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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

NEW LOOK. SAME DRIVEN PURPOSE.

Hello, and welcome to The Hoffman Family Foundation's newsletter: The HFF Dispatch. This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep you updated with all that the Hoffman Family Foundation is accomplishing. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for different communities, empowering women, families, and schools giving children quality education.

The Hoffman Family Foundation's vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

With this newsletter, we hope to share with you the improvements we are making in other people's lives across the globe. Perhaps you'll be inspired to help in your own way or to donate for one of our causes. With your help, we can truly make a difference.





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A large group of African children, mostly girls, are shown from the chest up. They are wearing light pink or purple short-sleeved shirts. Many of them have their hands raised in the air, some holding small objects like a red cup or a blue ball. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and some greenery.

**LITTLE
BY LITTLE,
A LITTLE
BECOMES
A LOT**

HOLY GROUND

By Brittany Froistad

Mountain of Olives was sacred ground, a place that stirred your soul in such a way that you couldn't help but tell tales of it. Nestled into the ripples of the Nile River lives a community teeming with life. A community filled with laughter and fueled by joy. In the heart of this sacred place sits a school, a school that we have grown to call home. By the good Lord's grace, we found ourselves woven into the rhythms of life with this community... A world away from our homes in Colorado.

Over the years, we have stood hand in hand as we have weathered storms and dove deeper into life with one another. We have stood on the banks of the Nile, marveling at all of the victories that the Lord has shown us in the land of the living. We have welcomed new faces and absorbed all the different rhythms that life has thrown our way. We have lived lives that are transformed by what we have seen and tasted. Once you step foot on this red dirt soil, your life is changed.

Names have shifted, buildings have been built, water wells have been dug, and hearts have been moved. However, our foundation has remained steadfast. The trade winds have blown and we find ourselves on a solid rock that is unwavering.

We are thrilled to announce that the beginning of 2017 has led us to another shift in our rhythm. We have successfully registered and renamed our school Rays of Grace Academy. We are hopeful and excited about the opportunity to carry our legacy forward through our name. We are serving more students and community members than ever before and we stand in awe of the opportunities that we have been given and the doors that have been opened. We will still operate under the same roof, just getting a new paint job and nameplate at our welcome gate.

As always, we have hundreds of hearts overflowing with gratitude for the endless love, support and prayers that each and every one of you show us. We are able to move mountains because of each of you and the trust we all share in the Lord and His favor over every move we make.

With grateful hearts and big smiles, we say **THANK YOU** for joining the journey and **WELCOME TO RAYS OF GRACE ACADEMY!!!**



SAFE HAVEN

By Brittany Froistad

Something magical unfolds at dawn on the banks of the Nile River. No one needs to wake you, no need to set an alarm: There's a world brimming with life just outside your door that draws you out into its unknown. The songbirds shake the sleep out of your eyes as the sun dances across the ripples of the river. The silence is broken by little giggles and conversations being held in a foreign tongue. Our strong and courageous village fishermen head out, two by two, into the sunshine. They glide effortlessly across the water, cutting through the serene stillness of the morning, casting their nets to gather today's bounty.

Although we are all just joining this perfect day, there are hundreds of little feet who have already been awake for hours. The life of our students starts around 4 am. Their devotion and diligence shakes the sleep out of their eyes, hours before the sun will greet them. Buckets filled with cold clean water rush over their skin, sending goose bumps flying and laughter erupting as they shower for the day ahead. There's a beautiful sense of pride in their smiles as they eagerly button up what's left of a mangled uniform and worn through shoes. The two hour walk to school that sits ahead of them is anything but daunting, it is an honor. It is a gift. Their hearts are grateful.

All the joy and thankfulness in the world could not protect our students from some of the moments that the walk to and from school could entail. For years, our older students had to face a real and present darkness during their commute. Their excitement for school became tainted as they were taken advantage of during the dark hours of their walks. No one was safe, no one was off limits. There was a palpable fear in our young girls faces once they knew the school day was over and the sun was setting, yet, they still had a journey home ahead of them. We knew it was time for a change when we saw the joy and pride melt away from their faces as we spoke to them about what happens on their walks.

With nothing but a prayer to our names and a strong pull of justice on our hearts, we rallied to get a dormitory built on sight. We didn't know where the funding would come from or how long it would take, we just knew the Lord wanted us to become a safe haven for our students. And sure enough, brick by brick, the Lord has brought us the funds through a generous donor and "Perry's Place Dormitory" will be in full operation very soon. Housing 250 students to be exact. We are in awe of God's goodness. We are blown away by your support. We now have 75 students living full time in our partly finished portion of the dormitory. They get to greet the day in peace, surrounded by their brothers and sisters, in the safety of the school walls. They button up brand new uniforms and squeaky-clean shoes. They get to start the day with full stomachs as the songbirds serenade their walk to class. Most importantly, they can soak in the innocence of childhood as it was created to be. There's lightness in their steps and joy in their hearts as they safely walk across the school grounds to class, full of honor and gratitude.

