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Join us for the Jubilee!



AJ experiencing firsthand the lives he's helped change in Uganda

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As CARITAS For Children celebrates **25 years of service in Uganda**, we are excited to invite **you** to be part of this special milestone at our official [Jubilee celebration this August.](#)

This unforgettable experience will include a **one-day medical camp** serving up to 1,000 people in the Nkokonjeru community, where volunteer medical professionals will provide free dental, eye, and general medical care.

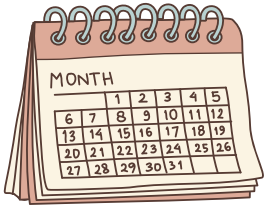
The celebration will also feature a **shared meal with students and their families**, opportunities to visit **local sites**, and meaningful **cultural experiences**. For those interested, an optional **guided safari** will also be available.

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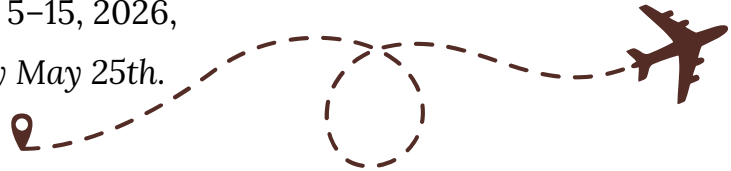


Who: Anyone who supports CARITAS For Children—whether you are a sponsor, donor, or faithful newsletter reader—is warmly invited to join us.

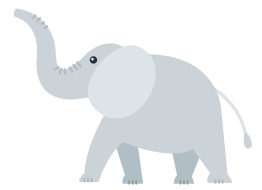
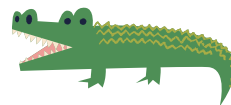
What: A 10-day, all-inclusive trip to Uganda (excluding airfare). You will have the opportunity to meet your sponsored child, visit their community, celebrate alongside them, and experience the beauty and culture of their country.



When: August 5–15, 2026,
Please RSVP by May 25th.

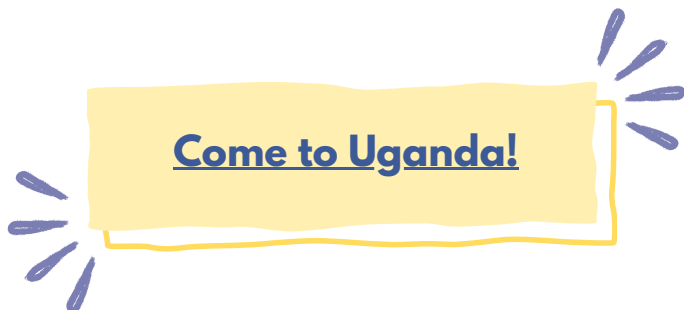


Where: Arrive at Entebbe International Airport, where our team will welcome you and transport you to **Colline Hotel**. From there, you will visit the community in **Nkokonjeru**, with two optional safari experiences including Murchison Falls, Queen Elizabeth National Park, gorilla trekking, and other memorable destinations.



Why: Many of the children we serve pray for the chance to one day meet their sponsors, and this trip makes that dream possible. It is also a unique opportunity to encounter a vibrant and faith-filled community, participate in meaningful service, and witness the beauty of Uganda, from its people to its wildlife.

This Jubilee celebration is more than a trip. It is a deeply personal and transformative experience, and truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. **Click below to learn more!**



Help Us Provide Medical Care in Uganda



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As we mentioned, CARITAS For Children is celebrating 25 years of service in Uganda, and we are marking this milestone with a special outreach to give back to the community.

On **August 7th, 2026**, we will host a one-day **[free medical camp](#)** open to the entire community.

With the help of 27 medical professionals from St. Francis Hospital, along with CARITAS graduates studying in medical programs and additional volunteers, we hope to serve **up to 1,000 patients in a single day**.

The clinic will offer **dental care, eye care, and general medical treatment**, addressing common illnesses such as **malaria, respiratory infections, skin conditions, and eye infections**. For many families, this will be a rare opportunity to receive professional medical care and essential medications at no cost.

We are seeking to raise **\$7,830** to provide medications, eyeglasses, medical supplies, sanitation, and meals for the volunteer medical team serving throughout the day.

Your support can help bring healing and hope to hundreds of families.

Click below to learn more and support the Jubilee Medical Camp.



Persecution of Christians in Nigeria

Some of you may be aware that Christians in Nigeria are facing harassment, violence, and even death because of their faith. Earlier this year, we spoke with our Nigerian liaison, Nelly, about her experience in Nsukka. She shared what she and her community have been going through, and we would like to share her words here so you can better understand their reality:



LETTER FROM NELLY, CARITAS NIGERIAN LIAISON

“Brothers and sisters, just this Sunday (*January 18th*), over a hundred worshipers were kidnapped during church service in southern Kaduna State. They have been taken to an unknown destination by suspected bandits, herdsmen, terrorists, and jihadists.

