

SACU****LOGO – BOTH



Good morning. I really didn't think that doing this SACU presentation would be so difficult for me. Not because I don't want to talk about it, but I have so much I want to tell you that we would actually need a two hour television program.

I had one presentation already to say today, but then it would leave so many adventures not said.

So yesterday I decided to start this presentation over, and to start it from the first day I went to Buwundo Uganda by myself.

I am sure the Lord sent me to Uganda to see what I could do to help these children.

I arrived August 31, 2010. September 2nd 2010, Ivan and the driver drove me out to the village of Buwundo. It took about 3 hours to get there.

***PHOTO 1



When I got to the village, there was a group of villagers with children. When I stepped out of the car there was fear in the little children's eyes. they had never seen Muzungo (white person) let alone a tall, blond **Big** white woman.



***photo 2

I got to meet many of the children I was going to help go to school. *Wait....what school?*

***Photo



I absolutely loved meeting the children. My village visit was like you've seen on TV like my idols Princess Diana and Mother Teresa or Save the Children.

School? Within a day of my first visit We were purchasing papyrus poles to build a classroom.



We contacted someone Ivan knew to make school uniforms purchasing the material needed. This was after conferring with the elders of the village. They decided the colour yellow.

The 2 classrooms were built in about 5 days. Blackboards painted, benches purchase, paper, pencils, etc. 2 teachers were hired. One being Teacher Ann. Ann who is still with us. She is one of the pillars and SACU wouldn't be where we are today.



Children were hungry so we purchased flour and beans and onions. Also pots and pans and cups, water tablets, water containers so they could Wash their hands. Fixing an outdoor toilet, now the children really didn't know how to wash their hands so George stood there and taught them. the children had never used a bathroom let alone toilet , so teacher Ann had to teach them how to use toilet paper.

First day of school September 13, 2010. I started with 57 children with no sponsors no committee no money.



Well a lot has changed since my first visit we rented classrooms for four years.



In 2012 thanks to a generous donor from Toronto we were able to purchase our own land. In January 2013 a team had an event to raise funds to register the title for the land.

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A wonderful committee had been formed. Betty, Natalie, Ingrid, Cheryl, Daryl, Kathy & Margie. Betty & Natalie were the first 2 volunteers to come to SACU.

Elaine came on board in 2017 and Kathy's husband Rick is also on board.



We now have over 200 sponsored children. Including children in our shelter.

Some have graduated.

One in particular, Namiro is an ECE teacher and head teacher at a school in Kampala. Thanks to her sponsors who continued financial support throughout her college.

I am proud of what SACU has become. It is a well respected school and we have parents with money living in the city wanting to send their child to SACU.

The committee continues to work extremely hard to raise money for the children.



*** walkathon poster.

They're having a walkathon this afternoon and it's still not too late to donate .

Also *** poster yard sale***



At the end of May they are going to have a yard sale. if you have items you want to drop off I'll give you that information later. yard sales have definitely helped us with fund raising.

In 2018 I stepped back from being an active member, but my heart is still with my Ugandan children.

Glenwood has been very supportive to SACU since almost the beginning. Joy Veres was one of the first supporters. All the children were able to go on a field trip to the Entebbe Zoo. On a bus!!! To the city 3 hours away!!!

Glenwood raised money for the playground equipment. That was a thrilling time and they're still using the playground equipment.

Currently we have 12 SACU children sponsored by members of Glenwood.

Show poster and tell who sponsors are.



Show poster board

Marilyn Hageniers 2

Omar Hageniers 2

Mel Douglas family 1

Margaret Bower 1

Pat Rowland 2

Aunties (me) 2

Eleanor has 2

Eleanor would you like to say something

Thank you Eleanor.



We still have children who need sponsors

Show poster board.

There's so much more to tell you and many amazing experiences and I have over 10,000 pictures.

I'm going to end with a video that Elaine put together for the 10 year anniversary. Sept. 2020.

*** Anniversary video