

RAISING

ENTREPRENEURS





FROM THE FOUNDER:

Dear friend,

As we look back to the last 20 years of ministering to children and families in Africa through Seven Wells, I am reminded of the scripture in 2 Corinthians 9:8:

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

I believe that everyone deserves to have abundance in their life and family - a healthy body, mind, and spirit, and enough for their daily needs. So many families in Africa have not been lucky enough to experience this, so our mission for the last 20 years has been to empower children and families so they can experience the fulness of God’s blessings. The work that was started back in 2001 by one person has now become a large movement of people. You are part of that movement, and for that I thank you.

Growing up in a refugee family in Uganda and being the son of parents who could not read and write, I experienced firsthand what it means to be in need. We were so poor than even the poor people called us poor. Sending me to school wasn’t my family’s priority; they were more worried about food and shelter. At age 11, I began working at odd jobs and selling small items in the local markets to pay for school fees. So there I was going to school with 6 year olds. My journey from first grade to postgraduate education has taught me that every human being created in the image of God can excel in life with the right support.

Today we celebrate the fact that more than seven thousand children have gone through our educational program. You have stood with us every step of the way as we raise the next generation of African children and set families free from poverty for generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Amon Munyaneza
Founder, Seven Wells International

TWENTY YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Wow! Has it really been that long? Seems like just yesterday I was nervously boarding a flight to Rwanda for the first time. There I met an impressive university student named Amon. We brought in mission teams and set up child sponsorships. The friendship grew, and so did the number of projects. Soon we were building schools, giving out goats and teaching women how to sew.

In 2009 we received charitable status in Canada, and before long children's choirs were touring here. That first tour in 2014 was a resounding success, and we did two more in 2016 and 2019. A lot of work, but the rewards are worth it.

Back in Africa the work was growing: We were planting churches and training young people in audio and video production to provide them with job skills. When the COVID lockdown happened we leased some land and arranged for families to farm it - a huge step towards self-sufficiency.

In addition to educating thousands of children we have provided vocational training for more than 300 people, mostly women. In our Family Empowerment program, 100 acres of land is being farmed by 65 families. The average family size is 5-7 people, so this is feeding more than 300 people on an ongoing basis.

Where do we go from here? We continue to seek creative and effective ways to lift families out of poverty and encourage them to become fully committed disciples of Jesus, because that's what it's all about. We couldn't do it without your generous support!

In deep gratitude,

Doug Sadler
Canadian Director



MISSION AND VALUES

So why are we here?

Mission:

Seven Wells' mission and founding principles come in part from James 1:27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." Seven Wells accomplishes this mission by nurturing physical health, providing educational empowerment and sharing the hope that is found in Christ.

Vision:

Our vision is to help create environments where children and those most in need are given hope for a better future and the tools to make that future a reality.

Values:

Seven Wells' values are based on the human dignity that is created when people are empowered by a living faith, granted physical well being and given the educational tools to thrive in life. We value love expressed in "action and truth." (1 Jn 3:18).

Two things that have become clear to us over these last 20 years are:

One, there are a lot of people who need a hand to raise themselves out of poverty. Given half a chance, they will work hard and rise to the challenge.

Two, there are a lot of ways that we can help them. If you are creative, think outside the box, and trust God, He will lead you into some unexpected plans to serve and help people. It's an exciting journey!



LEADERSHIP TEAM

FOUNDERS:

Amon Munyaneza – MBA- Pastoral Studies, MBA-Finance, DBA-Management

Erica Munyaneza – MS Accounting

CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Doug Sadler – MCS, MA TTESOL,
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- Fred Coad – Master Warrant Officer, Air Maintenance Superintendent, Royal Canadian Air Force
- Irene Klassen – Health care aide
- Kevin May -- Master Warrant Officer, Aerospace Telecommunications Information, Systems Technician, Royal Canadian Air Force

AFRICA LEADERSHIP TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rev. Samuel Kabwana- Director, The Bible League
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- Pastor Norah Nakabugo- Senior Pastor, Mityana Full Gospel Church
- Innocent Munyaneza- Director, Hoziyana Technologies
- Margaret Kabatesi – Director, Africa Mission Alliance
- Timothy Kayigwa- Director, Kyle Productions
- Daniel Buyinza- Director, Davia, Ltd.