At other times, there have been sniper killings of Igbo Christians (*Igbo is a large indigenous ethnic group in Nigeria*). They come to businesses and private property with a motorbike rider and an armed person behind, who shoots at the victim and then they quickly go away. This has happened in places like Zaria in Kaduna State.

Many riots have erupted since elections were held, as a Christian politician was declared the winner. During these riots, there was one case of a family employed by Kaduna State Polytechnic (*a prestigious, federally owned technical college*) that narrowly escaped. They were targeted due to their Christian faith, and everything they had—their business, their property, and their home—was burned to the ground.

The government said they would compensate victims of rioting. The damage to this family was estimated at over eighteen million Naira (*over \$13,200 USD, a huge sum in Nigeria*), but they did not receive anything. The government officials only compensated people who shared their faith, religion, and ethnic group, and that is Muslim. The family was displaced, and the staff member also lost his job after 27 years of service.



Nigerian liaison, Nelly Omeke

The school claimed it was because he was not originally from Kaduna State, even though he had lived and worked there for many years. Now he has no job and no way to support his family.

Just to mention another situation, on November 24, 2025, here in Nsukka, they buried one of our priests, Rev. Fr. Mathew Ejiofor Eya, who was killed by Fulani herdsmen (*a nomadic herding group who are primarily Islamic, frequently targeting Christians in violent attacks*) while traveling back to his parish. Then, in December, in a Christian community in Ikpakpara, Christians were attacked after Mass and killed on their way home.

Sincerely, Christians are really struggling in Nigeria, but we pray that God will deliver us from this lion's den and send someone to help us. So, brothers and sisters, please remember us in your prayers as we continue to pray for one another. We also ask for your assistance for our children. Many do not have good school shoes, school bags, or church clothes. Some are preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation this Easter, and we ask for your support to help them.

Thank you for your generosity and care.

May God bless you and reward you abundantly.”



We are deeply grateful to Nelly for sharing so honestly about what her community is facing. We invite you to keep these families in your prayers and, if you feel called, to offer support, especially for the children who are in need during this difficult time.

Below, you can see the **Nigerian children in need of sponsorship**, or **give to our Program in Nigeria fund** which will be used to supply the children with First Communion clothes, church clothes and shoes, and school supplies for the children.

**Sponsor a Child
from Nigeria**

**Give New Church
Clothes and Shoes**

Home for Padre Pio Brothers

We Did It—Thank You!

Because of your incredible generosity, this project is now fully funded!

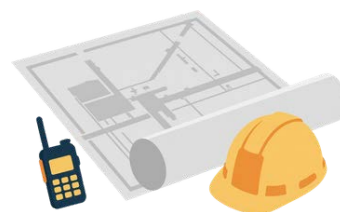
Together, you raised the full **\$20,000**, unlocking the matching gift and bringing the total to **\$40,000** to renovate and expand the formation house in Northern Uganda.



The Padre Pio brothers



The formation house needing renovation



What was once a place of refuge during a time of war will now become a renewed home for the Padre Pio Brothers. A vibrant place of prayer, formation, and hope for young men answering God's call.

This is more than a building. It's a future filled with possibility, where lives will be formed, vocations nurtured, and communities served for years to come.

Thank you for showing up so generously and helping make this vision a reality. We couldn't have done it without you.

If you would like to read more about this project, you can still check out our campaign page!

[Read About This Project!](#)

Spotlight Children

MICHAEL KIGGUNDU

Michael recently lost his longtime sponsor and is now in urgent need of new support to continue his education.

He lives with both of his parents. His mother works as an untrained teacher and earns very little. Far from enough to meet the family's basic needs. His father goes door-to-door selling vegetables, but his income is also limited and unpredictable. Despite their hard work, providing school fees has become a serious challenge.

To help Michael attend day school, he will need:

- \$48 per month from one sponsor



[Michael Kiggundu, 14](#)

RUTH LUCIA BALINJA

Ruth, also known as Lucia, is currently in desperate need of a new sponsor to continue her education. Her long-time sponsor, who ensured she had a safe and stable environment in boarding school, is no longer able to support her. This puts Ruth's education and safety at risk, as returning home could expose her to an uncertain and unstable living situation.

Ruth only has two years left of her program, please help her graduate!

To help Ruth Lucia attend boarding school, she will need:

- \$150 per month from one sponsor



[Ruth Lucia Balinja, 19](#)