



NEWSLETTER

SURGE - AUSTRALIA

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To All Sponsors, members and interested persons

The SURGE-Australia Board is made up entirely of volunteers. We feel very blessed by the progress being made in the village of Bulanga, in the Southern Rakai District of Uganda. We are not paid in money. Every member of the Board is dedicated to improving the lives of children, who are struggling to survive in the absence of parental support, and the community. We are career professionals in the fields of medicine, business and IT. We would like to have more members on the board with medical, dentistry, education and finance, fundraising, farming, accounting expertise.



BOARD MEMBERS: From Left:
Steve Coombe-Chairperson; Mike Colliver; Grant Hull- Finance; Peter Hill – Secretary/Public Officer; Lorraine Ridderhof – Programme Co-Ordinator.

AIDS has had a devastating impact on the social and economic structures of Uganda, and Africa as a whole. Often, the untold story is the effect AIDS has had on the children who are left orphaned when one or both of their parents die of the disease. The number of children affected in this way is staggering. **Frequently, the child is left with no resources, no protection and no guidance in how to care for themselves.**

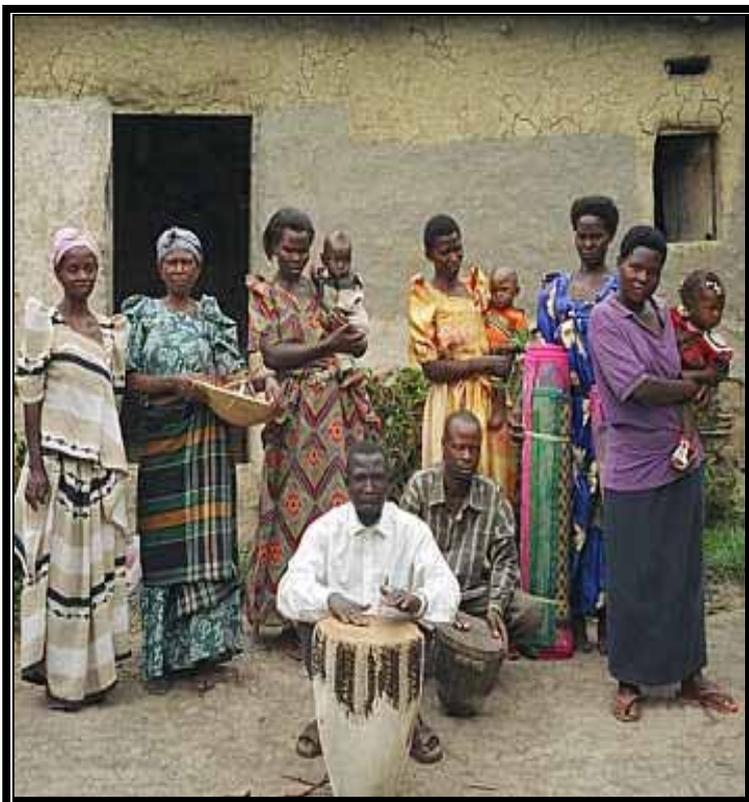
The problem is so overwhelming that at first glance it might seem impossible to solve. A large amount of assistance is currently being provided by many fine charitable organizations... but resources are often concentrated within the major cities, leaving only a small amount to make its way into the more remote villages. Along with this, educational opportunities in the villages are quite limited. This leaves the children with no foundation to overcome the obstacles they face. Because over 90% of the Ugandan people live outside the capital city of Kampala, there is a strong need to reach out to the villages with care and support.

SURGE Inc. - AUSTRALIA formed for this very reason. It is our belief that the AIDS orphan situation in isolated regions of Uganda can best be solved "Reaching out to the world - one village at a time." We focus our efforts on safety, security, education and health care to improve the lives of these children. Our goal is to give them the tools they need to better themselves and their communities. We do this in several ways...



The HCCP Project Oct 2005

This is the group of women that Lorraine and Steve shared with when in Uganda 2005.





Some of the school children attending HCCP Project School – a mix of Australian (SURGE Inc.) and American (HUGS Inc) sponsored children. 2006. In the background is Ruth Matovu, wife of Pastor Fred Matovu.

