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ESUUBI News

– Climbing out of poverty –

Dear friends of *ESUUBI*,

Introductory – as usual – some information on the general situation in Uganda since the last newsletter: in May there were a few cases of Ebola – diseases which in the past are more commonly known from neighboring Congo. Although the WHO declared this a „Public Health Emergency of International Concern“, there is considerable uncertainty about the actual infection figures.

Due to the ongoing riots in eastern Congo since January 2025, the border between the two countries has been temporarily closed since the end of May. Otherwise, the situation in Uganda is currently quite calm.

It should also be mentioned that the pipeline, which has been under construction for several years and is intended to transport crude oil from western Uganda (from the area of Lake Albert) to Tanzania, is almost complete and is scheduled to begin operations in 2027. Hopefully, this will bring more prosperity not only to the involved companies, but also to the Ugandan population (?).

In silent remembrance

The message of a person's death is – especially when it is unexpected and sudden – always difficult to bear. So, at the beginning of September, we learned that a good acquaintance – Eliot– had died in a tragic traffic accident at the age of only 47. He and his wife were hit by a bus. He succumbed to the severe injuries he suffered a day later.

We remember Eliot as a very friendly, forthcoming, and always ready friend to help others. As a teacher he was very popular with his students. He leaves behind three children. His wife has since been released from the hospital and is on the (long) way to recovery. Since most people in Uganda cannot afford health or life insurance, donations are very welcome to help address the situation of this family.



- FASUC -

... the metal workshop

The material warehouse set up at *FASUC* repeatedly proves to be very useful: firstly, it allows orders to be completed quickly, as the necessary material is usually already available. On the other hand, the price of materials per order decreases due to the larger quantity purchased from steel dealers. This is particularly important because the price of steel has roughly tripled within a year.

For capacity reasons, the warehouse has now been expanded with a self-built extension that extends the 20 – foot container. Novel roller shutters were also installed – partly to show customers this innovation.





However, the necessary machines to manufacture these types of roller shutters themselves are still lacking but there are would be a plenty of interested parties.

The order situation has been quite good in recent months, but the electricity supply is always difficult. The main reason for this is that a new power line is currently being built from the capital Kampala to Mityana, where *FASUC* is located. This leads to power outages almost every day, often throughout the whole day. Therefore, work can only resume in the evening, often until midnight or longer. Currently, 18 students are employed in the workshop.

- PHILADELPHIA Junior School -

... the school project



„My name is *Hope Nantambi*. When I was started primary school in 2022, I had no one else to help me. I now attend a secondary school and can have hope again. I would love to become a teacher someday, so that I can especially help children."



„I am *Enock Mubiru* and I am an orphan – my parents are no longer alive. But the fact that I have the opportunity to go to school gives me a future. As a pastor, I would like to do good later on, especially for disadvantaged children."

Since the primary school is now state-registered, Ugandan education law requires that the teachers employed there also have official permission – it must be trained teachers; otherwise, the school can not operated. Until now, the children were mostly taught by volunteers who did their internships there.

The school currently comprises 7 classes, each requiring the hiring of a teacher. The monthly salary is approximately CHF/EUR 150, which adds up to slightly more than CHF/EUR 1000 per month.

Since these financial resources are lacking, the continued existence of the school is currently uncertain – especially since most students are orphans and cannot pay school fees.

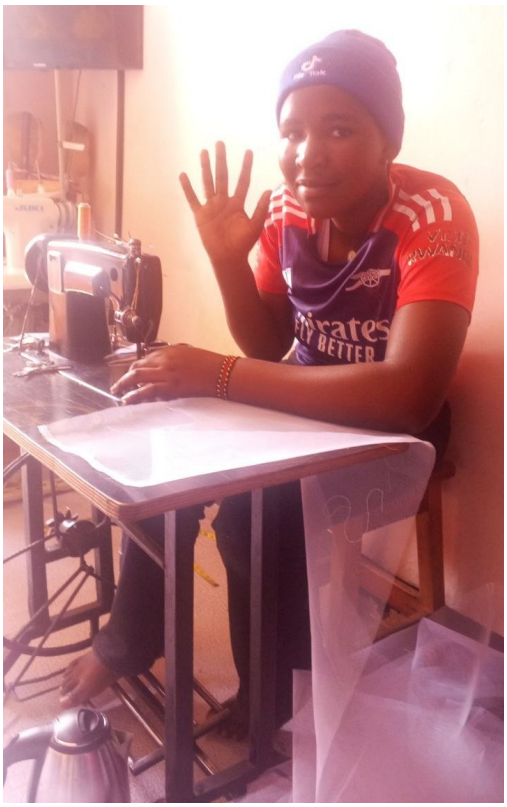
One idea would be to build a farm where the students could also do practical work, thus covering at least some of the monthly costs such as rent and school materials. But even for that, an initial investment is needed.

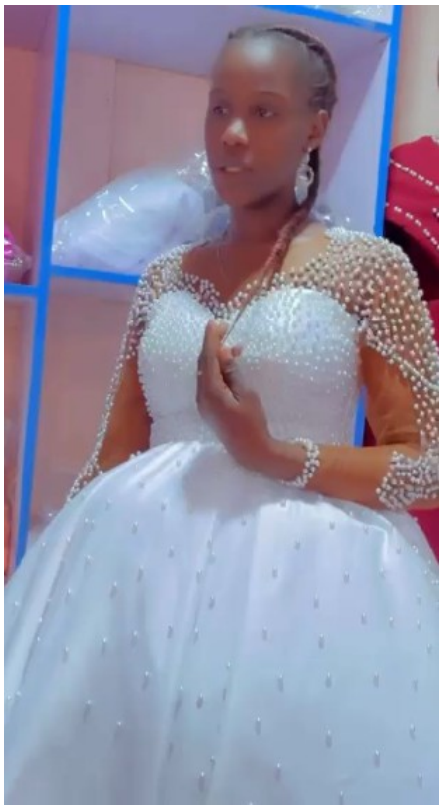


- FASUC -

... the Tailoring

The sewing workshop is currently where the 3 students: Christine; Catherine and Tracy are learning, among other things, how to sew wedding dresses; this is the specialization that Joane – her teacher – is currently pursuing.





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Many thanks for the support!

(for further information see also at: esuubi.info)

Lovely greetings from Silvio & Sibylle Stender

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