



Reaching Beyond Globally Offers Access to Education. Education Offers Independence.

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Current State of Affairs:

On July 31, 2021 President Museveni announced that due to the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be additional school closures and that schools can re-open once all students 12 years and older and teachers are vaccinated.

In response to this newest mandate, Madrine has told us, "Parents are very terrified, because keeping children at home has done more harm than good. Children are just too tired of being home, they have lost hope and love of studying. So the students are becoming unruly and starting up bad habits."

Reaching Beyond Globally remains committed to supporting the students during these difficult times. We have established a Student Emergency COVID-19 Resurgence Fund for medical issues, school workbooks, and other needs to help our students stay motivated, healthy, and safe during this time. Madrine is staying in close and constant contact with the students, encouraging them, talking with them and reminding them we are still behind them and thinking of them.

The Pandemic and School:

Our students have experienced a range of emotions. From "...laughter and shouting because of joy..." as they sang together in the car on the way back to school in April of this year to "...shedding tears because they are so sad that schools are closing again..." in June.

Our students performed well during the 3 ½ months their schools were open. Martin's exam scores were high enough to warrant a 50% bursary for the remainder of his 4 years in Secondary School. Shakool is one of the top 5 students in his class. Brother John of St. Edwards wants to grant a 50% bursary to one of next years' students as a thank you for sending students to his school. Angella is top of her class at Notre Dame Academy. All of the students at St. Andrea are within the top ten of fifty students.

There have been hardships, though. Aman had to return home to get treated for malaria and typhoid. Some of our students have had their belongings stolen by other students. The water the students drink is not treated so we have provided tablets to make it safe. But despite obstacles presented, the students are remaining focused, disciplined and doing well.

During the shutdown Reaching Beyond Globally is supporting our students with workbooks and What's App lessons so they can stay current with their studies and prepare for exams. The students gather on Sundays to study and discuss topics together, while supporting each other to stay focused on their goals.



Reaching Beyond Globally Students in a transport on their way back to Secondary School after the first closure orders were lifted in April 2021.

STUDENT EMERGENCY COVID-19 RESURGENCE FUND:

Due to the Pandemic and subsequent shutdowns, our students are coming up against new and tough obstacles. This is a hard time to remain focused on studies, healthy, and safe. Among some of the more serious issues students are dealing with are malaria, typhoid, pressure to marry and become pregnant, activities that are dangerous, crowds that are unsafe, stolen belongings, and trying to find safe ways to make money. With The “Student Emergency COVID-19 Resurgence Fund,” Reaching Beyond Globally can respond to student needs and reassure them that they are still supported even when not able to be in school. We can supply study workbooks, help with medical expenses such as medication, transports home when schools closed, and back to school when they open. Our board has generously agreed to match up to \$1,200 raised for this fund. Please go to www.reachingbeyondglobally.org to contribute to this fund. The students and their families thank you.

New Board Member:

We are excited and honored to introduce you to our new board member, Jenny Sowry. Through Jenny’s experiences while working in Uganda, and being a member of several non-profit boards, she brings a wealth of knowledge and information to us. She has been instrumental in guiding Vicki and Marianne from the moment they took their first trip to Uganda to their creating Reaching Beyond Globally and currently as RBG continues to build and grow.

Back to School Night Success:

Our first virtual fundraiser was a great success. Reaching Beyond Globally exceeded the original goal of raising \$8,000 USD and was able to raise \$12,000 USD. This will allow us to support 6 new students for four years of Secondary School. Thank you all for your generosity!

A note from Madrine:

“Thank you very very much for supporting these students in such a way. Teenagers here are really tired of the situation, many of them are resorting to getting married, bad grouping, etc. We are working hard to stay busy.” Madrine

Reaching Beyond Globally’s mission is to help any child in financial need pursue higher education, giving them the opportunity to change their life trajectory. By matching a student in need with a donor of financial means, Reaching Beyond Globally will enable each child to further their education and give them opportunities to find a career previously thought impossible.

Reaching Beyond Globally (RBG) was established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation on January 22, 2020. In the first year of operation RBG sent ten students from Deirdre Ann Academy (DAA) to Secondary School. Vicki and Marianne first went to DAA in 2018 to teach ballet to the students of this Primary school. They fell in love with Uganda and the people they were teaching to dance and wanted to help them achieve their educational goals and ambitions.



Students studying together during a school closure, discussing physics.



Fundraiser image of a stack of books, each representing \$1,000 USD raised. We surpassed our goal and needed more books!