



# ANNUAL REPORT

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Changing a nation one life at  
a time through spiritual and  
education empowerment,  
health and financial wellbeing  
with the assistance of the  
global village



# HOW IT ALL Started

I AM Family Ministries is a holistic care program that was initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of orphaned children and vulnerable women in Uganda whose lives had been devastated by Cholera outbreak and AIDS epidemic in 1999.

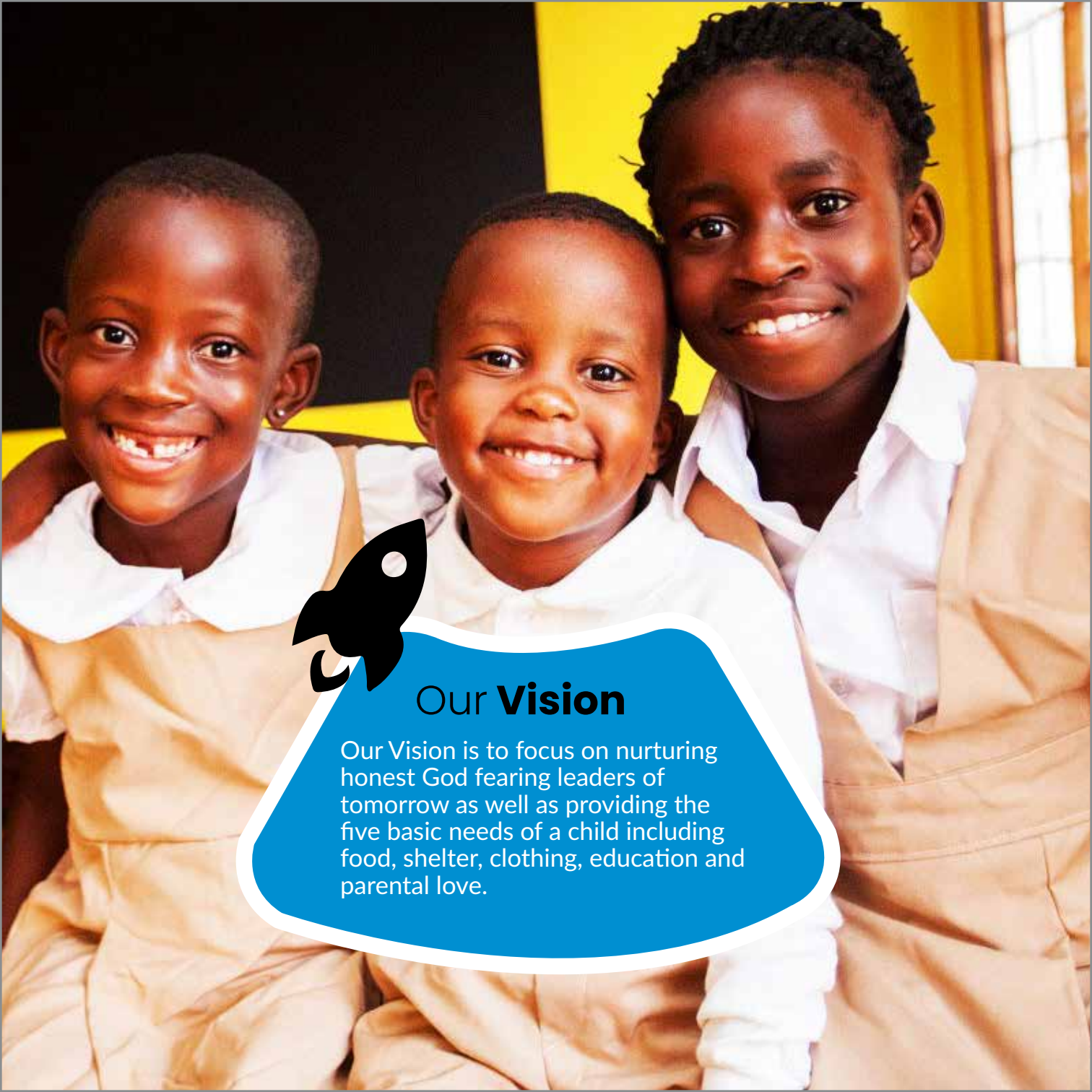
**How we started:** A sack of 50 kilograms of maize and another of rice fed the Lwakatale family of 13 for a month. The father, Ponsiano Lwakatale, a pastor in Kampala, Uganda, took note of each grain.

