

BARNABAS LEGACY CHILDRENS DREAM FOUNDATION REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2020

Dear **Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation** friends, family and supporters. As we are a month in to 2021; we want to reflect, and share with you the wonderful, amazing success and progress we made in 2020 despite the pandemic challenges.

But first, we want to **thank you** all for supporting us during this trying time. We know that you have also experienced many challenges, and sometimes criticism throughout this period; and it means a full world to us that you still found ways to support our Foundation.

From the bottom of our hearts, we are **grateful** for you. Thank you, and Happy New Year. Looking forward to a more partnering period for years to come.

Secondly, I will give a simple background about BLCDF organisation. It all began in 2013 by Pastor Steven (based in Uganda), when God burdened his heart with the vulnerable, orphaned and neglected children living in his village and he subsequently, founded God's Vine International, which he and his team faithfully ran for 7 years.

In early 2020, God's Vine International was restructured into a legally registered Ugandan Not for Profit Organisation and renamed **Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation**. Steven and the Foundation's team partnered with Mama Queen- Maree (an official Director based in Australia) to strengthen and build the organisation further. Thanks be to God for the far we are going!!

Even though 2020 put a wrench in many of our programs like the Deborah Women's TDC conference, plus other trip plan programs to Uganda; you (out there) we still worked very hard and came up with creative and fun ways to have you support us; and raised funds for our BLCDF organisation.

Here is our 2020 recap.

January 2020

In January 2020 (on 24th), our connection with our officially known and legal Australian Based Foundation Director **Maree** started growing stronger. It is when she committed herself for a first trip visit to Uganda in July to August 2020; for both the children and women's programs. Despite the challenges of Covid 19 and all that happened along the travel planning; **God** used Maree, family and fellow Mighty Deborah's to have the vision grow and move forward. Glory to the Highest GOD!!

It is in this same month, that we started sharing more about what was originally Save a Child – God's Vine. A lot more of other activities happened!

February 2020

Despite the many challenges and confusion that was developing resulting from the Uganda end, God helped us overcome and went through everything well. We thank God all was streamlined by early April and we understood each other after resolving the source of the conflict from a fellow brother who had some other negative and conflicting intentions.

Towards the end of February, Save a Child – God’s Vine was legally re-structured into **Barnabas Legacy Children’s Dream Foundation** and the non –government organisation’s licence/permit was fully acquired towards the end of July 2020. Glory to God.

Great thanks to **Mama Queen- Maree** for her continued devotion and harkening unto God’s Voice. She never gave up on anything. We bless God.

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March 2020

The relationship continued, and the communication kept going.

April 2020

A plan to start on facilitating women’s and children’s programs was started after realising that it was to be impossible to have the first physical trip to Uganda and that it was to be cancelled due to the Covid Situation.

Sharing of children’s names and bio-details was done.

At this point, Steven had only the use of his mobile phone to carry out the administrative tasks of the Foundation. Ready access to the laptop made tasks much more efficient, such as the record keeping of each child that is under the care of BLCDF.

Thanks be to God for our Lady Director **Maree**, and the family for the wonderful gift of the foundation’s computer and printers. This made work easy for the months that followed May 2020.

May 2020

At the end of May, a laptop, printer and software were purchased with “**Project Build**” funds raised by the women of WEH C who contributed \$1000AU. Thank you, ladies, for your generous donations! This office equipment was received with great JOY by the BLCDF team that was on ground in Katunda Village.

A ‘**Bio**’ was created of each child and information kept about their personal and academic progress, so that the children have that information available to them when they are older.

June 2020

The incredible women of the DWIB C chapter – Katunda started learning about the life of Deborah and increasing their understanding and knowledge about what is needed to run and grow a business.

Phase one blankets were distributed to children and the old women and men.

The first projects that began were Crops (maize, beans and more!) and Micro Gardening (vegetables, egg plants, spices).

The BLCDF website theme and the blue web hosting were paid for towards the end of May and it was active by this month.

July 2020

A further 20 blankets (phase 2), plus some soap and sugar packs were purchased in this month and in August, they were distributed to some children and older mamas in the Katunda village.

Thank you so much to those who support BLCDF, your donations are so gratefully received.

The blankets and other small practical items were such a blessing in the rainy season.

Two acres of land were hired for the Crops. The Micro Gardening (vegetables and spices) project was started on in the land area that surrounds the Church building. The harvest from these Projects is always to be distributed to households that have BLCDF children in their care. In addition, some of the harvest is sold at the local markets to generate income for the other needs of BLCDF and the DWIBC.

Underneath the umbrella of BLCDF organisation, the Projects (maize, beans and egg plants) of the Katunda PAOG chapter of the Deborah Women in Business Collective started. The incredible women of this Chapter in the continued with the learning about the life of Deborah.

August 2020

The BLCDF website was launched in August. The website provides a wonderful space to keep up with what the children are doing and what the upcoming plans are.

The **Courage** children's program started, it ran over the months of September and October a long side a visual arts competition with the children all through towards the end of December.

A selection of the artwork was chosen, and it will be displayed on the website and our Facebook page soon this year.

Ugandan bank accounts were opened for BLCDF which allow international donors to transfer in US\$ using the USD account and in UGX for local supporters using the UGX account. There was also a process of getting the BLCDF's organisation fully registered, with all the necessary legal requirements. Licencing permit by the Government of Uganda were all acquired by the end of July 2020.

September 2020

Over the month of September (and October to mid-November) the Foundations' annual Special Children's Program kept running. The theme of the BLCDF Children's Program in 2020 was **COURAGE**.

