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## **Denis Kamyia: a Boy Who Won't Give Up on His Dreams**

It's always tragic when a child feels like they have no way of achieving their dreams. Children like to dream big, and it's so important for parents and friends to encourage those dreams and help them along their way. Dreams help motivate children to grow and thrive and go on to build lives full of purpose that benefit the world around them.

When lack of resources or encouragement seem to stand in the way of achieving their goals, many children may become discouraged and feel there is



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no hope for a better life. The extreme poverty experienced by many in countries like Uganda often seems like an insurmountable barrier.

We'd like you to meet a child who hasn't given up on his dreams.

Denis Kamyia is the oldest of seven children. They lost their mother some years ago and their father, a peasant farmer, has struggled to make enough to provide for all his large family's needs. They were reduced to schooling in shifts because Denis' father couldn't afford all the tuition every year. Some children would get to attend

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*Denis hard at work, learning about animal husbandry...*

school one year, others the next. This meant that they would fall behind their grade levels, and additionally began to fear that they would never even get to finish secondary (high) school. Denis tells us that after he finished his primary levels, his father told him he couldn't afford further education because of the burden of tuition for the other children!

At this point Denis had little hope of being able to continue. Without finishing his secondary school, there would be little or no

chance of going on to continue in a higher level of education. Without professional job training, he would have few options besides peasant work for the rest of his life. This would certainly be enough to crush a child's dreams!

Thanks be to God, Denis' trajectory changed when his family was enrolled in CARITAS' sponsorship program. With the help of a generous sponsor, he was able to continue his studies and eventually be accepted to a wonderful Agro-Vet Program! Denis tells us that sponsorship has brightened his future drastically. Becoming a veterinary doctor and cropist will enable him to get along quite comfortably in the world, but in addition he will be able to help many people in need in his community! He was inspired to choose this path because of the difficulties his own family has encountered in farming and animal husbandry. They did not have access to good veterinary services when their animals were sick, and Denis wants to be able to help others like his family to be able to make a good living from their crops and animals.



*...and agriculture!*

And he has an even bigger goal he hopes to fulfill. After finishing his program Denis plans to start a big farm and agro shop where he can treat

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local farmer's animals, putting the money earned toward a project to help others in need since he has received so much help in achieving his dreams. He tells us that everything he has achieved would not have been possible without sponsorship, and we commend him for his desire to give back to others!

Denis' loyal sponsor, who saw him through secondary school and the beginning of his agro-vet program, was sadly unable to continue sponsoring him through the end of the program. We're so grateful to her for getting Denis this far, and we're delighted to share that as of this week Denis has received two more sponsorships so that he can continue his education.

Denis is a tenacious young man who is determined to work very hard to give back for all the blessings he's received. We know his new sponsors will be very proud of him for all that he has and will still achieve!



*Denis' class learning how to care for crops.*

## **Merry Christmas!**



Christmas is a yearly reminder that God loved us so much that He gave us His only Son. How much more could He have given us? What better gift could we possibly ask for? May we all experience this greatest Love of the Father this Christmas season.

From all of us at CARITAS For Children - staff, ministry providers, and children - we wish you a joyous Christmas, filled with the Love of our Newborn King. Thank you for the love that you have demonstrated throughout this year. [Click Here](#) for a song and message from some of our children.

## Haiti Update

We know that sponsors are anxiously awaiting more news about their children in Haiti. As you may know, the [news stories](#) from Haiti have not been good. The country is being torn apart by violent gangs who have severely disrupted the infrastructure and supply chains. The government is effectively paralyzed and has begun asking for foreign intervention.



*A Haitian student walks to school (photo not current)*

In the meantime, the people of Haiti are suffering greatly from violence inflicted by the gangs and the devastation caused by the chaos. Food shortages are becoming dire, and conditions have become so bad that cholera is breaking out again.

In such a tragic situation, it is difficult to find a long-term solution. We were told that the schools our children attend re-opened December 5th, but we suspect that some children are likely staying home during this time, and we are still waiting on a full update from our ministry coordinator. We want sponsors to know that we are trying to take solid steps to bring relief to the children in our program and are working to come up with an emergency plan to give them aid.

This next season, we hope to implement a Special Feeding plan (as we did in Uganda in the early days of covid) to deliver food supplies to the families of children in our program. We are looking into potential food suppliers and discussing logistics with our ministry providers. When we are able to formulate a concrete plan that will keep everyone safe, we will send out an update and seek additional donations for Haiti.

Currently, our team in Haiti has potential suppliers for us to safely purchase bulk food from but our next step is to ensure that we can safely transport this food within the country. We are also discussing where there would be a secure place to store the food and how to best distribute it to our families in a safe way that doesn't attract unwanted attention from gangs.

Felix and our Sisters are also gathering letters and pictures from our children at this time and we should be able to send them to our sponsors within a month.