February 27, 2006 - Helping Ugandans Grow Stronger, Inc. (HUGS -USA) were pleased to announce the opening of Bright Hope School in the Rakai District of southern Uganda. Built with funds generously donated by HUGS supporters, the school is located on the grounds of Hope Child Care Programme -Uganda and serves the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

October 31, 2006 – Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Inc (SURGE – AUSTRALIA) has currently **13 sponsored** children and **1 elderly couple** with their orphaned grandchildren. **The Medical Clinic**, in its first stage has almost been completed due to funds generously donated privately and through S.U.R.G.E supporters. This will also serve the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

Thank you to all those who have faithfully given and **YOU** as a sponsor and supporter and member have made so much difference to their lives and their surrounding communities.



HUGS-USA and SURGE –Australia - children starting school, plus self-supporting children from the surrounding areas.



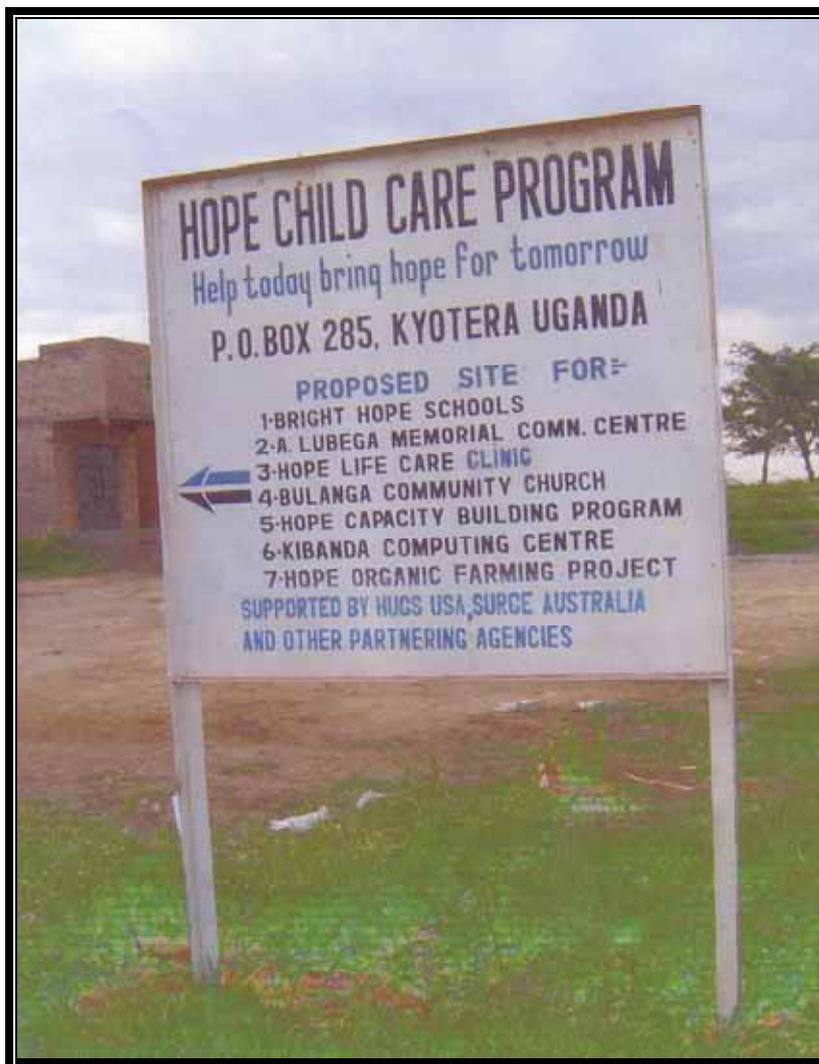
2nd building of School Classrooms being built for the school on HCCP Project 2006

Over 100 children are attending the school, which currently provides instruction for primary grades 1-6. Construction has begun on a second school building that is scheduled to open later this year. Children who are sponsored through the SURGE Programme are automatically enrolled in the school. Besides receiving a quality education, the \$25/month (current) sponsorship fee also provides each child with a daily hot meal, shoes, medicine and a school uniform. Children in need can also be boarded at HCCP for an additional \$30/month.

S.U.R.G.E Inc. has now been in operation for almost 12 months now, officially. Our Year ends on 31st Oct 2006 and we will advise our members when the AGM will be. It probably will happen after the New Year.