When cholera swept the Lwakatales' neighborhood in 1998, their youngest daughter, Omega, 8, began sneaking scoops of maize and rice to her friend whose father died from the disease.

At the end of the month, the Lwakatales were short of food and the father, discovering that Omega had been sneaking it out, was angry. As he was about to punish Omega, she said, "If you beat me for giving to the needy can you still be a pastor?"

Her words halted her father. "It was an eye-opener for him that there was so much bigger need outside our family," Omega's little question, and her father's reaction, was the beginning of something that has become special -including an organization that helps orphans and widows in their Kampala community and a children's choir that travels the world to raise awareness about the plight of underprivileged children in Africa and a church focused on changing the community for Christ nurturing God fearing leaders of tomorrow.

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## Our **Vision**

Our Vision is to focus on nurturing honest God fearing leaders of tomorrow as well as providing the five basic needs of a child including food, shelter, clothing, education and parental love.

# What we believe: **VALUES**

## **God:**

I AM Family Ministries is a Christian-based organization. We believe in the one God. We believe in the Trinity. We believe within the nature of the one true God there are three co-equal, co-eternal, co-loving persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## **Jesus:**

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. We believe Jesus lived a perfect life and shed His blood for our sins by dying on a

cross. We believe Jesus rose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven.

## **Salvation:**

We believe that all who put their faith in Jesus and repent from their sins will have eternal life with God for eternity.

## **The Bible:**

We believe God has spoken to us through the Bible – both Old and New Testaments. The Bible is without error in its original writings and authoritative in guiding our faith.





# » WHAT WE DO

## EDUCATION

### Education sponsorship program

Ugandan schools officially reopened after the longest COVID-19-related shutdown in the world. We have **300** sponsored children, with **16** joining the University, **14** in Vocational institutions, **160** in the primary Level, and **110** in the secondary level. The children are super excited to resume school.

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## I AM Academy

I AM Academy school in Kampala was closed. However, life at **I AM Academy in Wabinyira Village** has been bustling! There are now **265 children** enrolled in our school, and the number is still growing of which **86 children** are fully sponsored.

## I AM Academy project strategic projection

I AM Academy will support **400** students. We have another school building almost complete to provide for these children and plans to develop student dormitories, faculty housing, a church, and a medical clinic on site. Work on the school is progressing rapidly, and opportunities to lend a hand abound.

**Our biggest need at the school right now is** to build a dormitory so that some of our Kampala students can attend school in Wabinyira by February 2023. Please visit <https://iamfamily.org/i-am-academy/> to donate to that dormitory building.

However, there is still a need for sponsorship to cover school expenses, furniture and school stationery uniforms, materials, 2 meals a day, medical care, and more



## Successful graduation achievements

1. **Dissan Matovu** completed university at medical school, and is now in school practice, at Hoima Health Center 3, after his medical practice was able to get a job in C-Care hospital in Entebbe, Uganda.

2. **Joy Natukunda** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social work and social administration and is an assistant Human resource manager.

3. **Susan Nimurungi** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business administration and is currently working as an administrator at comedy store Uganda.

4. **Sheliah Kobusingye** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business administration and is currently working at Amanyire Advocates as an administrator.

5. **Oroma Kennedy** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social work and social administration and volunteered with the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development at the Teenage Crisis Center.

6. **Hafusa Nakabugo** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social work and social administration.

7. **Tabitha Najjingo** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business administration and worked at a school as a bursar.

8. **Asha Tumwebaza** graduated from St. Lawrence University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Accounting.







