



Information Booklet

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The Organization

Heart For Children is an Evangelical Christian Charity Organization that aims to facilitate educational institutions to help in the first place the most vulnerable children; the orphans, but also the children of well to do parents, who by paying school-fees help the organization to sustain this program.

The Founders

Cor Koelewijn is a Dutch and
Grace Awori Omalla is Ugandan

They got married on January 1994 in Uganda. They now have 3 children.

Efi, Joy and Francis Koelewijn.
They reside in Tororo, Uganda.

Historic Background

Cor came to Uganda in 1986 and started his mission work with an American based NGO that serves orphans.

In 1990 he started an NGO to educate orphans with the home church as the main donor. As he did this, he was joined in April 1992 by Grace. Together they worked on the Namugongo Children's Village near Kampala.

This work grew from just a tiny goal of helping a few orphans to a great vision of a full education center with nearly 400 children.

After having gone on a Sabbatical leave in 2004, it became clear that our vision was to go beyond that of just the Namugongo Children's Village.

Therefore, in August 2006 Cor & Grace handed over their responsibilities of Namugongo to a new missionary couple and headed for Tororo. There they started on the pioneering work of the Heart For Children in Tororo. (H4C)

Volunteers

Cor & Grace have started their ministry to the orphans as volunteers and have a strong commitment to having youth from the 1st world come and get involved in missions.

Our first building was started with two teams from Europe and we will continue this interaction between Europe, America and our own Africa so as to allow all parties to benefit. The 1st world citizen will see beyond their own horizon and discover the need to get involved in the Great Commission. Our African brothers will learn from the success of their European counterparts and learn new teaching- and other professional-techniques.



Cor & Grace Koelewijn



Francis, Joy & Efi Koelewijn



Volunteers at work in Osia - Tororo

The Vision

Our main objective is to provide Excellent Christian Education, primarily for orphans, but also for Christian families in general. We aim to set up schools that will be able to sustain themselves on the income generated by the school-fees from paying parents or from sponsors that pay school-fees for orphans. The purpose for this is that when donor fatigue cripples the project income, the school will be able to continue without any incident.

The Vision - Primary School

Our vision is to start with a full Primary Boarding School. This school will be an Evangelical Christian School with an emphasis on Character Building and Discipling. This school will have half of the children pay commercial fees and the other half being orphans will be sponsored by individual sponsors in Europe & America.

We aim to appeal to Christian parents as this school aims to be a safe place to leave your children and where one can be sure that the same Christian norms and values are maintained as what you would expect in Evangelical Christian families.

The Vision - Secondary School

Once the primary school is established, the focus shifts to the building of a Secondary School on it's own compound. This means it will need it's own dormitories and class-rooms and all other facilities. It is the policy of the Ministry of Education that each institution gets it's own compound which is fenced and operates independently.

We will start with the building of the dormitories, then proceed with classrooms, allowing us to grow with the speed of one class per year just as the students follow us from the primary school.

The Vision - Vocational Education

When we have put up the main Secondary School, we will then focus on the buildings for the vocational subjects. This will require some big class-rooms that allow for machines and work benches.

We plan to start with 4 subjects: carpentry, brick-laying, tailoring and computer basics with secretarial skills.

Eventually, we would like to have 3 streams (one series of classes from S1 to S4 = one stream), which are purely theory classes (the traditional way, we call it 'O' level). The second stream will be purely vocational classes, and the third stream will be a mixed program that will offer both the 'O' level certificate and the 'junior-craft-certificate'(or equivalent). With this we aim to address the student that has no intention to do anything further than secondary education, in which case we need to make sure we have some professional course done.



The Place

In the mean time Cor & Grace bought ~25 Acre of land in 2007. This land is situated in the village of Osia. It is precisely 8 Km from Tororo town and it is just 2,5 Km away from the Tororo Cement industry on the way to Bugiri. It is strategically situated in plain view from all travelers on the main highway.

Long Term Vision

It is our desire to guard our vision with great care and remain focused on the calling that brought us to Africa in the first place; To help the helpless and orphans in particular. To train them in the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ, teach them obedience to His Word, live a life worthy of His Name and remain academically sound; "Faith with works"

To adequately be able to do this, we must also have a great interest in the quality of teachers and care-givers; "No student is greater than his teacher" Therefore, we need to give great attention to in-house staff-training. This training should focus on the material one might not find in the teacher-training-college. This is the material that addresses the "bringing up of children" with an "Evangelical Christian Character".

