

# Introducing the Third Abaana New Life Choir – Who I am Tour

These wonderful children hail from the beautiful country of Uganda, often referred to as the 'Pearl of Africa'. They serve as ambassadors for their friends and families back home, sharing their stories through song and dance.

With 17 different tribes speaking over 40 languages in Uganda, this choir represents four of those tribes, communicating in six different languages. Many of these children couldn't speak English or even communicate with each other initially, but by the time they return to Uganda, they will be fluent English speakers.

These children were selected through auditions from schools built by Abaana across Uganda. Over the past year, they have diligently learned the program and are now thrilled to be on tour, ready to share their talents with you. Show them your support with enthusiastic claps and cheers!

We've named this tour 'Who I Am' because we firmly believe that all of God's children, regardless of the colour of their skin, educational background, age, or position in society, hold equal value and are equally loved. Poverty not only deprives children of an education and a future, but can also strip individuals of their identity and selfworth. We want everyone the choir encounters to know that you are loved and have worth!

Witnessing the choir's personal journey is inspiring. Initially, the children start their training quietly and reserved. Yet, as they spend time in Uganda and embark on this tour, they grow in confidence. Your participation, whether through clapping, singing along, or joining in, will continue to encourage them.

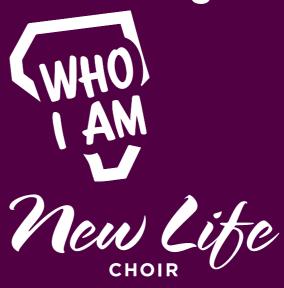
For these children, the tour is just the beginning of their journey. As you watch the children perform in concert, you'll agree that our wonderful choir is already making a significant difference. We are even more excited about the positive impact these children will bring back to Uganda.

Through this experience, they aim to secure sponsorship for themselves and potentially 300-500 other children. This support will significantly change their lives, marking the start of their 'Who I Am' journey.

# Thank you for being part of that journey!



## Introducing the







Akram
New Foundations Primary
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Anna Grace Atukubui Primary School PIN 16



Augustine
Kisole Baptist Primary
School PIN 8



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Rainey Summit View Primary School PIN 14

## **About Abaana**

Abaana is a faith based charity working to transform the lives of children living in extreme poverty in Africa. The word 'Abaana' comes from a Ugandan language (where most of our work is located) and means 'children! Abaana has just completed its 25th year of bringing hope to children in Africa, and the New Life Choir's 'Who I Am' tour is our 25th-anniversary celebration tour.

It has been an amazing 25 years, during which we have been blessed with support from many people across the UK, Ireland, and further afield. Over this time, we have recorded donations from an incredible 64 different countries. We have received support from schools, churches, and individuals, young and old, who have passionately given their time, money, and resources to help us fulfil our mission.

We have also met many children living in extreme poverty in situations that would break your heart. As we walk through these difficult journeys with them, we have shared experiences of joy and celebration, watching these young people in our schemes grow in confidence and competency, on their way to fulfilling God's plan for their lives.



Sande is now an accountant

To date, we have sent out over £8 million to projects in Africa, built 17 schools currently supporting around 7,000 children, and sponsored over 1,900



We are encouraged that globally we are making an impact. We used to say that 40,000 children die every day from hunger and preventable diseases, but today, that figure is closer to 16,000. In the year 2000, there were 900,000 people around the world who died of malaria (93% of these were in Africa). Twenty years later, this has dropped to 630,000. That's a drop of 30%. In the span of a generation, mankind has cut by 80% the percentage of people who are living in extreme economic poverty. Collectively, we are making a difference!

But what has been most encouraging is that in the last few years, we have met more and more young men and women who have been supported by Abaana. Sponsorship has given them a boost. They still have a lot of work to do. Simply graduating from school when you live in poverty is a challenge. There are many obstacles in the way, but now these young men and women are finishing in colleges and universities. They are fulfilling dreams of being musicians, teachers, and doctors, and they are working hard to get there!