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Realistically, we believe that some of our children may not be able to return to school because of the violence. We suspect that many families have had to move to safer locations and may now be too far out of our reach. When we collect the pictures and letters from our 200+ children, we will have more knowledge of which students are no longer able to come back. We will then have to evaluate each sponsorship individually.

Please know that we are doing all we can to keep communications open with Haiti during this extremely unstable time, and we hope to bring some relief to our sponsored families.

We know that you are all concerned about your children in Haiti, and we ask you to please pray for solutions to be found in our program and for a resolution to the greater conflict. As always, thank you for your support and God bless you all!



Felix visits students (photo not current)

## Love Your Neighbor Campaign

Who is our neighbor? In response to this very question, Jesus tells us the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, teaching us that those we must love are often those the world least expects us to have anything to do with.

Christ teaches us to love our neighbor as He loves them. A simple directive, yet a heavy responsibility to carry out. **Sadly, there are still too many people in this world who feel unloved, unwanted, whom no one has ever extended a neighborly hand to.**

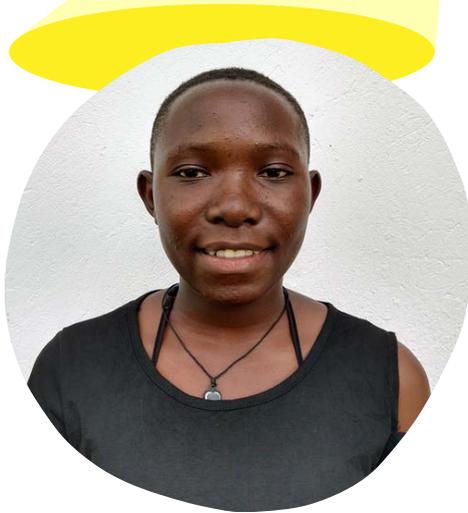


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As you prepare to make your year-end donations, **I ask you to prayerfully consider making your gift to CARITAS For Children.** Your donation will go far in showing our brothers and sisters that they are made in God's image and that their neighbors around the world love them.

## Spotlight on Children in Need

*These girls have both received sponsorship in the past but their sponsors are sadly unable to continue supporting them. They will need new sponsorships if they are to have a real shot at finishing their education.*



 [Sandra](#)  
[Nalwoga, 17](#)

Sandra is a kind girl of seventeen who especially loves caring for little children. **Her father abandoned the family when she was about eight years old and she has not seen him since the day he left.** Her family has no idea where he went or what he is doing.

Sandra lives with her three sisters and their mom who is a nanny at a village kindergarten. **She is paid about \$15 USD a month. In addition to this job she washes people's clothes by hand to earn enough to make ends meet for herself and her four children,** but she finds it difficult to make enough money to send them to school.

The girls are all clever and active in class. Three of them have had sponsors with CARITAS but unfortunately Sandra lost her sponsor. She needs a new one if she is going to have any chance of finishing her education. Since **it is her nature to care for others,** she hopes to become a doctor when she grows up.

**To help Sandra go to boarding school, she will need \$150/month from one sponsor or \$75/month from two sponsors.**

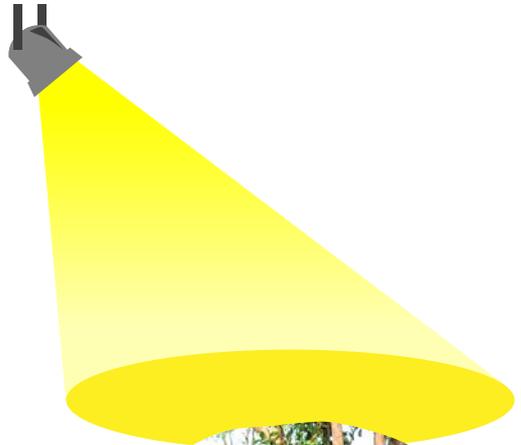
[Click here to visit Sandra's profile on our website!](#)

Lilian's family is in a very difficult situation. Her father passed away when the children were very young, and Lilian's mother suffers from HIV. **Because of her health conditions and the loss of her husband, Lilian's mother cannot manage to provide for her children alone**, although she works very hard to feed and clothe her children by digging in people's gardens, it is not nearly enough.

As a growing girl, Lilian needs food, safety, hygiene products, and most importantly, an education. To be properly provided for, Lilian requires a boarding school scholarship. **Without a sponsorship, Lilian will be forced to live her life fetching water, gathering wood, and helping her mother dig in gardens - which will perpetuate the cycle of poverty she grew up in.** Additionally, it puts her in a precarious position where she can easily be taken advantage of for a simple meal.

Her previous report cards demonstrated that Lilian is very clever, loving, and has demonstrated good leadership abilities. **Lilian's desire is to become a midwife so that she can help save more mothers from dying during childbirth**, and so that she can become self-reliant and support her family.

**To help Lilian go to boarding school, she will need \$120/month from one sponsor or \$60/month from two sponsors.**



[Lilian Nansubuga, 18](#)



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