



## Value of One Newsletter

**Investing in the value, potential, and purpose of the under-served.**

### *Service in the Time of the Pandemic*

This year has been a difficult year for many, especially those that are already vulnerable due to poverty and marginalization. In the case of many we serve, limited resources in developing nations are an added burden. While 2020 made it difficult to travel, meet with, and fund many of our projects; Value of One was still able to provide relief for some of the families, school children, street children, and homeless we knew would be impacted the most. In this issue you will find some of those highlights.

Let us introduce you to some of our leaders and valued ones, who show one person can make a great difference in their community.

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## Feeding Families in Uganda

“People who were hopeless are now important in the community. The community has benefitted because the poor that used to steal from them are now providing service,” Douglas Kabuye reflects. He is our Value of One partner in Mbarara, a mid-size western Uganda community that was officially recognized as a city this year. Douglas and his wife, Elizabeth, have been caring for the youth in the community for the past decade. Many were abused, on drugs and caught up in risky behavior. Douglas used Value of One to invest in their value and potential. We provided them with food, clothing, training and invested in their education. Now these same youth have degrees and certifications. Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture professionals- they have become what no one thought they could. They have their own families and businesses, but they have also found a purpose in helping others that they could never abandon. They know that there are many more young people in the position that they were once. They know what it means to be hungry.

When a pandemic hits a place like Mbarara, the schools close and often families have little resources to feed their children. There are no government support programs or aid. They have to rely on the help of one another and often, they just have to go hungry. Douglas and his former youth cried out on behalf of their community. We were able to send funds that allowed them to put on their masks and gloves and travel door to door to deliver food. While it may have lasted a couple of weeks, it was a couple of weeks where that family would not have to worry about their next meal. We hope to do more outreaches in the near future and hope that you will support.



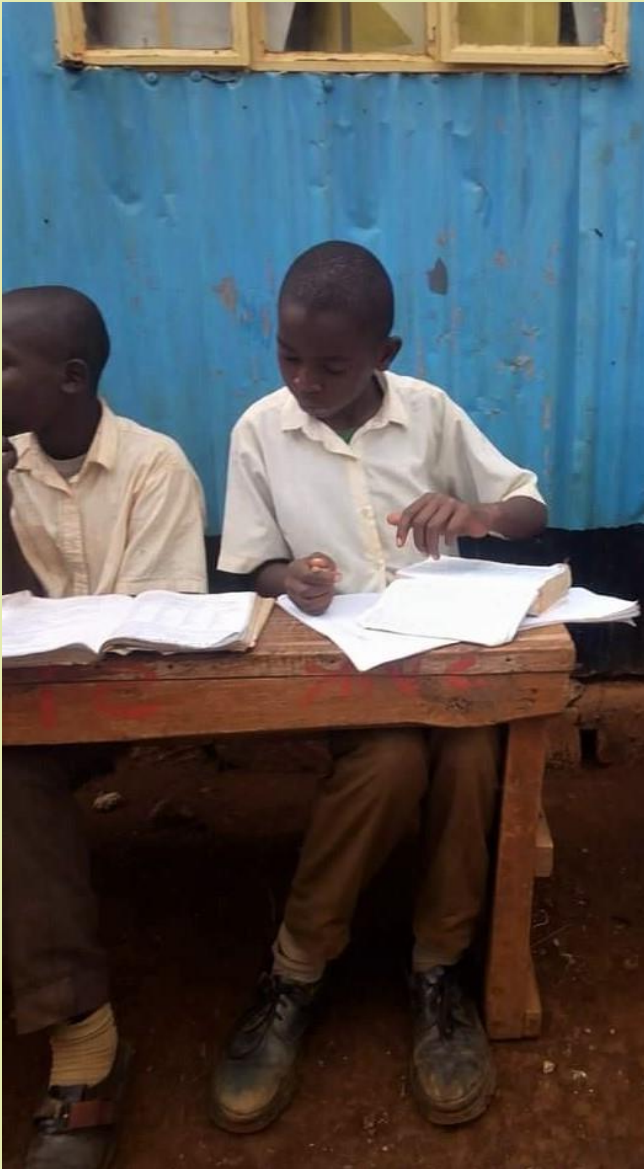


## Connecting with Street Children in Ethiopia

Bizuayehu Woldeyes is the Value of One Representative in Ethiopia. Bizu's passion and commitment to Value of One's vision to empower the poor is the true embodiment of one person making a difference in the lives of many. Ethiopia has high unemployment and a large informal employment sector which contributes to exploitation, vulnerability to human trafficking, and even child labor. The children on the streets are often a direct result- drawn to the city in hopes of employment opportunities or many driven from home by the intensive labor of mining, construction, domestic work, or agriculture. When Covid hit, Bizu organized meals for street children in the city center. He may not be able to rescue every child there but he can bring some relief and begin making connections. Those connections can foster relationships in the future because Bizu is not just anyone.

