

Empowering Communities with Compassion

Uncovering the Faces of Hope
and Transformation

**Kenya
&
Uganda**

**Your Kindness,
Their Hope**

**Gratitude
Beyond Words:
Honoring Our
Changemakers**

**Building
Tomorrow**

Your support, in any amount,
has brought light and hope to
those we serve.

As we share this report, our
hearts are full of gratitude for
each and every one of you.

Celebrating successes and
challenges together

Khalwenge School Kenya



IMPACT REPORT

In the fall of 2023, I reached out to Forgotten People Connection partners with an urgent request to raise funds for purchasing curriculum books for Khalwenge School in Kenya. Our goal was to raise CAD \$10,000. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we not only met but exceeded this goal, raising \$21,000. This allowed us to provide additional resources.

With these additional resources, we were able to introduce a new curriculum, supply new uniforms and books to 180 students, and construct a much-needed storage cabinet for the school. This significant contribution has infused the teaching staff with renewed enthusiasm, providing them with vital tools to enhance the learning environment and make a lasting impact on the students.

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Revitalizing Khalwenge School Kenya

In March, we revitalized the school with a fresh coat of paint, giving the entire campus a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. This facelift has not only brightened the environment but also instilled a renewed sense of pride among students and staff.

Additionally, we hired a new headmaster to strengthen the administration, bringing a more effective and productive leadership style to the school. These changes have already begun fostering a more engaging and focused learning environment, significantly boosting morale and commitment among both teachers and students.

Bringing Health and Hope to Last-Mile Villages

During our recent visit, a key highlight was our focus on empowering women in the most marginalized and conflict-affected areas of last-mile villages. Recognizing the critical need for health and hygiene, we prioritized providing essential resources to these women.

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to deliver four barrels full of sanitary towels, totaling 13,600 pads, to the women in these communities. This contribution not only addressed a crucial health need but also symbolized our commitment to restoring dignity and improving the quality of life for these resilient women.





Empowering Youth and Women for Sustainable Future

We have previously supported the university education of twenty-seven young women from underserved communities. At the heart of this initiative was a commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty for these resilient young women and their families, empowering them to build brighter futures.