STAFF

- Alice Kayitesi– Sponsorship director Rwanda
- Doreen Kamukama – Sponsorship director Uganda
- Pastor Jimmy Murangwayire- Discipleship Rwanda
- Pastor Nicholas Muhumuza- Administration, Rwanda
- Gerald Tuyisenge- Media
- David Ssuubi- Chief Accountant

Seven Wells employs 40 staff in Africa including program coordinators, teachers, and family support staff.

THE IMPACT OF COVID IN AFRICA



Sponsors sometimes ask us how their sponsored children and their families have been impacted by COVID. Doreen, our sponsorship director for Uganda, sends this report:

The impact of the COVID lockdown in Rwanda and Uganda has been huge! Families have broken down; domestic abuse has surged as husbands beat their wives or abandon them. This leaves many single mothers unable to feed their families. In Uganda and Rwanda, people live a hand-to-mouth existence which means they have no reserves. Thus, when they lose their jobs, as many in the Kampala area have, they are unable to pay their rent and soon become homeless. This leaves them destitute and in danger of starvation.

Through the grace of God and your generous support, Seven Wells has been able to provide food packages and sanitary supplies to families of the sponsored children and other families in the community. We have helped 258 families both in Rwanda and Uganda, providing food staples such as rice, corn flour, beans, peas, soya porridge and cooking oil. This has been an answer to prayer and a life saver for many since by the time we arrived people were starving and had lost hope.

Our Empowerment Program has also provided startup capital to a few families during the lockdown so they could start a small business and support themselves. This has been a life changer for them. Every single family that received a startup grant has been able to provide for their needs and have a roof over their heads.

Thanks to all that have stood with families in Rwanda and Uganda during those trying moments. Your giving has been a blessing for many families in Africa.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



LOUISE UWIMANA

My name is Louise Uwimana. I was born in 1999, and I am the fourth of seven children. My father passed away in 2005, and my mother died in 2008.

Shortly after my mother's death, I met Amon Munyaneza, who was the leader of Seven Wells, and that changed my life! In 2009 I became a sponsored child and joined their children's choir. I have fantastic memories of touring through the US putting on concerts in churches and schools, and I was able to meet the sponsors who helped me so much.

The godly leaders in Seven Wells provided me with the affection and parental care that my parents had not been able to give me. This has taught me that when you help someone by providing school fees, food, and showing them love, it can really change a life forever! This organization has taught me what it means to be a woman of integrity, a woman who helps others, and can make someone smile for a lifetime!

This year, through the help of my Seven Wells sponsors, I began attending Mount Kenya University where I am studying mass media and communication. I plan to graduate at the end of 2023.

From the depths of my heart I want to say "Thank you!" to the sponsors who helped me. You changed my life, and you are still helping me. I promise that I will pass this help on to other children who are not able to attend school. I also want to thank every sponsor who is helping a child in this organization, you are truly a blessing and a great gift from God!

I also want to thank Amon Munyaneza for starting this organization which has changed so many people's lives. May God bless him abundantly. Though Seven Wells I learned how to pray and how to smile. God bless you all!

CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



FIFI NYAMPINGA

My name is Fifi Nyampinga. I was born in 1997, and I'm the eldest in my family. I have four brothers and five sisters, and I'm grateful to say that my parents are still alive.

I became a Seven Wells sponsored child in 2003, and it changed my whole life. On this new journey, I was taught how to pray, and the value of studying as a young woman. Sponsorship meant I could attend primary and secondary school, and I'm amazed and happy today to say that through the help of my Seven Wells sponsors, I recently graduated from Rwanda Polytechnic University with a degree in Bio-Medical Equipment Technology.

This means I have a good job now and all this is because Seven Wells changed my life. I really thank every sponsor who is helping children to go to school. May God bless you abundantly! You have shown us unconditional love and I can't thank you enough.

