

2019 YEAR END REPORT

ABANTU
INTERNATIONAL



JUST BEGIN

What is within my means? I had to grapple hard with this question a little over a year ago when the idea of establishing a nonprofit was still germinating. It seemed like an extreme measure to take as a response to a simple question, "What do you need?" But the best way for us to meet the needs in Luwero in a dignified and responsible way was to organize and register as a 501(c)3 organization.

Our compassion must drive us to act when it's within our means to act. We were given an opportunity to help others and we had to act.

You just begin. Words from the last scene of the movie *The Martian*. "You just begin. You do the math. You solve one problem, then you solve the next one, and then then next." This definitely seemed to be my mantra this year. This foundational year was all about focusing on our means and working one problem at a time.

Foundations. Strong beginnings always require strong foundations. I have included several operational achievements in this annual report because when you begin something, foundations are incredibly important to long-term, sustainability. These are not administrative minutiae, these are details that honor our donors and projects.



Sincerely,

Betsy Sentamu

President, Abantu International

ORGANIZATION PROFILE



OUR MISSION & VISION

Our vision is that all people would feel valued, loved and cared for.

Our mission is to connect people, identify our human needs and meet those critical needs by sharing our global resources.

"If you want to tackle a social problem, you don't 'strategize' your way out, you 'solidarize' with the affected and thus diminish the ability of the problem to sustain itself"

- Father Greg Boyle

2019 FOUNDATIONS



Water Before



Water After

10,000 PEOPLE WITH CLEAN WATER

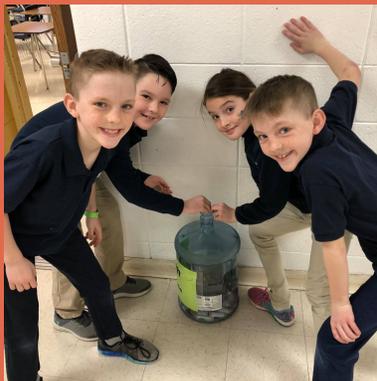
Abantu International completed our first project in Luwero, Uganda, providing a clean, sustainable water source. The water pump is solar powered, providing a dignified way for the community to easily and quickly collect water.

501(C)3 APPROVAL

In March, Abantu International received the IRS determination letter of approval. We are a registered 501(c)3 public charity and all donations are deductible according to IRS section 170.



Curriculum



Penny wars at TOCA



Portillo's Fundraiser



Mission week assembly at TOCA wearing Uganda colors

MISSION WEEK CURRICULUM

Betsy Sentamu has written a five day mission curriculum focusing on what Scripture teaches about missions, the needs in Uganda and how Abantu International is connecting people to meet those needs. It included age appropriate teaching notes for Kindergarten through High School, activities, video, coloring pages and Bible Study. Trinity Oaks Christian Academy in Cary, IL raised over \$4,000 using this curriculum.

2019 FOUNDATIONS



Abantu International Logo

ORGANIZATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

Abantu International has achieved a number of operational foundations. In this first year, Abantu International has established branding, website, social media, bank account, approval for solicitation to raise funds, Guidestar presence, and Gsuite account. All of which allow us to communicate and operate efficiently and effectively.

MATERNAL HEALTH

This year we have begun the critical project of building a maternal health clinic with our partner in Uganda. Luwero currently has no medical professionals that can care for women and children. Women are left to give birth in their home or garden and 25% of them will die during pregnancy or childbirth. The closest skilled medical care is a two hour drive, which most woman cannot afford. Levi has established the Barzillai Rural Health Focus to be run by local officials and medical professionals in Luwero. The land has been plowed and the foundation has been poured.



Foundation for the maternal health clinic



Clearing the land



Container to store building materials. Will be converted to help school after medical center is built.



Land is cleared



Pouring foundation

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

In June, we held our 1st annual fundraiser and launch event. We were so grateful for the fantastic turnout and support at our event. We were also grateful to have Levi Ndimubanzi, a board member and our partner in Uganda, present at the event to share with us about Luwero and the impact the clean water is having on the community. We had 50 people attend this event and were able to raise over \$2,000.