"Push out into deeper water and you'll find courage you were unaware of."









MEET ROGER

By Roger Segawa

I hold a First-class Honors' Bachelors Degree in Adult and Community Education from Kyambogo University- Kampala. I have eight years' hands-on experience in project planning and management. I have worked with international and local organizations, government ministries and vulnerable households in livelihood improvement and child education.

I have designed and implemented community development programs related to poverty reduction, health, HIV and AIDS, child support, women empowerment and human rights. I am a skilled researcher, advocate and good at writing papers. I have developed concepts, proposals and position papers and have presented at several national and district conferences.

After working with Robert and Tami as a Village Savings and Loans Associates consultant for the past two years, I realized HFF was my true calling and the perfect place to serve the vulnerable families of Uganda. I am enjoying my work already as a Project Officer and I pledge to offer my knowledge and skills to ensure growth of this foundation.

"SERVING THE MOST VULNERABLE = JOY"

ANSWERING “YES” TO SERVE

By Zane Larson

This last year has been nothing short of a whirlwind of joy. In October, I was fortunate to jump on board the Hoffman Family Foundation team as the Volunteer Director.

In 2014, I became a small part of the Rays of Grace Organization, and was fortunate enough to spend my college summer living in the Village of Kirugu, Uganda. My Mission was to developing a volunteer program for stateside volunteers to serve and walk alongside the Rays of Grace Academy, Primary School.

After a year and a half of Blood, Sweat, and Tears; and, trials and triumphs of my own faith, we were fortunate to host our first couple groups of volunteers in our beloved village of Kirugu. This couldn't have been successful without the overwhelming support from the HFF team. As Rays of Grace and I worked alongside the Hoffman Family Foundation for the following months after our first round of Volunteer trips, The Rays Of Grace Organization was fortunate to be fully adopted by the Hoffman Family Foundation. God's ultimate plans lead to, stronger, and more collective support for our community of Kirugu.

As a new member of the Hoffman Family Foundation team, I am overwhelming proud to continue to shine God's love on the great country of Uganda, through our volunteer program.

This program was designed on the sole purpose to leave a legacy of love through developing economic and educational stability. We strive to encourage our volunteers to get out of their comfort zones, learn about life out side of the US, and experience the love of Christ in an area where relationships and Faith triumph over monetary Value.

Our volunteers work along side our community members to develop projects that either: become a sustainable source of income for the community members and our school; or educate our students and community members in all different facets of life.