Children like Sande Edwards, who was one of the first children we sponsored. He used to live with his grandparents, but they didn't have much money, and they struggled to survive. He remembered that as a child, he normally only got one meal a day, and there were days they even went without. With no money for school, Sande would walk around the village looking for ways to earn some money to get food and clothes. He would work in stone mines, breaking down the stones, just to survive.

Then one day, Sande came across some children sitting under a tree. As he stood and watched, the teacher invited him to sit down and join the class. He felt special. What he didn't know, however, is that a year later, Abaana was going to rebuild that school, and from there, Sande would get a sponsor. Sande's life would be transformed.

Fast forward 20 years, and Sande has now graduated from the university with a degree in Business Administration and Accounts. He works for Ediomu & Co, a leading accounting firm in Uganda, and has just completed his exams to become a Certified Public Accountant. We are very proud of Sande!

Abaana and our supporters are making a difference. We want to invite you to join with us to bring hope to more children over the next 25 years!

## **Summary of What Abaana Has Achieved**

Thanks to our amazing supporters, over the last 25 years we have been able to spend £8 million on projects in Africa including:

- Investing £4.5 million into children's education through Child Sponsorship
- £1.2 million has been invested into building projects, like the 17 schools we are partnering with, currently educating around 7,000

#### BUILDING



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providing 155 toilets at



tanks to improve access to clean water







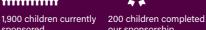
Around 7.000 children currently being

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#### **SPONSORSHIP**







Abaana built primary

#### **NEW LIFE HOMES & STREET REACH**



with 55 former street







64 boys have stayed at the New Life Homes for a short term before

#### **OTHER**





Over 870 people to Uganda on





during COVID lockdown

Abaana partners with S.U. and C.E.F. for resources and training for



Over 25 water wells across four

Over 270 people are regularly employed in Uganda because of our projects



Scripture Union (S.U.)/ Child Evangelism Fellowship (C.E.F.)



Over 2,000 bibles have been



7 of the schools have direct links or partnerships with churches on the

Category	Total
Child Sponsorship	£4,517,000
Building Projects	£1,612,000
Street Children and Children at Risk	£1,084,000
Other Projects	£354,000

Category	Total
Medical Projects	£110,000
Water Projects	£53,000
Education & Resources	£40,000
Relief and Family Support	£253,000
Total	£8,023,000

## **Harmony in Progress:**

### **A Journey with our New Life Choirs**

**By Scott Baxter** 



The first choir launched and toured in 2017, followed by Choir 2 in 2019. Six years on, these young children are growing up so quickly. It is always an emotional experience when I get to visit the children at school, and last September, when we visited, it was the first time we saw all three choirs together: the older Choirs 1 and 2, and Choir 3 in training.

As we met together in one of the classrooms, and watched all the choir children at different stages, it was so very clear to see the journey these new children would be going on. One of my favourite moments was watching the older children putting their arms around the younger ones. One of the girls smiled at me and said, "Don't worry, Uncle Scott, we will look after them."

Each choir has a shared experience—auditions, training, tour, moving school—which comes with many privileges but also life challenges. These common experiences bond the children in a way that we never imagined. They become a family, brothers and sisters, there to support each other, pray for each other, and encourage each other.

And it is so exciting to see these children develop. One of the boys from Choir 2, Kenan, came from a particularly poor background in the East of Uganda. When he first started the training, he

was so quiet and very shy. He struggled with English, which made communicating with the rest of the choir difficult. During the choir tour, we watched Kenan flourish and really come out of himself, but even though his verbal English was excellent, his background meant that he was behind in school. However, with the confidence he picked up with the tour, he set about applying all his new skills in the school environment and settled in really guickly. This year, he is sitting his Primary 7 exams and hopes for a top grade.

