



## Beating the Odds

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Reaching Beyond Globally's students continue to beat the odds and return to school in full force!

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In March 2020, Uganda shutdown due to the Coronavirus, leaving 15 million students without school. According to The New York Times\*:

- \*51% of the students stopped studying during the shutdown

- \*30% of the students did not return to school when they reopened in January, 2022.

- \*Of those that did return many have fallen behind in their studies

Students supported by Reaching Beyond Globally have a different story to tell.



### Reconnecting in June!

Marianne and Marissa (pictured from our last trip at 4yrs old) fell in love during our first visit. Marissa is now 6 years old and in first grade. They are looking forward to seeing each other when we return in June.

Marianne and Vicki will be returning to Kiryabicooli in June after not being able to travel due to COVID since 2019. During those 2+ years, Reaching Beyond Globally has sponsored and supported 16 students in their Secondary School education. This has included home study when schools were closed, as well as fees when schools re-opened in January, 2022. Upon their return to Uganda Marianne and Vicki will visit the Secondary Schools, meet the head teachers, and see the students in their classes.

\*88% continued to study during the shutdown through workbooks, radios, tutors, What'sApp programs, discussion and study groups.

\*100% returned to school in January

\*All of the students are in the top 25% of their classes

These students are **BEATING THE ODDS** through the support of Reaching Beyond Globally donors. They thank you!!

*\*Blanshe, M. (2021, November 11). Nearly a third of Uganda's students may never return to school. The New York Times. Retrieved May 23, 2022, from <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/11/world/africa/covid-uganda-schools.html>*



### Thank You!

In appreciation and with gratitude for your continued support, the students of Reaching Beyond Globally are preparing gifts for their donors. We will be bringing these items home with us in July.



They will also continue their program introducing the art of ballet to 300+ students at Deirdre Ann Academy, a primary school for students in Preschool through P7.



### Conversations Across the World

Through MarinSEL, Terra Linda High School students from Marin County, began weekly conversations with some of our students in Kiryabicooli via Zoom. The conversations hit topics such a global warming, water sources, studying for exams, cooking, laundry, siblings, hobbies, etc. There were moments of singing together and even creating a song. The most animated

## Sharing a Passion for Football

As part of the MarinSEL program, Emerson collected soccer jerseys from fellow soccer players in Marin, California, and sent them to the Ugandan students. It was a day full of excitement when the jerseys arrived.



## Meeting New class of Students in June

In addition to many reunions, our trip in June will bring us face to face with Reaching Beyond Globally's new class of students. It will be fun to see them in person, see their school progress and spend some time together. Many of the students participated in our ballet classes in 2018 and 2019, and are anxious to dance together again.

conversations, however, took place over "football" (soccer). There were shared favorite players and teams. Many of the students played the same positions which opened up conversations about plays, training, and their own teams. It was so fun to witness these conversations.

The students expressed a frustration over not having phones required for school studies. Without them they missed out on assignments and reading opportunities. Emerson Dearborn, the program's co-ordinator, raised funds to help purchase the school phones, AND, 3 soccer balls!

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