Artpiece created by attendees



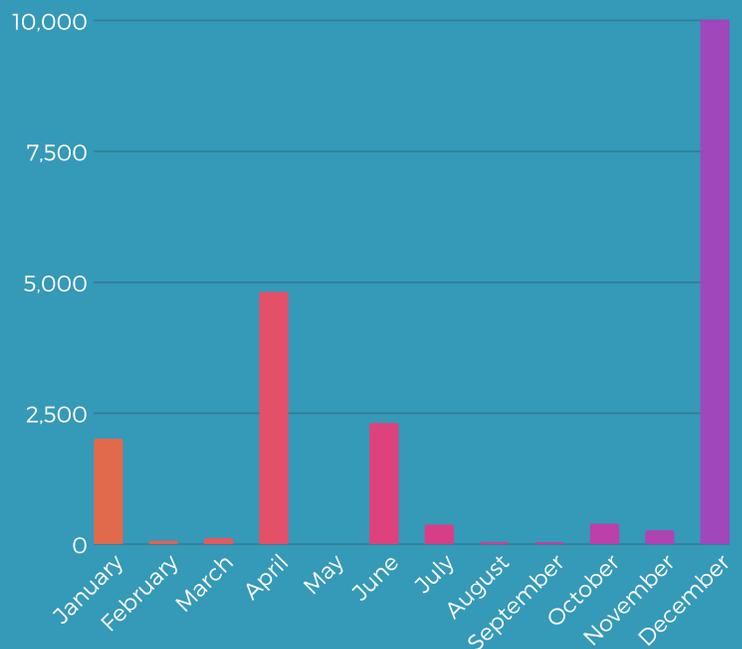
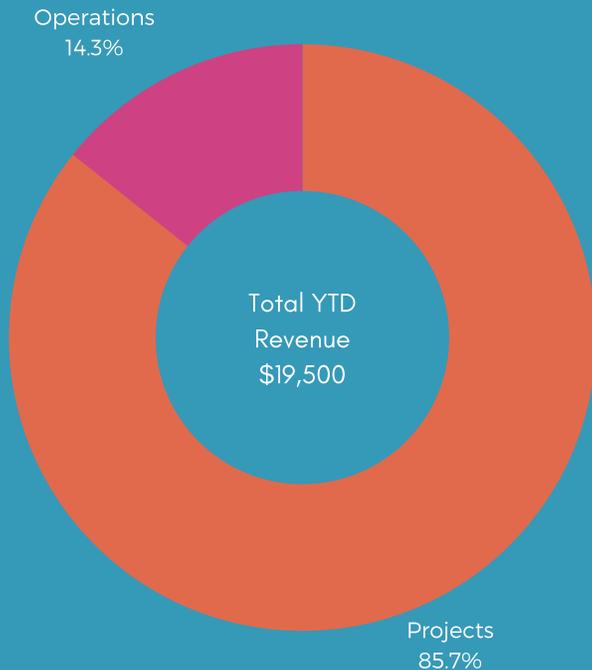
Levi sharing his vision for Luwero



Betsy Shares at our event



Andrew shares with our friends



Disclaimer: The \$5,000 matching grant was matched and shown in 2019 giving, but will be reported on 2020 tax filings.

2020 LOOKING AHEAD

MEETING NEEDS AND SHARING RESOURCES

As we look forward to 2020, we have one clear goal; respond to needs within our means. We are excited to continue to grow with your help so we can respond to many more needs in Uganda. With your help we will complete the maternal health clinic in Luwero and begin the planning and budgeting for a primary school. These are the two most urgent needs in the community and completing both of these projects will position the community to thrive.

Our goal is to raise our means to \$100,000 in 2020 to meet these needs.



Educate a child and they have a choice to compete for higher education and jobs. Deny them education and deny them choice and a chance.

OUR NEEDS

In order to accomplish this work in 2020, we need your support. Lillian Watson, activist, once said, "If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."



Give: You can share your resources with Abantu International by giving online at abantuinternational.org or mailing a check to 520 Devonshire Ln. #12 Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Monthly or one time gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated.



Volunteer: All of the work of Abantu International is done by volunteers. Share your professional resources and volunteer your skills in marketing, accounting, leadership, etc.



Go to Uganda: Nothing builds understanding better than getting close to something new. A completely transformative education experience and adventure. Join us on a trip to Uganda to help meet immediate needs in the community.

THANK YOU

TO OUR DONORS

"I am because WE are and, since we are, therefore I am."

- John Mbiti, Kenyan Christian Philosopher

Thank you to everyone who has given volunteer and financial support. We are because of you.



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Betsy Sentamu - President, Chair
Andrew Sentamu - Vice President
Bryan Kitchen - Board Member
Levi Ndimubanzi - Board Member

JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: We are always looking for individuals who want to partner with us in leading Abantu International. We are looking for professionals in all industries to work with us to share about the work we are doing.

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