

# Americans Serving African Children, Inc.

## Newsletter & Report – Winter 2014

Dear friends of ASAC, 2014 has been another terrific year for us. As in past years, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your past donations, show you how the money has been used, and share some photos with you of the kids that have been helped. As in past years, 100% of all the donations we received have gone to benefit the children of Africa. Any administrative expenses which we incurred have been paid for by our club members.

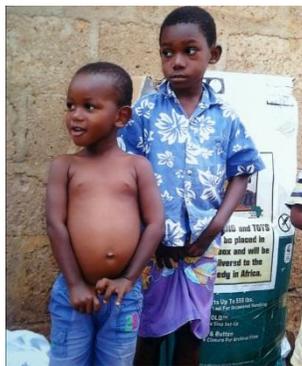
In addition to the donations we received, we have raised money through brat fries, a pancake breakfast, a book distribution and a donkey basketball game. Donkey basketball was an especially enjoyable endeavor for both spectators and participants. Our club members have found it rewarding to work for the benefit of the African orphans.



*Donkey basketball fundraiser*

Our annual pancake breakfast raised over \$5,000, allowing us to ship a trailer full of clothing and supplies to the Salvatorian missions in Ghana. The supplies are distributed by the Salvatorians to the most needy members of the community. Our community has been very generous in contributing clothes, toys and needed supplies. Supplies are collected through the month of January, and shipped in Feb. each year. Looking at the photos of the children receiving their gifts has been an annual treat for our members!

*Children in Ghana receiving donations from ASAC annual clothing drive*



*Girls at St. Mary's Vocational School with new sewing machines*

We provided funds to the St. Mary's Vocational school in Uganda to purchase sewing machines. The Sisters of St. Mary's teach these girls how to sew as part of their mission. This allowed the school to teach a craft to the young women attending the school which could be used to provide for their support. The principal of the school contacted us to indicate she is hopeful this will help limit the number of girls who will be afflicted with AIDS, as they now value their lives!

We have increased our assistance to the Bulamu Children's orphanage this year, with the help of numerous individuals who are sponsoring children within the orphanage. For only \$30 per month, you can provide food, clothing and an education to an orphan. The orphanage has a few computers which allow the sponsors to skype and communicate with their child. This has proved very rewarding for



*Orphans studying at Bulamu Village*

everyone involved. Recently we were also able to pay \$135 for an operation for one of the children to correct a birth defect which made it difficult to urinate. This defect caused the child to be scorned and teased by the other children. He will now be able to lead a normal life. It is amazing to think that a life can be changed for as little as \$135. If anyone wishes to sponsor a child, simply go to the website at [www.bulamu-uganda.org/donate.html](http://www.bulamu-uganda.org/donate.html). You can take a look at the orphanage and the wonderful children that are being cared for.

ASAC has also been providing regular assistance to an orphanage in Uganda run by a wonderful young man named Patrick. Patrick had been an orphan himself, and felt the need to help the street children who had no one caring for them. He is now providing care to over 100 children! We have given him \$200 per month, and have also sent \$6,000 to put in a well, which will provide clean water for not only his orphanage, but the entire village! Patrick was near tears when he learned of the well donation. Many of his children have gotten very sick over the years from the contaminated water they drank, and this should put an end to that problem. He is still in need of funds to provide electricity to the orphanage, which is something we hope to be able to provide for him at some point in the future.



*Flavis with a young orphan at Patrick's orphanage*



*Christian school in Guinea*

In Guinea, ASAC donated \$5,000 to build a Christian school in a predominately Muslim area. The school will be run by personnel in conjunction with Compassion Evangelical Hospital. Christianity will be openly preached by the staff. Free medical care is also offered to those in need, regardless of their faith. The staff wishes to show the people of the community by example what Christianity is all about!

ASAC continued its mission to educate children by sending 12 children in the Gambia, and 10 children in Cameroon to school for a year. \$85 per year covers the cost of tuition and books in the Gambia. \$100 per year covers the same items in Cameroon. A dollar goes a long way in Africa! We have monitored the progress of the Gambian children from our donations last year. Their attendance is near perfect. These children value and appreciate their education!



*School supply distribution in Cameroon*

We hope to be able to continue helping these children in the future. There are many good people in Africa helping the orphans. Our goal is to be able to financially assist them in order to maximize the number of children they can help, and provide as many children as possible with an opportunity to get off the streets. It is hard to imagine a child going through the world with no one to love her or take care of her.

If you would like to help these children, you can send your tax deductible contribution to: ASAC, Inc., P.O. Box 1180, Manitowoc WI 54221-1180. Thanks again for your past support of our cause.

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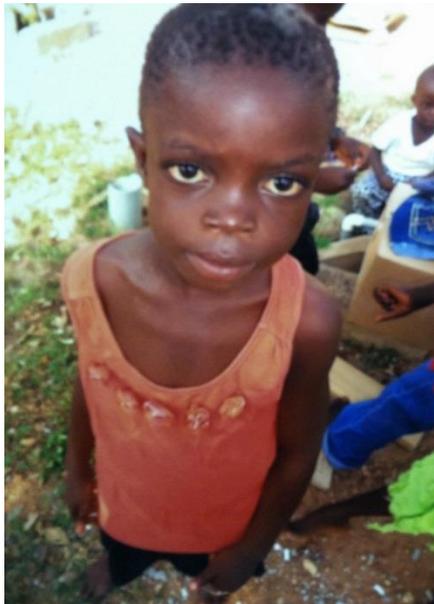
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*Your donations continue to support children in need across Africa*