

Set Free Ministries



"Bringing God's healing and freedom to hurting people worldwide."

October 2012

Dear Friends of Set Free Ministries,
The sweet, spicy smell of autumn is in the air, the leaves are showing forth their brilliant colors, and school is in full swing. Those school clothes that were crisp and new at the beginning of the last school year are now well used, and the kids are complaining that they're out of fashion, and they want newer, better clothes. The crayons have been broken, the pencils blunted, and the pens misplaced. Oh, and the excuse, "My dog ate my homework" has been used more times than anyone wants to think about.

Meanwhile, in Uganda and Kenya, over 3,000 orphaned children are longing for just one set of new clothes for school. If they could have just one pen, they would treasure it. Their school day lasts anywhere from eight to twelve hours. They don't care about the latest fashion. They just want to belong. They just want to know they're loved and cherished. For just \$20 a month, one child would receive a brand-new school uniform, along with other necessities we take for granted. The \$20.00 that won't even buy one shoe here would change a child's life forever. Will you take that step and make a difference? Will you sponsor a child?

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SFM Worldwide **Churches Changing Lives**

Imagine that in your church on Sunday morning, the pastor introduces about a dozen children of varying ages to your congregation. He explains

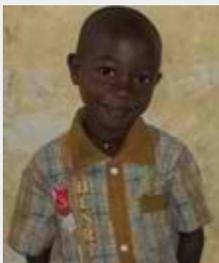
that some are in the foster care system; some have to be removed from dangerous situations; a couple just lost their parents in an auto accident... Because the foster care and child protective services systems are so overwhelmed with children needing homes, these twelve would be left completely homeless unless families from the church took them home and made them part of their own families. One by one, different families come forward and select a child—in some cases, two—until, by the end of the service, all the children now have homes with different church members. That scene sounds pretty far-fetched, and we have trouble picturing that ever happening in North America.

In Uganda, the scene depicted above is actually played out in churches. Children who are double-orphans (both parents are gone), and have no known relatives to stay with desperately need families to love and care for them. Pastors have actually “passed them out” in church to families willing to give them food and shelter. Often these families can ill afford another mouth to feed, nor do they have extra room in their already cramped living conditions. Sometimes it is an older widow that takes another child or two in, even though she already is caring for a couple orphans. The SFM sponsorship program supports these children, assuring that they receive a much-needed education, lifting them out of the crushing poverty most experience as a daily reality. It also provides a daily meal (perhaps the only one for the day). For \$20.00 a month, you can come along side one of these children and help provide them with a new reality. Because of your generosity, they will receive love and a Christian education, enabling them to grow and become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. We the Church, the Body of Jesus Christ, are responsible for changing lives!

Child Sponsorship Program!

Making a life-changing difference in their lives and yours...

SFM is excited to launch its' new child sponsorship program! Some children have been sponsored and cannot wait to learn about God and how to read and write! Geoffrey is still on the waiting list. The **investment** is *only \$20 per month*... ([see more](#))



Sponsor Geoffrey

Age: 5 Years
Gender: Male
Outreach: SFM E.Africa
Impact Site: Victorious (Tata)

Kids for Kids Update!

A HUGE thanks to everyone who participated in the Kids for Kids Campaign!

A staggering **\$20,785** was raised, resulting in **520 GOATS** purchased and given to children who will care for them. The goats, in return, will provide food and income for the kids! Thank YOU!



Two Girls are Ready to 'Adopt'!

Ben Benting

My kids were very excited when they heard about Set Free's new orphan sponsorship program. I traveled to Uganda during the winter of 2010 to see the kids and school sites, and brought back many stories to tell them when I arrived back home. I must not have been very clear about how the sponsorship program worked because two of my daughters, Lyvia age 8, and Zippora age 6, began talking and planning their "adoption" of two orphan girls from Uganda. In their minds this seemed like such a great value for only \$20 each! I was unaware of their grand ideas until they approached me to share the names they had picked out for each of their girls. Lyvia had named her 8 year old girl "Samantha Coopers" and Zippy picked out "Jane Victoria" for her 6 year old girl. They were also curious to know how long it would take for their girls to get here, or if we could go pick them up. The girls had thought it through, and had all the living arrangements planned out. They were slightly disappointed when I clarified some of the minute details of the program like, you don't get to name the children - they already have names, and they don't get to come and live with us - we just get to help them live better where they are, in Uganda. The disappointment quickly turned into giggling and we directed their excitement towards selecting a 7 year old girl named "Jovia" from my most memorable site, the town of Kassensero.



What happens when we forgive? We can use our energy for God's service!

Christina Oakes

Even though I had my Freedom Appointment back in 2007, I am still using the steps I learned, especially in the area of forgiveness. Since life presents us with plenty of opportunities to forgive, I often find myself using the steps of identifying who I'm forgiving, what I'm forgiving them for, my own wronged feelings, and praying blessing on that person and healing for me. Because of this, **forgiving is no longer an abstract concept for me, and it's not a matter of how I feel. It's a matter of walking in God's ways** and keeping spiritually clean and holy before my Lord. Once I'm empty, I can then be filled with His Spirit. **Instead of expending my energy holding on to the past, I can use that energy to serve God and advance His Kingdom.**

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