Bizu has started several businesses which provide formal and safe employment conditions for both men and women. He helps train employees and positions them to succeed. He mentors several young men and supports a feeding program at a local primary school. Bizu is not only showing what one person can do, but in true Value of One fashion, he is inspiring others to do the same. He's even reached out and helped start a business in Uganda with the purpose of supporting community growth and continued empowerment. With the help of Bizu, Value of One has teamed up with another non-profit and applied for a grant for a program to combat child labor and exploitation. Whether or not we receive the grant, we are excited to continue working with Bizu and hope that you will also partner with our goals in Ethiopia.

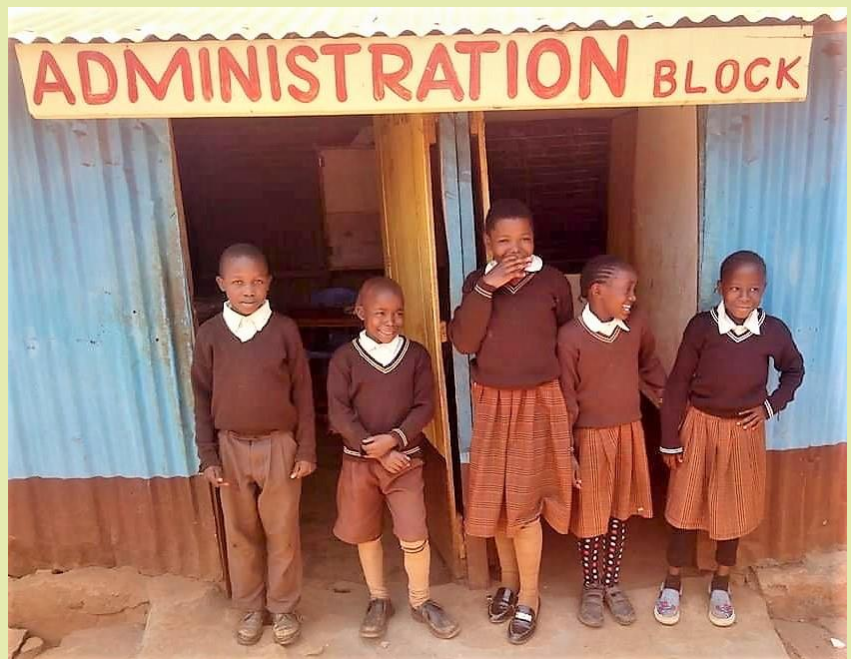




## Supporting a School in Kenya

Joshua and Rose Mutoka have been empowering women and families in the slum of Gache for many years. Through Value of One, Rose ran a sewing business where she trained apprentices in the community. Many went on to use their skills to help support their families. It was through Joshua that we met Christine Aluso. We held a women's empowerment workshop and Christine was our translator and has continued to be every year that we return. One year she pulled me aside with great excitement. She told me how inspired she was by that first workshop and how she has gone on to start a school. Christine understood that she has great value and now invests in others in her community. Zuka Peace Junior School is now in session and students are preparing for exams. Zuka is a Swahili name meaning the beginning. We believe that Zuka is a going to give many a great beginning. Zuka provides both breakfast and lunch to its students and gives a quality education. We are grateful to the Value of One representatives in Kenya, Joshua and Rose, that continue to invest in the lives of valued ones like Christine.

Covid did present a great deal of challenges and they were forced to shut their doors in quarantine for a season. Value of One reached out and donated to help pay the cost of the school's rent during the quarantine. We hope to continue to be a support now that students have returned. "Since I was a young girl, I really wished how I can be of help to the needy in the society. Surely with the help of God we have been able to help needy children get education. I am humbled for your love, prayers, care, trustworthiness with the whole Value of One team...as you have been a blessing to me, I believe you have lent to God." Christine Aluso.





## Sending Supplies to a Shelter (USA)

We didn't want our international teams to have all of the fun and while we had to cancel all of our fundraisers and planned domestic activities for the year, here in the US we know that our nation has been ravaged by Covid and set ablaze by injustice. While we were all participating in our own ways from protests to food pantries, we decided we wanted to come together and do something as a collective. We bought and collected supplies and brought them to a local homeless shelter.

We also released a video on our Facebook Page in response to the horrific murder of George Floyd and the issue of systemic racism.



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Every life has value. A message from co-founder of Value of one Inc. as we continue to strive to bring hope to the hopeless. We are praying and believing God for justice for George Floyd and a beacon of hope for those oppressed.



Thanks

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