On behalf of the Board Members we wish to thank you all, for what you have helped us to achieve in such a short time. We need your prayers as we continue to serve our God and you the sponsor and members and supporters, with integrity and openness.

How wonderful it is seeing the changes YOU have made to the HIV/AIDS effected children, community and the Project at Hope Child Care Programme – Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District Uganda.



As you can see from the signpost above that we are also working with the community with Hope Child Care Program and through the Bulanga Community Church.

The Medical Clinic has almost completed its first stage of construction in the *project. Oct 2006*. This has been achieved through generous donations from S.U.R.G.E Inc. via our Surge supporters.



You may want to know how we will distribute monies raised from donations and other fundraising activities by our not-for-profit Christian based charitable organisation?

We have partnered with Hope Child Care Program in Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District of Uganda for the next 9 years.

Some or a small percentage will go to the working Fund. (This is currently being achieved by monies received by recycling cans and bottles plus donations specifically designated to the working fund.)

The main funds raised will be distributed via the Overseas Development and Aid Fund A/c – to support the infrastructures of Education and the Physical and Spiritual health of rural Ugandans.

These funds will assist in developing long term, sustainable infrastructure for the project rural community of Uganda – e.g.

1. The need to tackle *Water shortages* for times of famine and disease.
2. *Agricultural needs*
3. *Educational needs* and the provision of /or training of special aid teachers for disabled children in the HIV/AIDS effected rural areas of Uganda. The school is long-term and sustainable because of encouragement of self paying students also attending the school from Bulanga and the surrounding areas.

Help either in personnel or other means as needed by HCCP Uganda in the way of Adult Education.

4. The support of infrastructure and *training Programmes* for the physical and spiritual health of Rural Ugandans.
5. *Building of a medical Clinic* in Rakai District in the poor community of Bulanga and surrounding villages.

Helping to provide necessary medications for the Clinic and equipment for the Pathology which will then become self-sustaining through the cost of treatment that, those who are able can afford.

Future ideas: Birthing Kits; immunization of children against childhood diseases; std and HIV/AIDS medicine for pregnancy and new born children. Also medicines of this kind for those children with HIV/ AIDS.

We would like to help with the purchasing of plants and animals for the agricultural Programme that will in turn provide the community as a whole, with long term and sustainable incomes to provide for their families.

Provision of forms of electricity to the HCCP project to enable the use of teaching equipment and school buildings for the ongoing education of HIV/AIDS effected orphans and the community of Bulanga, and surrounding areas. (Large and medium generators) Electricity stops 20km away from the village of Bulanga.

Supporting any infrastructure, project (within our guidelines) required to achieve our objectives.

NEWS THAT'S JUST COME TO HAND:

Pray for the kids and Pastor Fred's family and the children and families near Bulanga. There is a Cholera outbreak in Rakai and 8 people are dead and 20 hospitalized

Pastor Fred says that it is bad news.

In the newspapers in Uganda regarding Rakai again

<http://www.newvision.co.ug>

They also added this comment:

"This is another disease that is in Rakai again. I just read this newspaper, its for today. "

Rakai fights hydrocell

RAKAI district has embarked on an immunization campaign against the lymphatic filarial infection in schools.

Eddie Ssejjoba reports that the infection causes elephantiasis and hydrocell. Surveys showed that 30% of people in Rwanda and Kasensero villages in Kyebe sub-county carried worms that spread the disease.

Lymphatic filariasis is a parasitic infection spread by mosquitoes. Authorities fear that the infection, rampant on the Lake Victoria shores in Tanzania, was spreading fast in Rakai.

Launching the campaign at Misazi Primary School recently, the district health administrator, Erieza Mugisha, said the first cases of HIV were discovered in this area in the early 1980s.

He said the district was on the alert to prevent an outbreak of bird flue after European migratory birds were discovered at Musambwa Islands near Kasensero.

The pupils were given dozes of Albendazole, a prevention and treatment drug for lymphatic filariasis.

The LC5 secretary for health and education, Isaac Byamugisha, warned that Rakai was prone to diseases due to its location near the lake.

You can also read the article online at:

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/detail.php?mainNewsCategoryId=8&newsCategoryId=19&newsId=530959>