May the Lord Almighty reward you.

WHAT DOES OUR CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROVIDE?

For \$41.00 a month, you can provide:

EDUCATION: A sponsored child will receive school fees, school uniforms and supplies until they have completed their secondary education.

HEALTH CARE: Sponsorship provides health care for the child. Because children die of simple diseases such as malaria every day, this basic health care can save lives at a small cost. Seven Wells also provides education to families about hygiene and basic health for life.

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS: In some circumstances, a child may be severely malnourished and in need of extra supplements. Seven Wells staff evaluate each case to determine what supplements are needed.

FAMILY SUPPORT: While child sponsorship is aimed at helping the child, Seven Wells also offers support to single or widowed mothers. They are given the opportunity to learn a trade such as goat rearing, sewing, or farming. We also provide HIV/AIDS counselling to mothers who are infected but still providing for their families.

DISCIPLESHIP: Each child in our sponsorship program attends our Saturday children's club. Not only do they receive spiritual discipleship, but they have the opportunity to be involved with singing, dancing, and sports groups. This in turn gives the child self-worth and helps to develop their social skills.

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH FARMING

The Family Empowerment Through Farming program helps low-income families earn a living so that they can eventually purchase their own land. Just a small initial investment can help a low-income family build an asset and create income to meet family needs such as education and healthcare. When someone enters the program, we provide them with an acre of land, seeds, fertilizer, and equipment. We also provide training from a professional agronomist.

Though the program is less than a year old, we have already been able to help 65 families to support themselves by growing corn.

A FARMING STORY

Meet Azarias Habinama, one of our farmers in rural Uganda. He's 37 years old, and he and his wife live in a rented house with their three children. Farming is all he has known from his early days but since he doesn't own any land, he has to work for others rather than raising crops for his family's consumption. He joined our Family Empowerment Through Farming Program which provided him with an acre of land to farm. The training Seven Wells provided has made it possible for him to produce greater yields from his crops.

Azarias' dream is that he could work hard and save enough to buy his own land. Then he could build a house for his family and provide a place where they can live and support themselves. If he can do that, he says, it would be all he can ask from life.

SO WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A FAMILY'S LIFE?

- \$250 provides seeds, fertilizer, and tools to cultivate one acre. From this a family is able to grow enough to feed themselves and have some to sell.
- \$450 provides all of the above, plus it will pay to lease an acre of land for a year. This is a wonderful blessing for families who do not own any land.
- \$1,500 - \$2,000 can purchase an acre of farmland in rural Uganda. This can provide a family with an asset which will support them for many years to come.



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT – SEWING CO-OP

Like so many other great projects, it began in a garage..... There were many women and single mothers who needed some way to support their families, so we started a sewing school.

In the early days, our offices were located in a house in the town of Butare. There was a small garage space that was vacant, so we purchased some sewing machines and hired a tailor to teach the course. There was barely room in the garage for all the sewing machines, so the work flowed out onto the grass and anytime you would come to the office, you could see groups of women in the yard gathered around their sewing projects laid out on tables or ironing boards.

They learned the skills of tailoring and making clothing for adults and children. A woman with this training and a sewing machine can support her family, however, the challenge is that the cost of a sewing machine is about \$250 Canadian -- well beyond the ability of most people.



Recently, a group of 14 women were graduating from the course, and their families gathered with them for a graduation ceremony. Some extra funds had been raised and at the graduation we announced that each woman would be receiving her own machine. You should have seen the excitement! When we asked the group what they planned to do, they said, "We plan to work together to start a sewing co-op." Very smart women! We paid the first 6 months rent on a shop space where they could work, and very soon they were up and running. A great success story!



IMPACT OF THE GIFTS TO THE FAMILY

Carlos Manzi was born in 2002, the third of six children in his family. His mother was only sixteen years old when the genocide took place in Rwanda in 1994. She lost her entire extended family and after that, she was unable to go to school. She was married in 1999, but the marriage didn't last very long. Shortly after Carlos was born her husband divorced her. She and her six children now live in a small house that the government built for them. Carlos became a sponsored child with Seven Wells which enabled him to complete both primary and secondary school.