What maybe surprised us more, was that Kenan applied to be a prefect. The shy boy who hardly spoke in the training now wanted to be a leader of his peers. Kenan not only was elected to be a prefect, but was also awarded the post of president of the school. One of his choir colleagues, Brenda, said, "Kenan is so serious, and all the children respect him; anything he says, everyone will listen. We are so very proud of him."



Kenan as a Prefect

Kenan is one example of the choir children who are doing really well, but many of our children have leading roles within the schools. Last year, Adam was school president which means for the last two years the choir children have been leading their fellow pupils. This year, Brenda and Patricia are also prefects, while Derrick (pictured below) is the head of Senior Scripture Union.



The choir children now span across primary and secondary schools, and the oldest ones are now young men and women. As we met in that room and shared stories of the tour and laughed a lot, a young man clearly stood out as the leader of all the choir children. Derrick from Choir 1, who is the oldest of the choir children, was rescued from the streets. As he stood in the middle of the children and talked to all of them, encouraging them, guiding them, it was such a blessing to witness the transformation that God had brought about in his life. From a future of no hope, no education, no job, to a leader.

We are so thankful for everyone who makes the choir happen the Uganda team that brings the training and paperwork together, the UK team that sorts out the tour and concert logistics, and the partner churches and schools that host and support us.

We are so encouraged, because together we are making a difference in these children's lives and the wider communities.



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## **Impact Of Choir 2**

## Transformative Changes at St. Mary's School

By Jon Young (Abaana Board Member)



St. Mary's Primary School 2018

In 2018, I had the opportunity to visit St. Mary's Primary as part of a UK board trip to Uganda. Six board members travelled out to meet with staff and visit projects that we partnered with, alongside some potential new ones.

St. Mary's was one of four potential new schools. When we first arrived in 2018, it was hard not to be shocked at the conditions that both the teachers and the children were enduring in their shared pursuit of giving and getting an education – with limited or no teaching materials, facilities and only some small broken down buildings, that could not accommodate all the children attending. Kids were being taught under trees and were sitting on bricks in the mud. It is hard not to feel anger at this scene of depravation

playing out right before your eyes, but it stirs compassion in your heart. A desire to see improvement that will realise the provision of suitable, fit for purpose facilities, that will enhance the education prospects of these kids.

As we left the schools, it was humbling to see so much need, but at the same time we could not give an assurance to the community that their project would be funded.

Fast forward five years and I got the opportunity to return to St. Mary's. This school was one of the fortunate ones that received funding through the 2019 New Life Choir tour. In the last year it has undergone a remarkable transformation, evolving from a humble beginning under trees and temporary shelters to the brand new buildings and thriving school population.

As we pulled into the school grounds it started to rain. Not just a light shower. One of the heaviest and violent showers/ storms I have seen in Uganda. We quickly exited our 4x4 and ran inside one of the classrooms where, along with the children and teachers, we were protected and sheltered from the pounding rain and driving wind.

St. Mary's Primary School 2023



Atukubui Primary School 2019

As we stood in the safety and shelter of the new building and watched the rain pouring down and the trees bending to the strong winds, I asked some of the teachers a few questions:

**JON:** How long have you been teaching at St. Mary's?

**DANIEL:** I've been teaching at St. Mary's for over five years, primarily handling P6 and P7. I joined the school in 2018.

JON: What was the school like back then?

**DANIEL:** Initially, we taught the children under trees and within temporary shelters.

**JON:** Before you got the new classroom, what would happen if it rained like this?

**DANIEL:** It was challenging. Rain often disrupted classes, forcing us to send the children home. The temporary structures are vulnerable to wind and rain, making teaching difficult, particularly during the rainy season.

**JON:** How did you feel when you heard that St. Mary's had been selected for the construction of school buildings?

**DANIEL:** I was thrilled when I learned about the school's construction plans. It was delayed due to Covid, but during Covid, my fellow teachers and I continued teaching voluntarily outside, as large groups inside were not allowed.