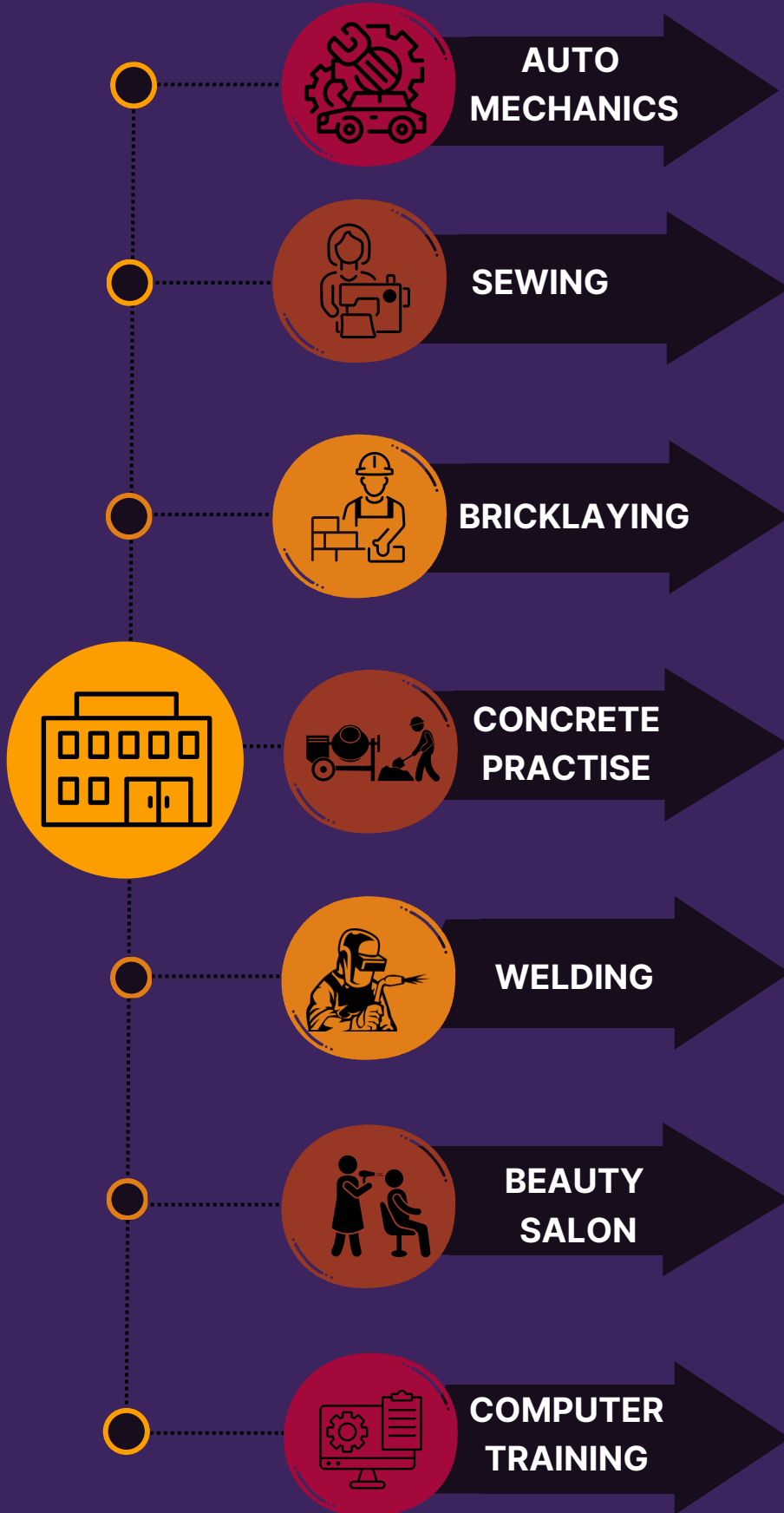
Recognizing the limited job opportunities available to graduates, we have strategically expanded our focus to include a comprehensive range of vocational training for young women and men. By equipping them with practical skills such as tailoring, carpentry, hairstyling, and many more, we aim to significantly enhance their employability. This approach also promotes entrepreneurial opportunities, empowering these individuals to generate sustainable income for themselves and create jobs within their communities, driving broader economic development and fostering gender equality.

Building Economic Empowerment: Our Next Step in 2024

During my solo visit in the fall of 2023, I gained significant insights. However, it was in March 2024 that Charlie Albert and I ventured together into the northern Uganda region, which was deeply scarred by the reign of a notorious occult leader.

His reign of terror led to the violation of women, the murder of men, and the forced recruitment of youth, fostering an atmosphere of fear, stagnation, and severe economic hardship. This trauma has hampered the region's development and perpetuated ongoing socio-economic issues.

Technical Courses Offered at Vocational School



Given the pressing need for recovery and self-reliance in the region, we see an urgent opportunity to establish a vocational education school in Kapelebyong District, Northeastern Uganda.

The school aims to empower the community through skills development and sustainable economic opportunities, providing a pathway to recovery and self-reliance. During our visit, we identified a suitable piece of land to build the new school and training center. We engaged with current students, observed their projects, and interacted with local leaders. Recognizing the potential of the existing school, we have partnered with it and are committed to supporting its growth to ensure it fully serves the community.

Additionally, we explored the Echo Farm agricultural initiative, which presents a promising opportunity to integrate sustainable agriculture into our training programs, further enhancing economic growth and contributing to the community's long-term recovery and self-reliance.

FAITH IN ACTION



- Due to economic challenges, 16 couples faced significant barriers to formalizing their marriages. In response, Forgotten People Connection took the initiative to support these individuals by arranging a mass wedding in March. We provided the necessary financial assistance to help these couples celebrate their unions and overcome the economic obstacles that were preventing them from getting married.
- One of the ladies required a leg grafting and surgery due to a severe wound. We were able to support her by covering the medical costs for the necessary grafting and surgery, ensuring she could receive the treatment she needed to recover.
- I was also able to take a team of eight individuals from Kenya to Rwanda for house church training. This training aimed to spiritually and skillfully develop the team, equipping them to engage in effective kingdom work. The skills and knowledge they gained will enable them to plant and nurture house churches in their region, enhancing their ability to lead and support vibrant, growing communities of faith in Kenya.