Like many other children sponsored by Seven Wells, Carlos receives gifts from his sponsors almost every Christmas. His gifts have included clothing, a mattress, goats, chickens, household bundles, a bible, shoes, a hygiene packages and food bundles. He is incredibly grateful for all these gifts.

The animals help his family by providing fertilizer for the crops they grow on a small piece of land near his house. Carlos says that words cannot express how thankful he is to his sponsors for all the gifts and for providing his school fees. May God bless them all.



LETTER FROM A SUPPORTER

In November of 2019, I had the honour to travel to Rwanda and Uganda, with our partner charity, Seven Wells. My social enterprise, One Woman, partners with great charities like Seven Wells who are doing an outstanding job of empowering children and families to break the cycle of poverty in developing countries.

During my visit, I was able to see their great work firsthand and hear from the children and families how education, skills training and entrepreneurship were empowering them to create a better future for themselves and their community.

On my very first day, I met one of the girls we sponsor to go to school. I was excited to hear her big goals and dreams of becoming a nurse. Education is the ultimate equalizer, and when we invest in a child's education, we change the future of entire nations.

Another highlight of my trip was visiting the Seven Wells Sewing School and attending the graduation of women who were now empowered to be able to start a sewing co-op and become sustainable to feed and provide for their families.

It was an extraordinary experience to step into the world of those that Seven Wells serves, and to hear and feel their immense gratitude to the organization, its sponsors and partners who pave the way for a better future. There were so many 'God moments' during my trip that filled my heart with so much love, I was convinced this is what Heaven will feel like!

Sharla Brown,
Founder of One Woman



WHAT'S NEXT?



So what's next for Seven Wells? Well, to answer that question, we need to look back at how we got started. The story goes like this:

In 2002, our founder, Amon, noticed a young girl in his church who had no shoes. He asked her why, and it turned out that her mother was very sick and this little girl Naomi was the head of her household. Amon simply told her, "I will pay your school fees and provide for your clothing, and I will meet with you every week to study the bible together." At that time, he was a university student, with no money to spare.

From that humble beginning, Seven Wells has been able to care for thousands of children in Rwanda and Uganda. The work has encompassed child sponsorship, building schools, vocational training, planting churches, training in the arts and media, family empowerment through farming and establishing businesses. When God says to do something, we do it, and He always seems to provide the resources we need.

As we prepare to do ministry in a post-COVID world, we are developing new ways to help families care for their own needs. The projects we are preparing in 2021 will involve creative ways to help people become self-sufficient through farming, and through establishing small businesses. We will continue to press forward these three elements of our strategy:

CREATE – opportunities for people

INNOVATE – solutions to the problems they face

ELEVATE – provide the resources so families and individuals can raise themselves into a better future

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US!

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Year ended December 31, 2020

REVENUE

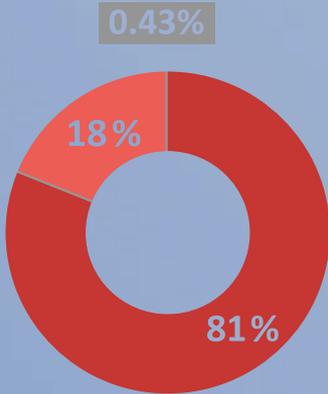
Sponsorship and Donations	\$ 395,249
Other Income	\$ 1,975
Total Revenue	\$ 397,224

EXPENDITURES Programs

Child Sponsorship & Benevolence	\$ 322,736
Sawuti Choir	\$11,956
Family Empowerment	\$ 7,366
Fundraising	\$1,833
General & Administrative	\$77,686
Total Expenditures	\$ 421,577

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ (24,353)
Net assets, beginning of year	75,980
Net assets, end of year	51,627

EXPENDITURES



Programs

81.14%

General & Administrative

18.43%

Fundraising

0.43%