**STEPHEN:** (Head teacher): When the construction began, the entire school community was elated to witness the realisation of our dreams. The local community fully supported the school, and they brought in many children. Over the past four years, the student population increased from 140 to 540.

**JON:** Why do you believe the numbers have increased so much?

**STEPHEN:** I attribute the substantial increase to the new environment and building structures provided by Abaana Ministries.

JON: Has the number of teachers also increased?

**STEPHEN:** Yes, we currently have 17 staff, up from nine in previous years. However, teachers must walk long distances to reach the school, so it is still a challenge without accommodation.

Thanks to funds raised through the New Life Choir and fundraising carried out by Abaana, two of the schools we visited on that trip have now been completed – St. Mary's Primary and Atukubui Primary.

The increased enrolment and improved infrastructure herald a brighter future for the students and teachers alike. This has only been possible because of the caring heart that sponsors, donors, and fundraisers have, when it comes to giving time and donations. This support fuels the transformational changes, such as those I was privileged to witness during my return visit to St. Mary's in September 2023.

Completed Atukubui Primary School in 2021

# **Leaving the Ninety Nine to Rescue the one**



One day, crowds came to listen as the Great Teacher began to speak. All sorts of people were there that day – old, young, professional, uneducated. They turned their ears to Him as He said, "Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it?" Luke 15:4

Just as a sheep wanders off and finds himself separated from his flock, a little boy called Akram found himself alone, separated from his family. With a rocky home life and colourful family history, he ended up homeless in Kampala. His five month stint living on the streets as a child was even rockier. Akram tells us that "people treat you badly when you live on the streets... I was even taken to prison." Akram was caught up in the wrong crowd, tarred with the same brush and life seemed to be spiraling downward.

When circumstances around us seem overwhelming, it is easy to wonder if life will ever change. Sometimes we get stuck in a situation and cannot see any way out.





Wandering sheep are in need of a shepherd who goes out and rescues the wanderers, those who find themselves lost.

Lauren Daigle puts it so beautifully in her song, Rescue.

"You are not hidden
There's never been a moment
You were forgotten
You are not hopeless
Though you have been broken
Your innocence stolen.

... I hear you whisper underneath your breath

I hear your SOS, your SOS
... I will send out an army to find
you

In the middle of the darkest night It's true, I will rescue you."

Abaana are excited to play their part in God's rescue mission and be part of Akram's story. He came to New Life Homes in early 2022 and has been taking steps to return to a normal life; going to school, regularly eating each day, making new friendships,

playing football and seeing the doctor when he feels sick. Akram tells us, 'I felt happy because I had everything I needed, my life was restored. At my school I even came second in my class! Thank you for giving me a new life.'

There are an estimated 15,500 children living on the streets in major cities across Uganda\*. These children are finding themselves trapped in the unforgiving cycle of street life, facing unimaginable challenges.

We will not rest until these children are offered the chance of a New Life. Through our outreach programmes and close connections with Uganda's social services, Abaana have identified children who will benefit from additional support to help find their family and forever home.

In last few months, Abaana has just rescued 20 new boys from the streets. The boys have entered into a safe and nurturing environment where they will be loved and cared for and taught about the unconditional love of God the Father. Each of them will be given a new bed, new clothing and fed three hot meals a day. They will visit the doctor, receive medical care and counselling to begin to process the trauma they have experienced.

This rescue mission aims at restoring hope to children who have lost hope of living a regular life. We will trace their family and work with them to restore broken relationships.

Partner with us in this rescue operation! All of the 20 new children will require a number of sponsors who are willing to pay £26 a month each.

For more information about how to support NLH, please email louise@abaana.org or visit the sponsorship desk at one of our concerts.

