



ALL ABOUT US SURGE - AUSTRALIA

FROM
2005-2010

(ABN: 300 687 10316) SUPPORTING UGANDA'S RE-GROWTH EFFORTS INC. – P.O. BOX 130 LONSDALE
(SA Charity Licence: 1215) In Partnership with Hope Child Care Program Inc. Uganda SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5164

To All Sponsors, members and interested persons

The SURGE-Australia Board is made up entirely of volunteers. We feel very blessed by the progress being made in the village of Bulanga, in the Southern Rakai District of Uganda. Every member of the Board is dedicated to improving the lives of HIV/AIDS affected children, who are struggling to survive in the absence of parental support, and the community.

We are career professionals in the fields of medicine, business and IT, banking/finance. We would like to have more members on the board – if you have or know of someone who can come and work with our vision and those who have medical, dentistry, education, fundraising, and farming backgrounds.

Newly elected BOARD MEMBERS: from the Annual General Meeting on 27th March 2010. (Usually a 2 year position)

Steve Coombe-Chairperson;

Monica Willoughby – Secretary of Board;

Mike Colliver - Treasurer

Lorraine Ridderhof – Programme Coordinator;

And General Board Members: Jana Hill and Gaye Shields

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Peter Hill –Public Officer and Auditors: Michael Green and Associates.

AIDS has had a devastating impact on the social and economic structures of Uganda, and Africa as a whole. Often, the untold story is the effect AIDS has had on the children who are left orphaned when one or both of their parents die of the disease. The number of children affected in this way is staggering. **Frequently, the child is left with no resources, no protection and no guidance in how to care of themselves.**

The problem is so overwhelming that at first glance it might seem impossible to solve. A large amount of assistance is currently being provided by many fine charitable organizations... but resources are often concentrated within the major cities, leaving only a small amount to make its way into the more remote villages. Along with this, educational opportunities in the villages are quite limited. This leaves the children with no foundation to overcome the obstacles they face. Because over 90% of the Ugandan people live outside the capital city of Kampala, there is a strong need to reach out to the villages with care and support.

S.U.R.G.E Inc. - AUSTRALIA formed for this very reason.



Fig.1 Uganda Bulanga is South West of Kampala

S.U.R.G.E Inc. began when Lorraine heard of the plight of the children in Rakai District Uganda in 2003 -4 through Pastor Fred Matovu, Director of the Hope Child Care Program. After hearing the Watoto Children's Choir while they were touring Australia, Lorraine felt a passion and a vision to see what God was able to do in some small way through her and others. Lorraine Ridderhof and Steve Coombe eventually traveled to Uganda in May 2005. We were the first Australians to visit the Bulanga village and surrounding communities - it was from there the adventure began.....

“Reaching out to the world.....One village at a time.”

Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Inc. became a reality on the 1st November 2005.

Child Development: - We already have children sponsored and an elderly couple who have lost 11 out of 13 children to Aids. This leaves this couple to look after their 9+ grandchildren with no means of earning a living to support themselves and let alone their grandchildren. [2007 the grandmother died.]

We still have many more children to find a sponsor for:

Our children who have been registered to us, have been carefully selected and treated medically for the month Lorraine and Steve were in the Project. We were also able to help financially to upgrade the medical clinic with much needed medication. Thanks to the generous donations of others. We were also able to help financially to upgrade the medical clinic and much needed medication. Thanks to the generous donations of others.

So now about the HCCP Inc.....

Hope Child Care Program was started in 1999 as a response to the starving orphans in the remote areas of the Rakai District in South West Uganda, The Hope Child Care Program started a centre for children in need.

They would like to invite all concerned people to come and volunteer at the Project in the Bulanga Village, Rakai District.

How can one achieve the eradication of hunger for thousands of children in Uganda, let alone any other afflicted African countries? Overwhelming? Yes it is. This is one way in which we as S.U.R.G.E Inc., here in Australia are able to help give long term sustainability - One village at a time.



Fig.1 Me too!

