

## Delight in the Lord Ministries

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Dear DLM Family,

What an amazing God we serve! Through your prayers, donations, and support, He is doing great things in Uganda, Africa. Thank you for being a part of Delight in the Lord Ministries' journey since 2015!

Delight in the Lord Ministries (DLM) was established in November 2015 and is soon starting its 10th year of ministry in Uganda, Africa. Based on this year's expenses, we estimate a need of \$137,500 to operate efficiently in 2025. Thanks to the faithful giving of our current monthly partners, quarterly partners, and educational sponsors, approximately 84% of this amount will be covered. **We need \$22,000 for operating expenses for the 2025 calendar year.** We depend solely on the Lord to provide ministry funds through the faithful and generous giving of His people. *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV* 

In June of 2023, I moved into the ministry home about 50 miles southwest of Kampala, the capital of Uganda, in a village called Migamba. On Sundays, I make that 2 to 2.5-hour trek into the capital with the mall as my first stop. I purchase my household items from the Walmart-type supermarket located in the mall. I usually grab a bite to eat from one of the mall restaurants before heading to my 11:00 a.m. church service. I pick up Mama Fab and sometimes a few sponsored children on the way. The church service ends at 1:00 p.m., and then I'm off to Jeholand Junior School to host the weekly Bible Study (my favorite part of ministry) which lasts until 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. God has also provided the opportunity for me to host a weekly Bible study at a neighbor's home in the village near my house. Recently, the ministry purchased English Bibles to give out to these children. We know God will use His Word to change hearts and save His people! We are so undeserving of His blessings, and praise His name for His amazing grace.

God has also opened the door for ministry opportunities at a local government school near my home, perfectly timed for the mission team I hosted in July. The team and I volunteered at the school by serving lunch to the children and playing games with them during this time. These visits led to the school's headmaster signing me up to lead some reading activities with a few grade levels once a week.

My vision for DLM has always been establishing a primary boarding school that will provide a nurturing environment, offer a Christian-based education, and teach Biblical discipleship to our sponsor children. In 2019, we began seriously pursuing my dream to start a boarding school as we began actively searching for land. In the summer of 2021, we began designing and developing plans for Delight in the Lord Primary Boarding School and the ministry home that serves as my permanent residence and lodging for mission teams. In October 2021, the most beautiful 17-acre plot of land was purchased for DLM's future primary boarding school and ministry home.

Fast forward three years to 2024.....the ministry home, storage/gatekeeper room, the teachers' latrines, the kitchen/cafeteria, and the visitors' building are all complete. We truly give God the glory for providing \$345,000 to complete these buildings. He deserves all the honor and glory for these financial blessings that were given to support DLM's building program. What an incredible blessing! *"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." 1 Chronicles 16:25 ESV* 

We are excited to report that we have already begun the construction of the boarding school's Administration Building which is projected to cost \$110,000. With donations from the building campaign and monthly building partners, we have completed the foundation. Moving forward, we need \$76,000 to finish the building. Your gift to the Building Program will help us complete the Administration Building in 2025. Will you help us meet our goal of \$76,000?

Below is the list of structures yet to be built and the estimated cost of each. To complete all of the remaining buildings for Delight in the Lord Primary Boarding School, we will need \$510,000. Please continue to pray for full funding for these buildings.

a boys' dormitory (\$120,000) a girls' dormitory (\$120,000) latrines for boys and girls (\$30,000) a 5-classroom wing with a library (\$95,000) a 5-classroom wing with a computer lab (\$95,000) the headmaster's home (\$50,000)

Our DLM Monthly and Quarterly Partners and Educational Sponsors provide the financial anchor for this ministry. This year, will you take the next step and become a DLM Monthly Partner through a monthly donation of \$25 or more? If you are a current monthly or quarterly partner, can you increase your monthly or quarterly giving?

Our supporters, including YOU, have faithfully and generously given to each of our End-of-Year campaigns, and we sincerely thank you in advance for your continued support through the 2024 End-of-Year Campaign! The need for our 2025 Operating Costs is \$22,000 and our 2025 Building Program is \$76,000.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5 ESV

With grateful and humble hearts,

## Cierra and team

Cierra Crowe and Ashley Crowe DLM Board (Lisa Crowe, Curt Deal, Jenni Deal, Ashley Galo, Melissa Sands, Joy Waters, and Philip Worthington)