

SONRISE CHILDREN'S HOME

PROJECT PROFILE 2011-2012-2013

Just Cause has worked with two orphanages in Njeru, Uganda since 2011. These orphanages are quite large which necessitated that the children are divided into two homes. Sonrise Baby's Home houses the youngest children ranging in age from birth to three years. There are currently 26 children living there. Sonrise Children's home has 22 children that range in age from three to nine. These two homes are run together through the work of a family of volunteers that all grew up in Uganda in an orphanage together.

In 2011, Just Cause was able to provide aid for Sonrise in a substantial way. Sonrise had just purchased a van that was integral to their project as it was used to transport the children to medical clinics, to and from school and was necessary to pick up the large amounts of food and supplies that you can expect to need for 48 kids! The van suffered some serious mechanical issues and had sat for months due to the inability to finance the repairs. Once we arrived and saw this we took action to have the van repaired immediately. We were able to witness first hand just how useful it was to have this vehicle available to the staff on a day-to-day basis.

That same year, due to the large number of children that Sonrise took into the children's home, we hired local carpenters to build a large kitchen table and benches so all of the children could sit together at meal times, rather than eight of them having to sit on the floor.



OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

- *Financed the repairs to fix mechanical problems on the Sonrise van*
- *Built a kitchen table and chairs for the children's home*
- *Provided a wide range of medical supplies, treatments and medications to the Sonrise clinic*
- *Designed, built and later refurbished a playground at the children's home*
- *Delivered many Canadian donated children's clothing, toys and education supplies*
- *Hosted an end of the school year dinner party for all of the children and staff at both homes*



With additional sponsors, Sonrise is able to provide the children with food, clothing and basic necessities. They are also able to run their own clinic that is used to treat the frequent ailments of children in Uganda. Malaria, chicken pox, measles and skin infections as well as cold and flu are all common occurrences. In 2011 and 2012 we equipped the clinic with medications and the basic supplies that were required to treat the children such as broad spectrum antibiotics, malaria test kits and treatments, fever reducers and other over the counter remedies.

Just Cause really wanted to contribute in a meaningful way to the daily quality of life of the children living in the orphanage. Through consultation with the staff we decided to build a playground that would not only serve the baby's and children's home but benefit

the surrounding village children as well. Materials were sourced and delivered and with the aid of the Sonrise staff, Just Cause was able to come up with a design and then construct a playground complete with a firepole, a slide and swings!

Work on the playground has been ongoing with an addition in 2012 and an overhaul in 2013. Volunteers worked to repair the inevitable damages from wear and tear, apply a fresh coat of paint and to add on a set of monkey bars. The children waited anxiously for days for the work to be complete and were thrilled when they could finally climb and play again!

If you are interested in supporting us in further work at Sonrise Children's home or to participate as a volunteer please contact us.

