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Dear Friends,

Greetings from everyone in Bweya; our thoughts and prayers are constantly with you.

The first six months in 2021 have been quite challenging for us at CSU, besides the loss of one of our own Abimanyi Meshach (RIP), Covid -19 has continued to hit hard in Uganda with surging positive cases and deaths reported across the country threatening the survival of everyone, and in one way or the other impeding our progress with the plan. But as I noted in the previous reports, we chose to focus on the positives and look to the future with great hope that God will see us through and indeed we have faith soon we shall overcome this. With this report I hope you find everything interesting.

Children's Wellbeing



This picture of children doing craft work was taken a few weeks ago during the second lockdown in Uganda. Yes! It is a traumatizing period for the children who thought they could be in school by this time, but instead found themselves home due to covid-19. am delighted to report that the staff have been up involving these children in productive work to keep them busy during these lockdown

Indeed every ugly situation comes with a finny good side; we have always wanted to get ample time to train the children in various skills but see; Without the virus causing all of our children to be sent home from school we would not have had much more time to train them in various craft making skills. This has taught us to always trust God for He alone knows what holds in the future.

Early this year, we held our very first Annual General Meeting. On the 27th of February, close to 30 members from the executive board, various board committees, former children of CSU, community leaders plus a representative of the board of trustees managed to attend.



Staff Matters

The entire staff has in the past 6 months benefited from a number trainings among which include a special training in Effective time management, Report writing, book making and Guidance and Counseling; which have been conducted on different schedules.



Parties And Celebrations

In past months children have enjoyed moment of excitements the first was the special Christmas Party at the beginning of the year where they were also given gifts which were donated by ZBK for the children's.

Another surprise party was also organized by a CSU longtime friends M/s Gertrude who on chose to celebrate her child's birthday with the children of Bweya. This came in the same time when Easter was just at the corner.

The most recent was the fun filled surprise birthday party which was fully organized and sponsored by **MEALS OF HOPE** headed by Chef Mike. It was indeed a moment characterized by merry making, feasting on food varieties including liking ice cream left the children appreciating God for creating philanthropic men and women



Children's Studies and Hands on Skills

It has is still for the children who hoped to be in school by now but we shocked when another lockdown was pronounced. However, am glad to report that the staff has continued to support the children through regular counseling and home based coaching in basic maths, English language, Social studies and Science which has helped the children keep in touch with academics. Am happy to report also that a number of finalist students completed their Examinations and are waiting for their results.



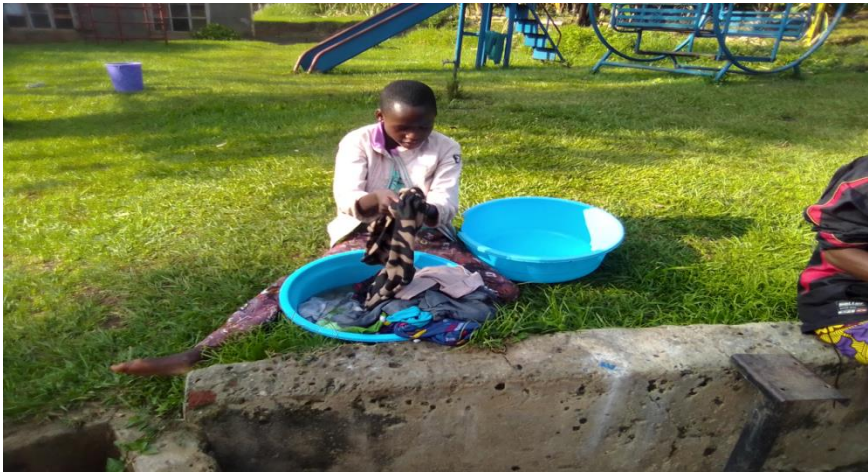
Children have been involved in a number of other life skill activities which include craft making, gardening and cooking which they have doing with the guidance of staff



Children's Health Matters

A part from the first four months where we had several health challenges with mostly for Catherine Nabikolo, Abimanyi Meshach who passed on plus Kisseka Christopher, the past couple of months have registered great improvement with only one case of Namubiru Irene who was communicated to have been severely sick with malaria.

We are grateful for the great improvement in Nabikolo Catherine;s health and Kisekka is also showing signs of healing.



**Catherine
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Home follow up Visits.



We managed to visit almost all our children in the families in the communities. We hope we will do the same after the lockdown. Through such visits we are able to monitor the children's bond with parents.

Yielding from the Garden



There has been accelerated vegetable planting around CSU compound and in garden; by both the staff working with the children. Among the items planted tomatoes, onions and cabalas. Am excited to report that a couple of the last months have been rewarding with great yields of mostly tomatoes and greens.



Facility Repairs and Maintenance

Through our facility maintenance manager several repairs have been done at children's latrines, children's dormitories the gate way and the dining hall. Routine cutting of compound grass has also been done.



The pictures above show Some of the repairs that were made at the latrine on the girls side and at CSU main gateway



New Admission

Throughout the month of may, the social work department was involved in carrying out investigations

Concerning the sad story of one Mubiru Frank aka Abdul. The final conclusion was made on 13 June

After the report obtained that both is parents had separated and through the probation he was referred to CSU for care and protection.



Mubiru Frank alias Abdul aged 14 years was joined CSU on 13 June, 2021 through the Office of the district probation after he was left helpless when his parents got misunderstandings.



On the 3rd February 2021, a dark cloud covered CSU when on of our own Abimanyi Meshach succumbed to severe pneumonia and died on arrival to Mulago referral hospital



And just recent in June, CSU was hit again with another huge tragedy when one of the longest serving Board Member and a friend of CSU a one Onesmus Ssendagire succumbed to Covid-19.

Support is Needed

One of the Children's Latrines has been declared a high risk facility for the children after it developed cracks and at the verge of collapsing. Urgent support is needed to construct a new one without delay as the children mostly the girls have to walk longer distance to another alternative latrine. The proposal has already been drafted on the actual amount required of approximately UGX 12,000,000

Conclusion AND Prayers

- i. Dear Friends and partners of CSU, please pray for the work of BWEYA. And the children in particular; with the ever escalating Covid-19 deaths, the scare is too high for the children. Many questions are raised regarding what next for their education. after the closure of schools for a second time.
- ii. Pray all our staff, children, board members with the long lockdown no one knows how things will end.
- iii. ii. Pray for Uganda and all people; everyone seems to be confused with the direction we are taking after the second wave of Covid-19 that is turning everything upside down and many deaths reported each day.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with you thanks for every support
Moses and Team