The children were taught in mini groups and through learning about the life of DEBORAH, ESTHER, JONAH AND JOSHUA in the Bible; the children kept growing in their understanding of what it means to be courageous in the Lord. The Program involved storytelling, mimes, dances, colouring sheets and songs.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the Program kept running in smaller groups across both Katunda Village and further remote Villages as well, where some of the BLCDF's Care families are.

The helpers and teachers gave their all to make this Program one that the children can learn and remember that in their God, they are strong and courageous; that they need not be afraid or dismayed because the Lord their God is with them always!

Another project was started on towards the beginning of the last Term of the school year, and it was the distribution of education packages to the BLCDF's children, along with some tutoring assistance. This was due to the restrictions and, only some of the schools had opened, and so for most of BLCDF's children they were not getting the opportunity to attend school this term. It became a huge undertaking to get scholastic materials and put in place a program and assistance to ensure the children can keep up with their learning, we appreciate you for support, and the team on ground for doing a phenomenal job.

October 2020

A wonderful group of New Zealand women who became part of the **Knitting 4 Katunda Kids Klub** which was introduced by **Mama Queen**, had the first box of knitted goodies sent to Uganda: containing beanies, babies' tops, children's toys and more. We are eagerly awaiting the box's arrival in Uganda, together with the Projector.

A few ladies from the many and being led by Betty were selected to take on with the section of making samples.

All the 8 ladies in this, started on the materials at the beginning of the first of October week.

The courage program arrangements of having children learn the hand motion song started and continued for all the small groups in the different points where children were always met.

The foundation trainers selected a specific group of a mixture of very young ones and the medium aged group – to have them as a general foundation choir.

Rachael and Lisa (a youth adult church girl) helped in training these children and we thank God for they tried to pick the words in the hand motion song on Joshua, and later a few mastered the motion dances in the song and again, later picked up with everything.

Trainings were done every Saturday till the time when the mini concerts approached.

Activities on the courage program like shading by a few children, women doing their crafts and children training in the Joshua courage hand motion song among others were done.

Thanks be to GOD for the steps that were taken each day and for His Hand in all that happened, and thanks be to God for you, everyone out there and here and for all the children. Thank you for all your support towards the courage 2020 program.

November 2020

Micro-gardening continued, this is to say; Tinned "Dodoa" vegetables, Egg plants, "Sukuma" Vegetables, Cabbages and Spinach– were getting very ready for distribution/market sales.

The hired garden crops progress was also so good. Beans were at flowering stage, and maize was showing its cobs.

Gum boots were bought and distributed to whoever was part of the gardening women's group.

The education packs program implementation was embarked on. Set on of children's work was given and marked.

Teacher volunteers were paid towards the end of the month.

The courage children's program continued and the training of the dream star dance troupe plus the mini concert sub children's groups.

The first Jewellery samples by the Deborah KPAOG chapter were ready, before the second phase of support for purchasing materials.

Our foundation's four roomed offices agreement for using the place for 4 years fully after renovation was successfully done, and renovation started towards the mid-month.

Support for bibles, devotions for children, phase two of jewellery materials, signposts, business cards, choir uniforms, electricity installation for offices, and more; were received. Thank you, AU Director, !!

We had our second zoom session, and the discussions were always awesome, fruitful and very productive.

December 2020

Art paintings/drawings/designs (for our children's website) were started on.

We got the bible purchased and delivered –from a donation to children by **St. James Anglican Church- Kununurra**. This is to say; bible puzzles- giving children knowledge of the key characters in the bible , boxes of books (84 copies) of the "BOOK OF HOPE" devotion material which is so good for children, 2 boxes (56 copies) of the book "FAVOURITE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE" and this material is good for the adult children (12 -16 years), a "MEMORY VERSE BOOK – THE GREATEST JOURNEY" which was also just donated to children (56 copies), a kids bible (84 copies) and the toddlers and twos book (112 copies) and it is purely a bible memories verse book.

Renovation of the offices continued, and a top of more materials that were needed was sent by our AU based Director **Maree**.

Crafted sandals, shirts (with paintings), and Jewellery samples – phase 2 were ready.

Garden harvests started, and sales for the vegetables continued. Funds are still being saved, and some vegetables donated to older mamas.

Phase 2 education packs continued to be given out.

Choir uniforms were very ready.

Mini concerts were carried out.

Christmas Packages funds were sent, and gifts given out though not to all, because of inadequacy.

More activities occurred in this month.

Conclusion

Thank you for reading through, and about our progress; we inform you that you can still make a great difference in this 2021. Your donation will be an incredible gift to the children and women that we support. It will in this 2021, help our children reach their education dreams through sponsorships, mentoring, providing clothing, school supplies and more.

BLCDF inspires struggling children and women (widows, elderly and single mothers) to realise there is hope for their future, that they can do whatever they set their mind to, through Education and practical activates and with our TRUST IN GOD alone. BLCDF also helps them realise they can make a difference. We do all this through speaking engagements, conferences, summits, school sponsorships, mentorship, and pro-bono child education campaigns locally and nationally.

Donations from you, our generous supporters fuel everything we do!

For details about more of our projects, and how you can be part, please go to www.barnabaslegacy.org or write to us on email:barnabaslegacy@gmail.com

Please pray for the BLCDF children that they would continue to grow in the ways of the Lord. Pray for the vision, we are just beginning, and we Trust all will be well. Your PRAYERS are so vital to the work of the Foundation. We thank you for praying and we thank you for the way you generously give. To our God, and God alone, we give the honour, glory and praise. Blessings!!

Wamala Steven

BLCDF Founder

On behalf of the BLCDF team