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<sup>\*</sup>Enumeration of Children on the Streets in Uganda across Four Locations. (By the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Uganda)

## **Schools Needing Funding**

According to the World Bank, a child in Uganda only completes seven years of education by the age of 18. However, actual years of learning are much lower, (4.5), because 2.5 years are considered 'wasted' due to the poor quality of education. For many children, they do not have access to a school building, so they study in unsafe temporary structures that more resemble cattle sheds. For many, they study under a tree.

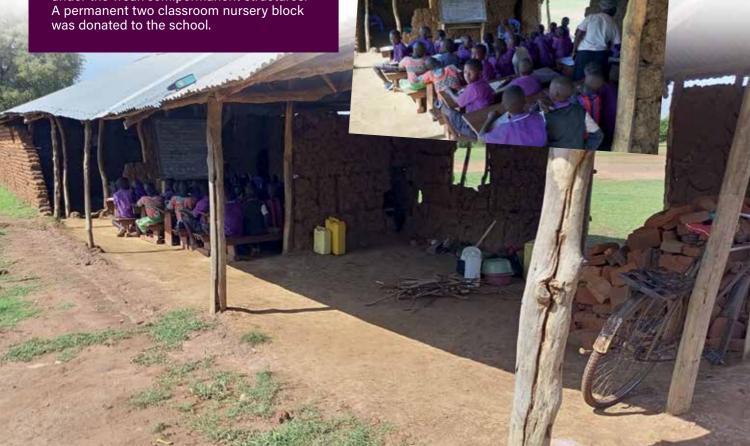
Abaana has now built 17 schools in Uganda, and over the last 25 years, we have estimated that 9,000 children have passed through these schools. Currently, we are educating 7,000 children alongside our partner schools. In September 2023, we visited two more potential schools for Abaana to partner with in the East of Uganda. We currently have four schools in this area, and we have just opened a new office for Andrew, who looks after these schools and the sponsored children in this area.

Through the choir tour, we hope to be able to fund some of the classrooms across these schools. The first stage of a school building project is to build two classroom blocks (seven classrooms plus offices), toilets, and to provide furniture costing around £90,000. Abaana is looking for partners who can help partially fund a school (e.g. a classroom at £10,000), fund a whole school, or fundraise towards the general building. Are you up for the challenge? If you would be interested in supporting one of these projects partially or in full, please contact the office on 02891 451918 or email info@abaana.org.

### **Kadoki Primary School:**

Kadoki Primary School is a community school under the Church of Uganda, situated on seven acres of land. The land is shared with Kadoki Church, in a village called Ngora, located in the East of Uganda. The school was started in 2013 after realising the high number of needy children that did not have access to education in the area. In total, there are 349 children at the school, studying in seven classes of primary under the weak semipermanent structures. A permanent two classroom nursery block was donated to the school.





#### St. Peter's Primary School:

The school is located in Kachango, 10.1 miles away from Pallisa town in the East of Uganda. The school started in 2012 after the local church saw the need for education in the area and the distance that many children were travelling to reach other schools. There is an active church on site where Christians congregate every Sunday. The whole land is roughly six acres. Classes range from nursery to primary seven with a total of 340 children, all studying in papyrus and mud brick classrooms. They have 13 teachers, with two qualified. The school is surrounded by a very needy community, evidenced by the quality of housing in the local area.









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# Go on a Life Changing Adventure with Abaana Teams



If you've got a heart full of love with a desire to make a lasting impact, you could be on the next unforgettable team, journeying to Uganda! Our team trips go beyond the ordinary and will quite literally, change lives.

Abaana Teams offer a unique opportunity to experience short term mission in East Africa. Whether you want to put your faith into action, meet with your sponsor child or are just eager to learn more about life in Africa, Uganda has so much to offer.

At the core of our mission trips is the desire to share the message of love and hope. Short term teams offer an opportunity to bring this message through delivering kids programmes at Abaana partnered schools, spending a day in the life of a sponsored child and their family and outreach on the streets of Kampala.

