2006 Children Of Uganda "Tour Of Light"

Davis, CA
Sat., Jan. 28 at 8pm & Sun., Jan. 29 at 5pm
Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts University of California
www.mondaviarts.org
(530) 754-2787

Chico, CA
Wed., Feb. 1 at 7:30pm
Laxson Auditorium California State University
www.csuchico.edu/bfa/chicoarts
(530) 898-6333

Bremerton, WA
Fri., Feb 3 at 8pm
Admiral Theatre
www.admiraltheatre.org
(360) 373-6743

Longview, WA
Sun., Feb. 5 at 3pm
Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts
www.columbiatheatre.com
(360) 575-8499

Kirkland, WA
Fri., Feb. 10 at 8pm
Kirkland Performance Center
www.kpcenter.org
(425) 893-9900

San Francisco, CA
Sat., Feb. 18 at 8pm
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
www.ybca.org
(415) 978-2787

Pasadena, CA
Fri., Feb. 24 at 8pm
Beckman Auditorium
Caltech Public Events California Institute of Technology
http://events.caltech.edu
(626) 395-4652

Malibu, CA
Tues., Feb. 28 at 7:30pm
Smothers Theatre
Center for the Arts Pepperdine University
www.pepperdine.edu/arts
(310) 506-4522

Fayetteville, AR
Sat., March 4 at 7pm
Walton Arts Center
www.waltonartscenter.org
(479) 443-5600

Santa Fe, NM
Thurs., March 9 at 7pm
Lensic Theatre
www.lensic.com
(505) 988-1234

Denver, CO
Sat., March 11 at 7:30pm
Gates Concert Hall
Newman Center for the Performing Arts
Denver University
www.du.edu/newmancenter
(303) 871-7720

Overland Park, KS
Fri., March 17 at 7pm
Yardley Hall at the Carlsen Center
Johnson County Community College
www.jccc.net/carlsencenter
(913) 469-4445

Ann Arbor, MI
Thurs., March 23 at 7pm & Fri. March 24 at 8pm
Power Center at University of Michigan
Hosted by University Musical Society
www.ums.org
(734) 764-2538

Iowa City, IA
Sun., March 26 at 2pm
Hancher Auditorium at University of Iowa
www.hancher.uiowa.edu
(319) 335-1160

Ames, IA
Wed., March 29 at 7:30pm
Stephens Auditorium
Iowa State Center
www.center.iastate.edu
(515) 294-2479

San Antonio, TX
Thurs., March 30 – Sunday, April 2
See website for details
www.childrenofuganda.org

Cleveland, OH
Sat., April 8 at 11am
Allen Theatre at Playhouse Square
www.playhousesquare.com
(216) 241-6000

New York, NY
Tues–Sun., April 11-16, at 7:30pm
Sat. & Sun., April 15 & 16 at 2pm
The Joyce Theater
www.joyce.org
(212) 242-0800

Burlington, VT
Wed., April 19 at 7:30pm
Flynn Center for the Performing Arts
www.flynncenter.org
(802) 863-5966

Hanover, NH
Thurs., April 20 at 7pm
Spaulding Concert Hall
Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College
www.hop.dartmouth.edu
(603) 646-2422

Boston, MA
Sat., April 22 at 8pm &
Sun., April 23 at 3pm
Berklee Performance Center
Hosted by World Music/Crash Arts
www.worldmusic.org
(617) 876-4275

Amherst, MA
Wed., April 26 at 7:30pm
Concert Hall at Fine Arts Center
University of Massachusetts
www.umass.edu/fac
(413) 545-2511

Newark, NJ
Sun., April 30 at 2pm
Prudential Hall
New Jersey Performing Arts Center
www.njpac.org
(888) GO NJPAC

College Park, MD
Sat., May 6 at 3pm & 8pm
Sun., May 7 at 3pm
Kay Theatre
Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center University of Maryland
www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu
(301) 405-2787

Philadelphia, PA
Fri., May 12 at 8pm
Penn Presents at Annenberg Center
University of Pennsylvania
www.pennpresents.org
(215) 898-3900

Dallas, TX
May 14-22
See website for details
www.childrenofuganda.org

Chicago, IL
Wed., May 24 at 8pm, Fri., May 26 at 7:30pm,
Sat., May 27 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm
Athenaeum Theatre
Urban Gateways Center for Arts Education
www.urbangateways.org
(312) 922-0440

St. Paul, MN
Sat., June 3 at 11am and 2pm
Sun., June 4 at 1pm
Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
www.ordway.org
(651) 224-4222

*Please visit the Children of Uganda website at www.childrenofuganda.org to check for schedule changes.

This Place Is Amazing

My sister Cassia and I arrived in June this year to volunteer in Rakai. Cassie stayed for two months, and well, I'm still here… because this place is amazing.

