

We Have Hope

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Osiibye otya (Greetings)!

In Lusoga, the local language of Mafubira, the word *tusubira* means "we have hope." It was the name given to Sarah when we were each given Lusoga names in Uganda, and it is now the name of our new organization! Tusubira serves to bring hope to STAO and those they touch in their community!

As you know, the three of us (Kate, Sarah, and Jenny) are now home in the States, feeling blessed to be back at the University of Washington. Uganda still remains heavy on our hearts, and we want to keep you updated on what we've been doing since we've returned home. While we were in Uganda, we were so impressed by the work STAO was doing, but we were appalled that they operated on a single donation of \$200/month. In our first days there, Sarah commented, "How could we go home and do nothing? What would that make us?" Well, we didn't want to find out, so we have started this organization to bring support to STAO, and are currently in the process of becoming a full-fledged non-profit organization! As you may know, this involves countless pages of paperwork, but we are well underway and hope to be able to provide tax receipts for donations in the next few months!

We have been happy to welcome on board Tusubira two amazing, gifted people – Brandon Paddock and Sam Kang. Brandon, an employee at Microsoft, got in touch with us while we were still in Uganda, volunteering his computer expertise to help us with a website. He has been an indispensable help to us as a resource and an extra brain, as a source of encouragement, and as well as a very skilled web designer.

Sam comes to us straight out of a summer internship with World Vision. He is a friend of ours from school, and is so eager to help in the formation of Tusubira. Sam is always *full* of ideas and encouragement, and his business background gives great structure to our meetings! (continued on back)

How You Can Help

Pray - See our list on the back! Tusubira can do nothing of consequence unless it is soaked and surrounded in prayer!

Financial Support – Go to www.wehavehope.org to donate via Paypal. A little can go a long way in Uganda!

Take a Trip – We're planning a trip to Uganda this summer to develop STAO's programs and give people an opportunity to discover Uganda in its realest sense. Pray about joining us!

The Story of Sam

Sam was a 6-week old orphan that we took care of during a large part of our stay in Uganda. He was in and out of the hospital because of malaria and malnutrition, and was one of the fortunate babies to be released from the hospital (in Uganda, most are admitted with little expectation that they will make it out). When we left, he was a healthy baby back at home with his aunt and cousin, who were by that time regularly attending church. Sam passed away about a month after we returned home, but through STAO's support for Sam, his caregivers saw the glory of God and were baptized not long after we left. He was a little angel!

The story of Sam may seem tragic, but to us, it is not. His story is one we like to tell because it displays God's glory, and His amazing and unpredictable way of working in peoples' lives.

(Below: Sarah with Sam)



Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalms 31: 23-24

On Our Knees Praying for...

1. The completion of the building at STAO to house more orphans.
2. God's leading in our brainstorming and program planning.
3. People who are willing to serve in Uganda this summer: establishing widows' empowerment programs, developing education programs, and instituting sustainable agriculture in Mafubira.
4. The daily operations at STAO, and God's provision for our brothers and sisters in Uganda.

Let's Praise God!!!

1. A team from St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Federal Way, WA is heading to STAO this Christmas, with funds for 80+ goats, 16 cows, 10 sewing machines, the electricity bill (which hasn't been paid in over two years!), water pump installation, and over \$7000 for the building of a new church in tow! They are going to be a HUGE blessing to STAO!
2. A group of high-schoolers from the LA area who call themselves Generation Against Global Injustice has committed to giving all their fundraising to Tusubira this year!

We are currently working on a number of projects for STAO, including the completion of a building to house more orphans, a craft project that will empower the widows in Mafubira, and a program that will link American schools with Agape Primary School (the school at STAO).

Many of you were instrumental in the work done on the building at STAO, and on the final day we were in Uganda, we reached our goal of \$5000 for this work! Everyone at STAO was thrilled to know that people halfway across the world were sharing their burden! Thank you all for your generous hearts and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in great need!

Exciting things are happening with Tusubira all the time, from surprise donors to people willing to join us to chances to tell others about what is going on in Uganda. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to keeping you posted!

In Him,
The Tusubira Team
(Jenny, Kate, Sarah,
Sam, & Brandon)



Tusubira Mission | Values

At Tusubira, we work to help villages in Uganda become autonomous, self-sustaining communities through a relentless pursuit of compassion, mercy, and justice - one village at a time. Everything we do is a reflection of this mission and the values that drive it.

We value Gospel. We have been transformed by the Gospel message, and we believe in its power to change the world.

We value Compassion. Our broken hearts for the lives devastated by the HIV/AIDS crisis move us to action.

We value Mission. As we move to respond, we invite others to join God's work in Uganda.