Fig.2 Nurse inside Medical Clinic

Fig3 Children sponsored thru Surge Inc

We have chosen to come along side in Partnership with Hope Child Care Program Inc, in Bulanga, Rakai District and South West Uganda.

Therefore, we will endeavor to give these poor and orphaned children

- Sponsorship
- Christian love in action through our support in:
- The Health, Education, Agriculture Projects
- Help the village and surrounding communities to build up their lives, to help them lift These children's burden so that they will be able to once again laugh and enjoy their Childhood the way God intended.

Helping people to help themselves

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prayer – Keep the children, our efforts and HCCP Project, on their behalf and the Rakai District in your prayers.

Participate in our Fundraiser's

- **Australia Day: SURGE Golf Round. Willunga Golf Course. Get some groups together and make a donation to SURGE Australia.**
- Contact us if you want to participate in Our **Annual GOLF SPLURGE (different venue in 2011)**
 - **May 16th 2010** – The SA Metropolitan Male ChoirAt Noarlunga Centre Ch Of C Entry \$15 and afternoon tea following. This was a great success and we raised \$1000
 - “Stake” in a cow - segments for sale

- Merchandise for sale
- Quiz Night for Friday August 27th at 7pm at Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ Hall Beach road. (\$10 per person entry) tickets available at church office (9-12 weekdays)
- and a possible Karaoke Night later in 2010/11

A ONE TIME GIFT

Any amount will be appreciated and used wisely.

You can donate to the General Working Fund or a specific project.

SPONSOR A PROJECT OR PROGRAM

Programs include:

- **Education** – this enables long term ability for different opportunities leading to training as Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Farmers, Engineering, and Accountants etc.
- **Safety and protection,**
- **Agriculture** - this will enable a long-term sustainable income as the children breed and sell there produce and animals that will enable them to feed their families. **Uganda** has gone through long periods of civil war and instability that has overturned the whole farming system, leaving the majority of the population engaged in subsistence agriculture.
- **Medical clinic - medicines** and a basic medical laboratory to help stop illnesses.
- **Fresh water well/s** for the communities surrounding Bulanga and village – there is a need for 3 wells - community of Bulanga through HCCP and the local Bulanga Evangelical church.

These projects have been completed since 2005 through S.U.R.G.E Inc – Australia; HUGS USA and other Organizations

1. **Land was purchased by HCCP through help with donations from SURGE Inc** - to use for Agricultural Purposes and increase infrastructure for the long term benefit to the village of Bulanga and surrounding communities.
2. **Water Collection Shed with 2 huge water tanks**
3. **School** completed and started in January 2006 – our Australian Children now attend this school and also those in surrounding towns who can afford to pay fees will also be encouraged to attend – which then gives long term sustainability of Education in Bulanga Uganda.
4. **Construction** of various needed infrastructure on HCCP site Also of a House build for a sponsors child – used as an example of costings to build – this was completed in late 2009.
5. **Well for fresh, clean drinking water** – a relief for the children and supporting staff of HCCP Inc. Project. Donated by HalfWayThere.org USA
6. **The Medical Clinic – a four year project** costing over \$10000usd provided by donations to SURGE Australia finished 2008 **The Annexe** was built attached to the rear of the Clinic was completed in April 2010. This project has been taken on by S.U.R.G.E Inc – Australia

PROJECTS ONGOING:

WELL FUND FOR VILLAGE

LATRINES FOR HOMES

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME

- ***Friesian Cows and Farming and Chickens and pig farming***

This will enable the Hope Child Care Program become long term sustainable and earn them an income to support the children with food, Teacher's Salaries and general needs of the Project.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT - SPONSOR A CHILD

Sponsoring a child your donation will enable the HCCP Project and local church of Bulanga provide food and clothing, pay school fees to attend school (if they are of school age) on the Project Land and attend to your child's most basic right to medical needs cove, and to meeting their basic core needs.

We have 24 more children at this moment waiting for sponsorship who have been through our stringent registration.