. Children and pregnant women suffered most and many died helplessly. Worse, this village is located in Kibuku district, a very remote place and among the districts in Uganda with 70% poor health system performance (MoH). The district has only one sub-district hospital.



## The Expense Plan for 2020?

Medicines & lab Supplies	- \$10,440
Construct pumped Water System	- \$9,234
Construct Canteen/kitchen	- \$9,639
Construct Cycle shade	- \$1,190
Operation	- \$ 7,718
Youths Empowerment	- \$937
Staffing	- \$22,553







## Connect with Bukomolo Youths



*In February this year, GWI launched a Youth Programme and it happened as a result of receiving agriculture equipment - hand walking tractor, groundnut Sheller and grinder that were donated from Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville AR. This programme however, has expanded to bring together young people to actively participate in improving the social, economic and environmental conditions around them.*



*These are youths struggling with drunkenness and substance abuse. They have grown seeing their parents do the same, many suffer depression because of conditions of polygamy in their families. In such families there is domestic violence, incest, child abuse and neglect, indiscipline, and forced marriages which are limiting many of them to even stay in school.*

# Connect with Bukomolo Youths

## Brick Making Project

We are engaging the alcoholic youths in brick making as an empowerment activity to help them realize income as they get rehabilitated. But the project is also part of the campaign to build Bukomolo clinic patients' kitchen, and canteen in 2020



## Horticulture training

The youths are enthusiastic to learn so that they can do the same in their homes and improve life.



## Sports

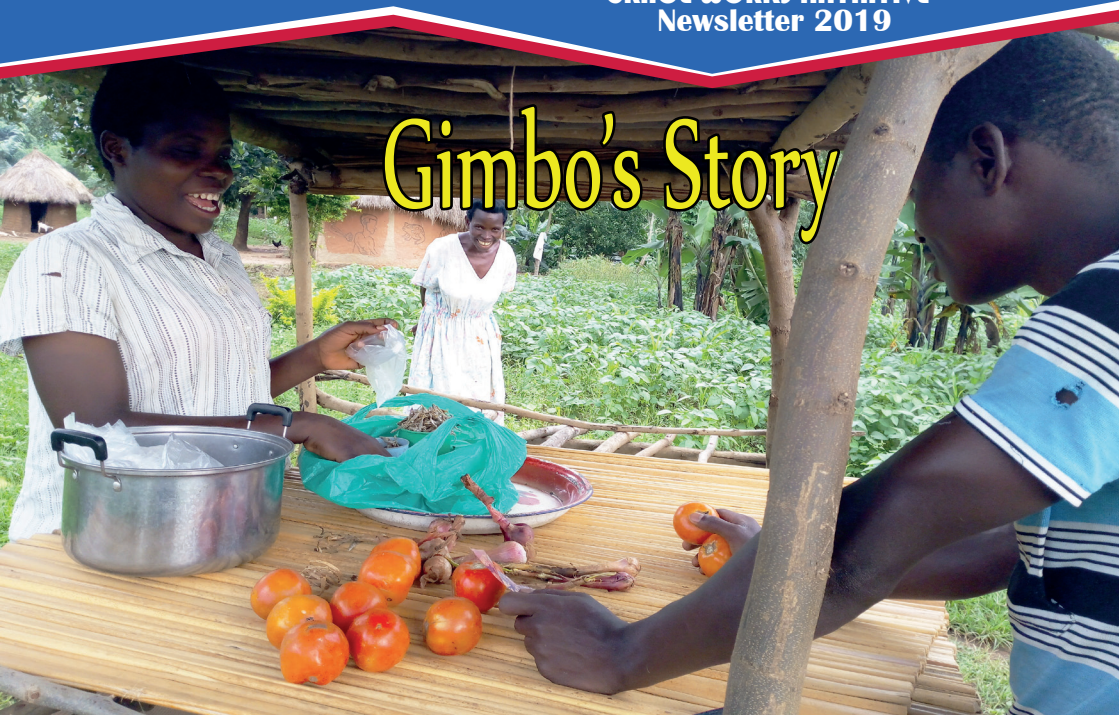
Sports is bringing the youths together where GWI freely shares with them on; shaping their personal discipline, learning to get along with others, dealing with the pressure of drugs and indulging in sex.

## Great Potential

We're looking ahead to engage Bukomolo Youths in many other Empowerment programs, we are open to partners who can invest in these youth in self job creation skills in Bakery, tailoring, carpentry, hair dressing, crocheting, metal fabrication and more...