In simple terms one can perhaps summarize this as "Disciple Training" and "Character Building"

Our Motivation

All we are, we do and all we hope to achieve we do for the love of Christ who called us from darkness into the Fellowship of His Family. With the knowledge of who we once were, now are and the future we are all facing as creatures of this Living God, we have no better fulfillment for our lives than to make known this love and redemption plan for all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior!



Part of the the Namugongo Children's Village which Cor & Grace build from the ground up.



Who benefits?

The parents of a private student

As a Christian parent, we are always worried when sending our children to a boarding school. However, with our school, the parent can rest assured that the children will grow up in a protected family like environment. All the children are continuously monitored on their morals.

The family of the Orphan

The family members of the Orphan that receives scholarship from our school will rest assured that their child will be able to study in a High Class Christian Private School. With the type of care given at our school, it will be very difficult to fail to score 1st grade!

The student

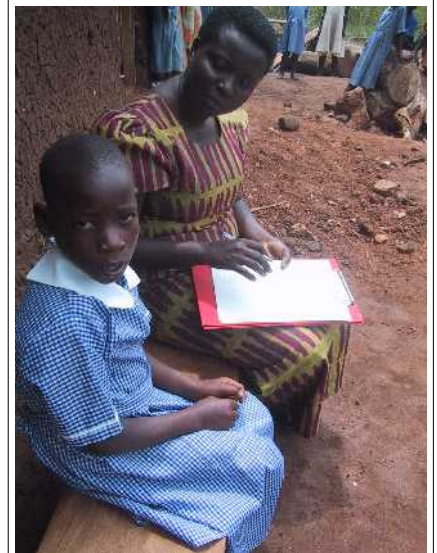
Besides the emphasis on Christian Discipleship, Character Training and Excellence in Academics, the school places the sports activities very high on the agenda. This is clear when looking at the intended layout of the school complex. Most of the area is allocated to sports fields. But even beyond this, the school will have a wide exposure to beneficial TV channels like discovery / history channel / GOD TV & News channels. And have you seen how the dormitories are designed? It gives the students a dignified place to live. The power supply is with generator & battery backup and not dependent on just the power grid..

The Staff-member

Working at Heart For Children has a benefit for a Christian worker as your work is more than just a job; it's a ministry as well. But while being in ministry, the Heart For Children is equally concerned with the welfare of it's workers as it is for the children. We believe that the school can only be a "family environment" when it's staff-members truly feel a part of this family.

When you work at H4C, you will be part of this family with all it's benefits. Some of these benefits include free housing with connected water & power. In-house courses that will help you keep up to speed with the latest teaching skills.

The minimum salary-scale will always be above the government level with additional benefits like the free housing and other allowances plus, we will always pay the salaries first, then deal with all the other bills. Those who have worked for us in our previous project can testify to this policy.



Job-Applications:

In case you like to apply for a job opening at the Heart For Children please make sure you provide us with the following details:

- A hand-written application letter
- A recent photo
- photocopies of all academic transcripts
- Letter of recommendation from the pastor of an evangelical church where you are a member.
- A (typed) full Curriculum Vitae with
 - full family details
 - full academic details
 - languages spoken & written
 - church activities details
 - work experience details
 - at least 2 referrers other than family or pastor

Send these to the “Personnel Manager”,
Heart For Children
P.O.Box 524, Tororo
Alternatively you may e-mail them to: Uganda@heart4children.org

Scholarship – Applications

For scholarship applications you do not contact us.
We take that initiative ourself.
We locate orphans in the remote areas of the district via our social workers.

New Student Applications

As for the beginning of the program, we are not yet taking in private paying students. The program starts with sponsored students until the facilities are adequately developed. At that time we shall advertise the start of our commercial program.

However, we will not object to you making your interest known for this program by sending us a letter stating:

- your name
- your parents names & employment details
- your present school and copy of last report
- Your contact details; phone & postal

We will then get back to you and inform you on the next steps.

Contact us

Have we aroused your curiosity?

Just feel free to contact us.
Use the address below.



For additional information regarding the work and ministry of Heart For Children we refer you to our website:
<http://heart4children.org>

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