Most teams support the work of Abaana Uganda, getting involved in community development projects, building classrooms or building proper sanitation facilities, which leave a lasting legacy.

Prepare to be blown away by the hospitality of the Ugandan people. The Abaana Uganda staff will look after you so well! Each team has its own experienced local helpers who are passionate about Uganda, act as your interpreters and are committed to ensuring you have a safe experience. Get ready for warm smiles, heartfelt laughter, and friendships that transcend borders.

### **Ready to Join the Adventure?**



If you're ready to break free from the ordinary and embark on a journey that goes beyond the surface, Abaana Teams is your ticket to an unforgettable Ugandan adventure. Pack your bags, bring an open heart, and get ready for an experience that will leave you changed in the best possible way. Ready, set, Uganda!

For more information and to sign up for an Abaana Team, visit abaana.org/TEAMS or give Louise a shout louise@abaana.org. Don't miss out on the adventure of a lifetime!



During the last few years we have welcomed teams back to Uganda to visit Abaana projects. We were excited to host groups from The Hub Belfast (Church of Ireland & Methodist Chaplaincy), Rainey Endowed School and a new team from Newtownbreda Baptist Church.

Teacher, Debbie Francis, (pictured below), from Rainey Endowed says, "I absolutely loved the whole experience, it was the best school trip I have been on! The trip surpassed our expectations. I was so pleased with our students. They were being challenged in so many ways, they met the challenges so well and they LOVED it! I have no doubt they received more than they gave."



Team member, Catherine McMullan gives her account of visiting her sponsor child.

"Abaana staff arranged for us to visit 26 of the Rainey Summit View children in their homes to see how they lived and to meet their

families. These children were not total strangers to us. They were our 26 sponsor children that each class in Rainey Endowed have been sponsoring for the past four years. We had received letters, photos, and Christmas cards from them, but now we were going to get a real insight into each of their lives.



Catherine & Georgina with one of the sponsored children

you a picture... imagine you are walking through the African bush, and you come to a clearing. The scrub gives way

To paint

to an open area of red clay ground around which are three or four small, thatched mud huts. This compound is home to one of our sponsor children. The smallest hut is no bigger than two metres in diameter, this is the kitchen. It is filled with smoke from an open fire on which a pot is cooking with the family's next meal. You can't stay in the kitchen for more than a minute as the smoke is cutting the eyes out of your head. Strangely our hosts did not seem to be affected by it. The other mud huts are where they sleep - two or three huts depending on how big the family is. Each hut sleeps four or five people on mattresses on the clay. A string hung across the hut at head height holds any spare clothes the family are fortunate enough to have. The toilet is a hole in the ground at the edge of the clearing with three mud walls around it for privacy. There is no running water or electricity. Water is brought to the home from a well by the children.

During our visit, the family made us feel so welcome. They invited us to learn how they wash clothes, how they prepare meals, how they sweep with leaves to keep the compound tidy. Some of us got to harvest the ground nuts that grow in the surrounding fields and collect water from the well.

We read the families letters written by our classes back home who sponsor them, and we gave them gifts of soap, footballs, skipping ropes and t-shirts. But we did not leave empty handed - receiving eggs, mangos and live chickens in return!

The night before our visit to the homes most of us had been awoken by the most spectacular thunderstorm. This prompted us to ask on our home visits if the thatch roofs protected against such a downpour. We were told that they do not. When torrential rain comes, everything gets wet, including the mattresses and all the contents of the hut. But our interpreters pointed out that each child had a waterproof container of some sort, and we noticed this in each home. The children used a tin box or a plastic zip bag to keep their schoolbooks dry. Their schoolbooks were the most valuable possession they had.

That evening we discussed our visits together as a team and talked about how we felt at what we had seen. These families had very little, yet they were so generous and so hospitable to us. The day had a profound effect upon us. Most of us had never seen such poverty firsthand. To get a little taste of what life meant to these families and to see how different that was to our experience was humbling. No longer were these children just names in a letter read in class. They were real individuals with families and difficulties of which we now had a better understanding.