Internet Blog Entry: The Sabina Home is, indeed, rich, thanks to you our friends and family. When we gathered them one night after prayers to explain what was in the 10 huge boxes we'd carried from the bus that afternoon, the school erupted in ear-splitting shouts and laughter. The washing in permethrin and hanging up of 200 mosquito nets was a two-day affair, and the select few who received them the first day (as a reward for their labor in washing) were eyed with jealousy for a painful 24 hours. Lying down after hanging them up, some senior boys were heard saying "welcome to the Sheraton" and "there's no difference between us and the wealthy businessmen now." We are beginning a statistical analysis of the cases of malaria, pre- and post- "netsies" (as they call them). And Cassie has acquired yet another name: "Auntie Fundikula Netigo" - a Luganda phrase she shouts every night when putting the children to bed, meaning "tuck in your net!"

They won the district championships barefoot, but the county championship was theirs (5-0) in bright blue socks and shoes. The team is truly amazing and works incredibly hard. The matches are a sight to see… little Sabina girls and boys crowd behind the opposing team's goalpost, where they heckle the goalie and sing, clap, and dance, finally ripping apart some tree branches a la pom-poms for the countdown to victory, when they storm the field. Some visiting sponsors from Texas funded the money for 2 goats to be slaughtered in celebration, and everyone drank a soda.

The shoe-fitting is going to be an ongoing process, and we thank God that Talitha's here for another two months to take careful measurements and swap tight shoes for looser ones. We bought shoes for everyone who has none, but going down a line of seemingly well-shod senior girls to inspect, we found that almost every girl's feet were squeezed mercilessly in a pair of shoes that some younger girl would be happy in. So there's still a lot of work to do.

Although we still have more school shoes to buy, we made an impulse buy last week and got the soccer team some well-deserved cleats.

These sponsors also brought a suitcase full of donated pens, pencils, and sharpeners. The children seriously feel as if they are rolling in riches. We cannot thank you enough!

For more information about Cassia's and Talitha's experiences in Uganda, feel free to visit Talitha's internet blog website for more entries at https://www.livejournal.com/users/tandoinuganda.

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Reflections…

In reflecting on UCCF's Tenth Anniversary, I read through some of my prayer journals and found quotes from world leaders and spiritual giants that have spoken to me along the way…

August 1993: Depart Texas for Uganda…leaving a career in banking in search of a "calling"…

"I am growing in the awareness that God wants my whole life, not just part of it…" Henri Nouwen

"To journey for the sake of saving our own lives is little by little to cease to live in any sense that really matters…because it is only by journeying for the world's sake…that little by little we start to come alive… God knows I have never been any good at following the road it appointed me to, but at least, by grace, I glimpsed the road and saw that it is the only one worth traveling." Frederick Buechner

August 1993 – October 1994: Living and working with Sister Rose and the children of the Daughters of Charity Orphanage…

"Remember you walking into my days (or did I walk into yours?) I reflect on all the ways you've been grace to my heart." Macrina Wiederkehr

"I am dying at last
Truth is falling through my life like lightning
I am losing my life
I am finding my life"
Macrina Wiederkehr

October 1994: First "Tour of Light", leaving Uganda bound for London and six US cities, with only $200 in my pocket…

"Faith is unutterable trust in God, trust which never dreams that He will not stand by us." Oswald Chambers

January 1995: The Uganda Children's Charity Foundation (UCCF) is founded and UCCF begins to pay school fees for 50 children…

"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history." Gandhi

January 1996: UCCF's US Scholarship program brings three Ugandan students to study in Dallas, Texas…

"Now you shall see what I can do…" Exodus 6:1

"Believers will challenge the world's presumption by constructing lives around God's promise." Neuhaus Warner – Bible Study Fellowship

January 1998: UCCF begins support of the Kiwanga orphanage with 150 children and institutes a community outreach to HIV positive mothers and their children…

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 1999: UCCF incorporates the Rakai home and school into our outreach, thanks to a generous donor who provides the funds to keep it open for a year – saving the lives of over 300 children…

"We are here tonight to thank the Children of Uganda… for not giving up… for turning their pain into our inspiration." Actress Elizabeth Taylor – Mosaic Passport 2000

Miracle – "Is an intervention by God to make something happen that wouldn't normally happen." Bruce Wilkinson – Prayer of Jabez

January 2002: Tour of Light expands to 17 US cities. The Children of Uganda perform for singer/activist Bono, and US Secretary Treasurer Paul O'Neil as they tour the Center for Disease Control in Entebbe, Uganda…

"…It is not really about what he taught me and what I taught him. It is about what we were both taught by the people that we met. We have met people that have changed our lives in a way that we will not easily forget." Bono summing up his trip to Africa with Secretary O'Neil

"No war on the face of the Earth is more destructive than the AIDS pandemic. I was a soldier. But I know of no enemy in war more insidious or vicious than AIDS. Will history record a fateful moment in our time, on our watch, when action came too late?" US Secretary of State Colin Powell

February 2003: The Children of Uganda are asked to perform at the 2003 MusiCares Person of the Year award ceremony in New York, in honor of U2 singer Bono…

"Our generation will be known for the internet, the war on terror and how we let an entire continent burst into flames while we stood around with watering cans—or not. I think it's exciting to be part of a generation that actually says 'No'. Now, the world is a smaller place, distance cannot decide who is our neighbor to love. Love thy neighbor. We can't afford not to." Bono

"Christ's example is being demanded by the church if they ignore the new leprosy, which is AIDS. The church is the sleeping giant here. If it wakes up to what's really going on in the rest of the world, it has a real role to play. If it doesn't, it will be irrelevant." Bono

November 2005: UCCF supports and educates over 750 children in Uganda…

"To hold each other's hand when we're falling. Perhaps that's the only work that matters in the end." Frederick Buechner

Because of you, the world of 1,300 children to date is a better place. It is a place of hope fueled by educational opportunities, vocational and life skills training, and a promise for a brighter future.