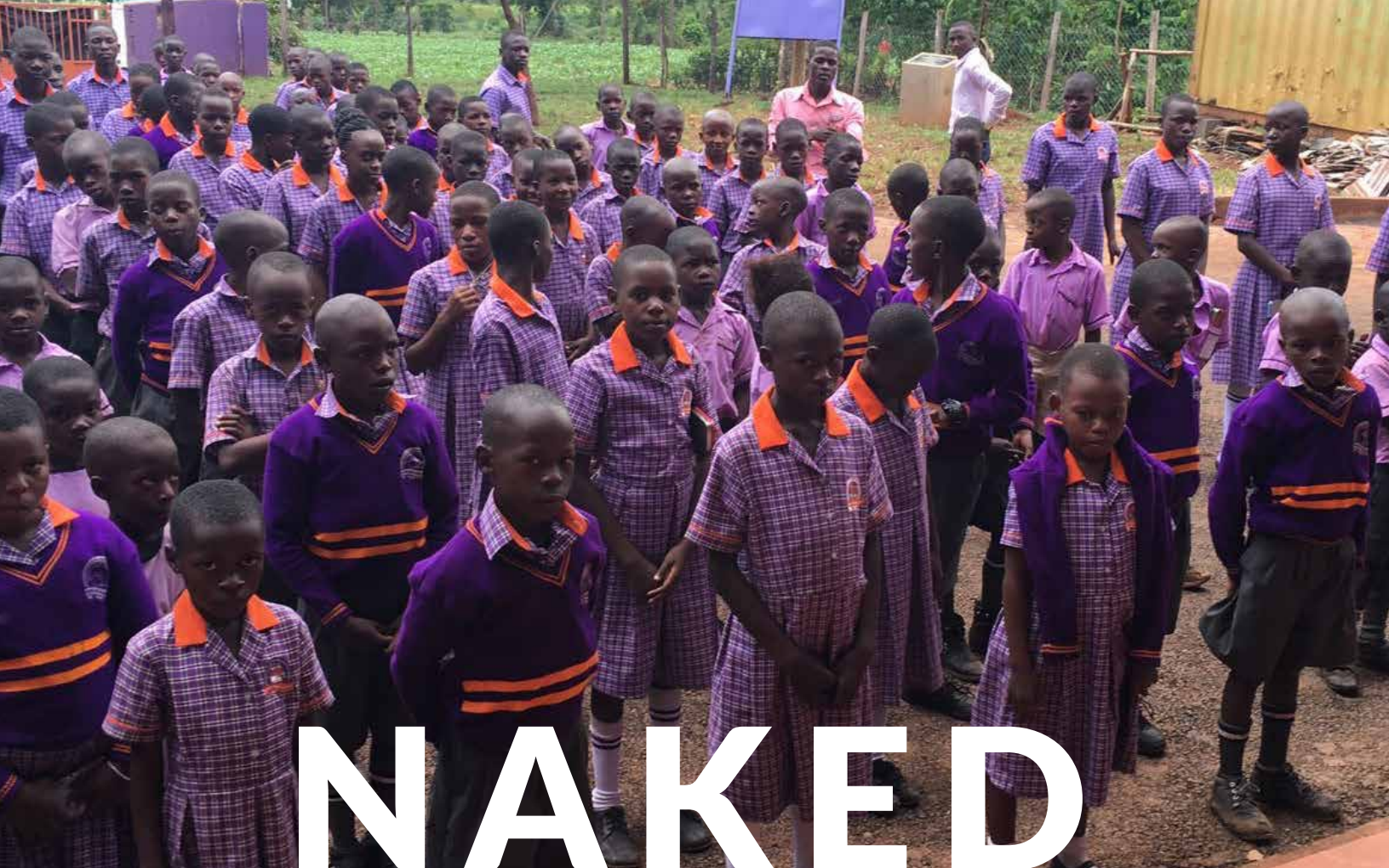
The overwhelming support of the Hoffman Foundation has turned dreams into reality for the people of Kirugu, Uganda. I am PROUD to be a small part of the efforts and sacrifices given by so many others that have benefited this community in a truly remarkable way.

BE **SOMEBODY** WHO
MAKES **EVERYBODY** FEEL
LIKE A **SOMEBODY**.





HFF WEEKEND UNIFORMS



NAKED

AND YOU CLOTHED ME

Matthew 25:36

As the new school year began in February we implemented a few new changes at Rays of Grace Academy. We had noticed that many of the children's uniforms were torn and becoming very ragged. Also their shoes were in terrible condition as well.

We decided to upgrade the uniforms with better quality so that they would last longer and also represent our school colors of purple and orange. Thank you everyone who worked together in making this project a success. Your

contributions have now clothe our children with royalty (PURPLE) and sanctification (ORANGE). They are so happy with their new uniforms, sweaters (for the rainy season because it can get very chilly), socks, and shoes.

The children that are now staying at the dormitory that is partially completed also have received their weekend uniforms.

Thank you for making a difference in changing these children's lives for the better.

By Tami Hoffman

"When you are transitioning to a new season of life, the people and situations that no longer fit you will fall away."



**HARVEST THE EARTH AS IF
YOU WON'T LEAVE**

**AND PREPARE FOR HEAVEN AS IF
YOU ARE GOING TOMORROW**





SHERRI'S BREAK ROOM

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES
A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES A
TREASURE

On February 18, 2017 our dear friend Sherri Brake made her beautiful journey home to heaven. She had a very kind and generous heart and loved what HFF is doing in Uganda.

The family decided that in lieu of flowers for her funeral they would like to give people the opportunity to donate to our Foundation. What a beautiful way of leaving a legacy on her behalf. We decided with the funds collected we would establish our "Nursing/Sick Bay" at our school in honor of Sherri and call it Sherri's "Break" Room. With 350 children attending Rays of Grace Academy there are many times that we have children that have gotten sick and need a place just to recoup, rest and receive medications to help them get better.

Your donations will enable us to design this room beautifully with everything that we need. We will continue to have this fund on an going basis as we don't want to run out of medical supplies for our children. So if you would like to continue donating to this project we would greatly appreciate your contributions which are 100% tax-deductible. **Thank you for all you generous donations in remembrance of sweet Sherri.**

Would you consider helping us make a difference today?

100% of your partnership dollars go directly to the current project. Thank you in advance for your love and support in helping these precious children and their families.

Something beautiful happens in our hearts when we give.



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transforming lives and communities around the world.*

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WHERE I AM **TODAY** IS
PREPARING ME FOR WHERE
GOD WILL TAKE ME
TOMORROW.

I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN
FORMED WITH A **PURPOSE.**

TODAY, I WILL
ENJOY MY JOURNEY.



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