We were all determined to return home and share with our classmates how sponsorship really was changing lives."



The Hub team at St. Mary's Primary School

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# **Story Changing** -the Power of **Sponsorship**

## **Does sponsoring a child** really make a difference?



The answer to that is an unequivocal 'yes'. This is born out by the testimonies of those children who have been enabled through sponsorship to complete their education and progress to get a job and begin a career. This ability to earn their own money through

employment is the chief aim of sponsorship - for without that ability the capacity to move away from poverty is nearly impossible.

There are many wonderful stories emerging year on year from those who were sponsored, now that Abaana itself has reached a quarter of a century, and here is just one of the most recent success stories.

Letisha's sponsorship started in 2006 when she was just eight years old. Her family background was one of poverty and as Letisha says, "My mother was struggling to make ends meet and many times I would be chased from school because we couldn't pay my school fees in time. I lacked most of the school items and I felt miserable and hopeless."

However, when Abaana intervened through sponsorship, Letisha's story changed for the better. Because through being sponsored, the majority of

## Become a story changer

Letisha's sponsor said that sponsorship is "so worthwhile and it is such a blessing to see that she now has an education. She feels like a daughter to me."

Sponsorship enables a child to receive an education and in so doing grants them the priceless and powerful gifts of hope and vision. Letisha did not see herself become what she is today, until she was supported in her education.

Letisha is just one of the many children who have graduated from our child sponsorship scheme and



Letisha's school needs were met. To begin with her school fees were paid, which relieved the burden from her mother, and every term she received her school materials. Through this provision, Letisha was able to make good progress through school. She finished her schooling in tertiary education where she went on to complete a Diploma in Animal Husbandry and

And so does sponsoring a child really make a difference? In Letisha's words, "Before Abaana came in my life, I was so hopeless...I am very glad of my achievement and am sure without Abaana I wouldn't have achieved this. I stand a chance to get a good job and I will impact my nation. I am glad that currently I am a meat market inspector and this is something I had never thought of. Thank you Abaana for changing my story."

graduated in April 2023.

can now look forward to a hope filled future thanks to our incredible sponsors.

If you would like to become a story changer for a child currently living in poverty, then for just £26 per month you can sign up as a sponsor. Please email chris@abaana.org or visit the sponsorship desk at one of our concerts.

Letisha in 2024





## **Zuri Girl Classes**

# **Empowering girls to reach their full potential**

In our pursuit of education and equality, Abaana has introduced the Zuri Girl initiative, aiming to empower girls to achieve their fullest potential. Zuri, meaning 'beautiful' in Swahili, encapsulates our desire for these girls to not only feel beautiful inside and out, but also overcome the significant challenges faced by African girls on a daily basis.

Across Uganda, numerous families lack basic necessities, with sanitary items being deemed a luxury. This results in girls frequently missing school days, which has a profound impact on their education. Shockingly, only 9.4% of girls who complete the Primary Leaving Exam in P7 proceed to their A-Levels, depicting the risks faced by girls in their pursuit of education due to gender related issues.

Charity Mugisha in P6 cherishes her experience with Zuri Girl clubs saying, "I am happy to have gotten a chance to be in the Zuri Girl class. There so many things I did not know about body growth and development. I am very happy that now I know and I thought that being a girl was such a bad thing because of the challenges we face as we grow! But after attending the class, I feel like I am the most special creature God has ever created and He has a great plan for me."

If you would like to support our Zuri Girl project, please contact: Louise@abaana.org or visit the website Abaana.org/zurigirl



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Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account. This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

#### Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Abaana Ministries will notify you 10 working
  days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Abaana Ministries to collect a payment,
  confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Abaana Ministries or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Abaana Ministries asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