Thank you for "lending a hand" when the children of Uganda needed it most. It has made all the difference!

Alexis Hefley

…you have turned my mourning into dancing…you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy…

Empowering Children Through The "Tour Of Light"

The story of Peter Kasule, Choreographer and Director for the upcoming Tour of Light 2006, is evidence of how UCCF's programs and it's Tour of Light work to empower children in Uganda, enabling them to pursue their dreams and succeed in life. Peter, after losing both of his parents as young boy, grew up in the Daughters of Charity (DOC) Orphanage from 1989-1996. When UCCF began its partnership with DOC and organized the first Tour of Light in 1994, Peter was selected as a performer because of his talent in singing and dancing. Peter performed again in the 1996 Tour and subsequently was selected to participate in the UCCF U.S. Scholarship Program. He attended the Arts Magnet High School in Dallas, Texas and recently completed his junior year at the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico where he is studying Music Technology with a focus on composition, recording and blending African and Western music.

For Peter, UCCF and the Tour of Light have provided great opportunities to broaden his educational and professional experiences in preparation for a life devoted to music and helping others. In 2002, Peter took a semester off from college to serve as the Assistant Artistic Director for the Tour of Light. Peter states, "It has been music and the Tour of Light that has educated me and my peers. From the Tour, I learn so much about how the music and theatrical industry works."

According to Peter, his involvement with the Tour not only provides professional development for him, but also a sense of hope for his "brothers and sisters" in Uganda. "Like so many others, I have come a long way and my serving on the Tour creates hope with the children who are now performers and lets them know that nothing is impossible. I am living proof that the future is bright since I have been where they are and some of them share similar dreams and goals with me."

Peter notes that, "Since the Tour involves both traditional and contemporary music from Uganda and neighboring countries, and reflects daily living and the evolving culture; working with UCCF and the Tour is a nice transition for me going back to Africa to serve those who need me the most."

While participating in UCCF's US Scholarship program, the College of Santa Fe honored Peter with the Martin Luther King Award for his outreach to the community.

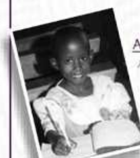
We hope you will join Peter and the Children of Uganda as they perform in 31 cities in 2006 in celebration of UCCF's 10th Anniversary.

We are pleased to announce that this Anniversary Tour will be underwritten in part through a generous grant by the Monua Janah Memorial Foundation, in memory of Ms. Monua Janah who was deeply touched by the Children of Uganda, and sought to help them, and children everywhere, in her life.

Children's Christmas Wish List

Your contribution of…	Will provide…
$10	A pair of shoes and a plate for 1 child
$30	A mattress, blanket and sheets for 1 child OR a package of school supplies for 1 child
$40	A set of clothing for the New Year for 1 child
$100	Mosquito nets for 10 children
$500	Christmas dinner for all of the children in one of our two homes
$1000	Christmas gifts for 200 children

Let Them Become A Part Of Your Family

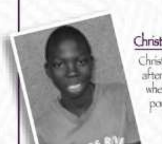


Angel Kisakye 7 years old

Angel is a sweet, jolly child who likes making friends. She lost her father to a severe illness and attends Sabina Primary Boarding School. Angel enjoys playing netball and dodge-ball. Her favorite animal is the cow and her favorite food is posho and beans.

Deo Kasamba 7 years old

Deo has lost both of his parents and his grandmother cannot care for him on a regular basis. He is a funny child who is very active at school and one day dreams of becoming a teacher.



Christopher Anyu 13 years old

Christopher was brought to the orphanage from the northern part of Uganda after rebels had killed most of the people in his village. He does not know whether his parents are still alive. Christopher's favorite food is macaroni and pork, his favorite animal is the sheep and he enjoys playing football.

Edith Namuddu 12 years old

Edith was brought to the orphanage after the death of her father. Her brothers and sisters have all died from AIDS and her mother is HIV positive and too weak to work. Her favorite food is matooke and chicken and she enjoys playing netball. When asked who she admires as a role model Edith stated that she looks up to the founder of UCCF, Alexis Hefley.

These are a few of the over 200 children on our waiting list in need of sponsors. To sponsor a child for as little as $25/month, please check the appropriate box on the enclosed envelope and mail it to UCCF. If you or an organization you know would like more information, please call 214/824-0661 or e-mail us at info@childrenofuganda.org