

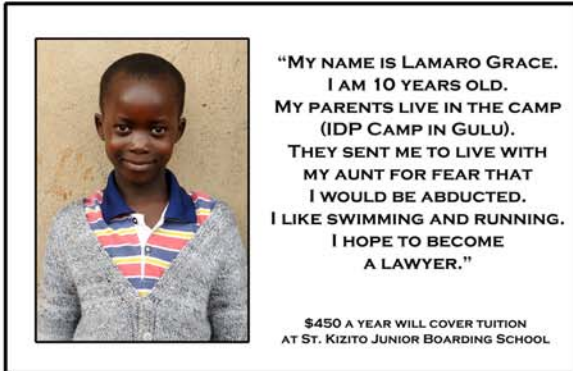
# Project Have Hope

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helping women in the Acholi Quarter to help themselves

Project Have Hope is thriving, growing stronger each day and making significant changes to improve the lives of so many in the Acholi Quarter.

During our most recent trip in May, we took on the responsibility to pay the school fees for 12 more children whose families could no longer do so. This brings the total to 85 children who depend on PHH to provide for their educational needs.



Since January, we're delighted to proclaim that 17 of our children have been sponsored through our child sponsorship program. Each of these children benefits, not just from the financial contribution and commitment of their sponsors, but from the knowledge that someone has reached across the world with an open heart. We've added profiles of 15 new children who are in need of sponsors to our site:

[www.projecthavehope.org](http://www.projecthavehope.org) In August, we will add 20 more children. We hope that by January, when the new school year begins, we will have found a sponsor for each of these children.



In the words of one of the pupils of the adult literacy class,

**"Thank you for taking us from nowhere to somewhere."**

In May, we also started a new initiative, a community outreach program. Although PHH is committed to working with its core members of 100 women and their families, we cannot overlook the needs of many others who are suffering and in need of support. With the establishment of the outreach program, we reached out to 17 families whose situations were desperate and worked with each family to see how we could best give our support. In some cases, we took on the burden of school fees. For other families, we bought food and charcoal. One



Above Photo: Okello and siblings

family, headed by a 16 year old boy, Okello, who is caring for 4 younger siblings after both parents succumbed to AIDS, really touched us. We bought mattresses and blankets for them, so they no longer need to share just one. And we enrolled Okello in driving school. Previously he'd been working in the stone quarry with his brother. We hope that after he earns his license, he will gain employment as a taxi driver. With a better job, we hope that in the near future, he will earn enough money to care for his brothers and sister without the need for assistance from PHH. The ultimate goal of PHH is to help the families in the Quarter learn and explore ways of becoming self-sufficient.

One step in that direction has been the adult literacy program which we started in January. It has flourished and now has 32 eager pupils. We are hoping to raise enough money this year to enable us to expand the adult literacy program. If you'd like to be a tangible part of making a difference, consider hosting a bead party, either in your home, school or church.