**I AM CHOIR**

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Sadly, no I AM Family Choir tour is planned this year. For reasons outside of our control - including ridiculous inflation in Uganda, the lingering threat of COVID-19, and incredibly long waits for appointments with the American Embassy in Kampala - we are praying that our children will be able to return to America maybe in late 2023.

But while we wait, our kids continue to make music, from the young drummers and singers at I AM Academy in Wabinyira,

Our big I AM Family choir children minister in the worship team, every Sunday morning at I AM Family Church.

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**R**ight after church gatherings started to normalize after COVID-19, I AM Family Ministries and I AM Family church on a sad note of grief for the loss of their Director, Pastor, mother, teacher name it..., Pastor Susan Rwakatale suddenly graduated to heaven a week after the grief of one of our sponsored child and choir child Peace Nasasira.

Her passing was very sudden - to our earthly eyes, she was completely healthy, and was worshipping in church Sunday morning like always. She developed some breathing difficulties and received oxygen and attention at the local hospital until she breathed her last.





# Christmas donations and gifts



2022 has been a special year with Samaritan purse putting smiles on the faces of our children at I AM Academy wabinyira ,with special gifts and children bible study books.

Our dear sponsors and partners have always been a blessing to us and always put a smile on our faces with birthday gifts and Christmas gifts.





# Healthy

One of the ways we fight poverty is by ensuring good health and providing a balance diet to our children under our care.

**50**

children are supported under our health insurance program.

**400**

children and adults are supported through our local-hospital healthy program.



# Covid19- RELIEF Program

**600**

families received medical support during covid19.

**10,000**

masks were distributed to our sponsored families.

**150,000+**

meals were provided through our covid19-feeding program. to our sponsored children,families, teachers and church members.



# Financial Well Being



**I**AM Family supports women and youths in the society by giving them access to equal opportunities such as an education, jobs and health care, everyone benefits. Infant mortality rate goes down, more children stay in school, incomes increase and the cycle of poverty can be broken. Financial well-being project will enhance their businesses into a sustainable business so that they can be able to improve on the wellbeing of their family and create a society where we are helping the community to address their needs.

Skills below; Farming and livestock skills, Film making and Media skills, Art and Craft skills, Music and Sound skills, Hair dressing skills, Catering skills, Sports and Games Skills, We create champions Writing and Reading skills, Entrepreneurship skills, Technology and Mechanics skills.

**400+** **IAM WOMEN OF ACTION**

Women and young girls are supported in our skills empowering program.

**1000+** **IAM YOUTH CONNECT**

Youths are empowered in our live hood skills program.



# I am Family Ministries

## Financials Ending 2022

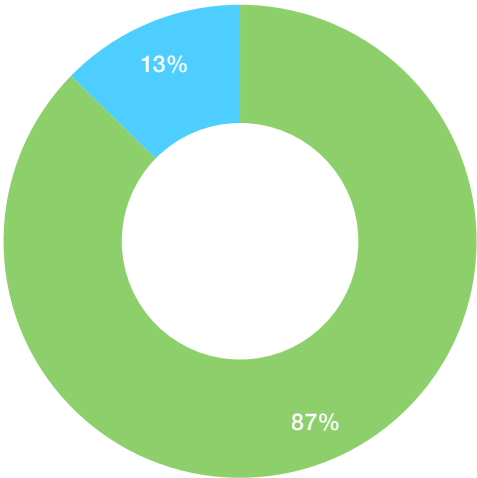
### REVENUE

GENERAL FUNDS FROM USA	\$	216,468
TOTAL INCOME	\$	216,468

### EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$	189,016
Administration	\$	27,452
Total expenses		\$216,468

EXPENSES IN PERCENTAGES



● Program Expenses    ● Administration

## The Future:

Starting next year, we hope to transform our Wabinyira School Campus into a model school for Uganda. We hope to build a dormitory for boarding school section, new classroom blocks and teachers housing.







## Where we work



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