# Gimbo's Story



19 year old Gimbo Elizabeth dropped out of school three years ago because she lacked school fees. She was only 11 years when her father died from HIV/AIDS. The mother is also HIV Positive. Her mother's condition however is a nightmare. "My friends shun me because they believe I have HIV/AIDS like my mother. Our relatives also grabbed our land that our father left for us because they regard us hopeless." GWI staff learned about Gimbo's situation when she worked in GWI farm in Bukomolo. Gimbo wanted capital to start a business to support her family. "I am grateful to GWI for empowering me in spite of my mother's condition. My business is growing every day. In addition to tomatoes, I sell silver fish, onions and vegetables. With my business savings, I too dream to learn tailoring as a skill", says Gimbo. GWI through various projects is creating opportunities for individual, groups and household to boost their livelihoods.





## Emma and David's story

*Emma and David are brothers but born from different mothers. They live in Bukomolo village. Emma is 16 and David 15 years old. Their father has three other women in addition to their mothers. Emma and David are the eldest children. Because of the polygamous condition of their family, these boys are the bread winners for their home. Their father's alcoholic condition forced them to drop out of school. Emma was in Primary Five and David Primary four.*

*Emma and David however learned to operate the GWI hand walking tractor. "We are proud of GWI for employing us and for putting a smile on our faces"*

# Morbidity Aid for Bukomolo Clinic

*Opening Bukomolo Clinic was exciting especially knowing that the delay gaps of access to medical facility, and access to physicians were solved. However, as time goes-by there is increasing demand of helping sick people and pregnant women to reach faster at the clinic. This year we embarked on strengthening our capacity to facilitate our team especially the medical staff with the quickest means to conduct home care visits, immunization, education, and patients' follow-ups. We are also looking out to mobilize for an ambulance at Bukomolo Clinic to ease on the ever increasing emergency transport calls for referral-ins and out.*





# Honoring Voices of Women



*One of the favorite things at GWI is the excitement of seeing women come to us to share their stories as they struggle to support their families.*

*There is nothing as fulfilling as watching them rise out of the brokenness of situations surrounding them to achieve their dreams for happy endings. These are women who are single mothers, widows and some are young girls who got pregnant by irresponsible men. They work hard to provide food, dress their children, pay school fees, pay medical bills and at the same time organize shelter.*

*This year, we started counseling lessons at the clinic on family matters and connecting their families with care.*



## Maternal intervention in Bukomolo

*Lakeri Kageni is 26 years old and a mother of two children. Her first child was born in November 2017 and the second in January 2019, both safely delivered at Bukomolo Clinic. This means Lakeri has given birth to her two children within 14 months.*

*The clinic is registering many mothers of conditions similar to Lakeri. Tradition in this community has that 'the more children a woman has, the more she gains favor and protection from her husband'.*

*These women however solely bear the burden of pregnancy with limited support from their husbands and still it is their responsibility to feed, dress and finds medical care for their children.*

*We're now strengthening our maternity services at the clinic to deliver more benefit on general health of women and promotion of good social support to involve men and other family members to effect proper decision making.*

*We are ensuring that individuals and couples have the necessary information needed and services to plan the timing, number and spacing of pregnancies in addition to seeking antenatal care, post-partum follow-up, health education on pregnancy, breast feeding, and nutrition.*



# Morgan Needs a wheel chair to go to school

*When you meet Morgan, the first thing he asks for is a Hi-5. He lifts his right hand for you to tap. After, he will ask you for a book and pencil. But Morgan is not in school although he is 7 years old. He is lame. He suffered from hydrocephalus and spinal disorder which severely affected his limbs. Morgan wants to go to school but he has difficulties to walk. He can only crawl. His mother Naguti Logose says, the condition of her child forced her to run away from her husband's family because they regard her as a disgrace. She came to Bukomolo Clinic begging for help.*



*GWl has a Childcare Support Programme where children such as Morgan get connected to people willing to support them with medical consultation, surgery bills, medicines cost, wheel chairs, walking clutches and other basic needs. A gift of \$200 USD will buy Morgan a wheel chair so as to comfortably enable him to begin school*





## Thank You For Helping Baby Israel

*Baby Israel is three years and five months old. He was born premature and he suffered eye hemorrhage. He is now blind. This year, with support from Central UMC, Israel received a walker to assist his movements. Thank you for this help!*



## Thank You For Helping Baby Ronald

*Ronald Mboizi is 2 years and 10 months. GWI found him when he was only 8 months old and very sick. He is suffering from Hydrocephalus. Ronald is one of the children under our Childcare Support programme at Bukomolo Clinic.*

*We are so grateful for the financial support for Ronald's surgery from Connecting Kids with Care, USA.*



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