

# LWENGO KIDS FOUNDATION



## From the board

In February, our foundation marked its ninth anniversary. It's a milestone that we actually let pass by, but next year we will celebrate properly. We certainly plan to invite Anthony to come over again, and we hope that Douglas, his right-hand man, will be able to join him. As we would also like to introduce them to springtime in our country, we will celebrate **our tenth anniversary on May 22, 2027.**

Of course, we want it to be a wonderful day, and we are looking for sponsors who would enjoy contributing ideas to the organization of the event. Perhaps you have a great suggestion or a fantastic idea. Let us know!

### Farewell

Both Sandra and Ronald have decided that they no longer wish to serve on our board. We thank them for their contributions over the past year and wish them all the very best.

At this moment, we are in discussions with new prospective board members, and we hope to expand the board again soon with enthusiastic people so that we can continue our important and meaningful work.

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## No Trip to Uganda

Normally, we would now be busy preparing for our monitoring trip to Uganda. Unfortunately, our trip scheduled for April will not take place due to personal circumstances. We hope to resume our meaningful work in Uganda in October.

At the moment, we are in frequent contact with our team in Uganda via messaging apps, which allows the work to continue as usual. In the photo, you can see Douglas and Molly, with whom we are in close contact.

At the start of a new year, there is always a lot of administrative work, as all the children move up a grade, and we sometimes have to wait a long time for the exam results of the Secondary School students. The final results, for Secondary 6, were released in mid-March. Mike, Jamadah, and Violah passed with flying colours. Violah was even the top student in her school! Mike also achieved excellent results and qualified for a university medical program. [You can read his story on our website.](#) Jamadah will continue his studies to become a teacher.

We are incredibly proud of these three young people and very grateful that their education has been made possible by our sponsors.

## Our October Trip

This trip will definitely take place again, as we have repeatedly seen how important on-site monitoring is. The meaningful conversations we have together are also essential.

If you are interested in joining us sometime and visiting your sponsored child, this will be possible again in October. You can register before May 1 by sending an email to [lwengokids@gmail.com](mailto:lwengokids@gmail.com), and we will contact you to discuss the details.



Douglas & Molly

## Pub Quiz

Once again, we had a full house, and it was a wonderfully enjoyable evening. Before the pub quiz officially began, Marga gave a presentation about the purpose of the event, which made quite an impression on everyone.

It concerns a family in which the mother is psychologically very vulnerable and suffers from epileptic seizures. Sadly, she was abused and became pregnant. Out of shame, she fled with the baby after giving birth and was found a few days later with a severely malnourished child. We are already sponsoring two of her children. We would like to provide financial support to this family so that she can raise her children safely and with proper guidance, and to help prevent further pregnancies. At a later stage, we will also look for a sponsor for little Namatovu.

The pub quiz raised €2,370. A wonderful result that will help us support this family significantly. Many thanks to everyone who contributed!

Our next pub quiz will take place in November. The exact date has not yet been confirmed, so please keep an eye on our social media and our website (Agenda). As soon as the date is set, it will be announced there.

## Ongoing projects

Thanks to generous donations, we have been able to start several projects over the past period.

### A House for Joan

First, we would like to share the reconstruction of the home of the family of one of our sponsored children, Joan. She has been part of our sponsorship program since October 2025. As is customary, we visit the family of each new sponsored child at home. During this visit, we found that they were living in a mud house that was in very poor and unstable condition.



Little Namatovu is doing a lot better now



This assessment proved accurate, as in January, after heavy rainfall, their house collapsed and they were forced to live under a few corrugated metal sheets. The sponsor was willing to donate €1,750, and we supplemented this amount from our emergency fund to a total of €3,500. Enough to build a new, simple house for the family. In the photo, you can also see their new home.

### Two New Dorms

Also in October, we observed that the dormitories were full, and that seventy children were sleeping in classrooms under unsafe and unhygienic conditions. This is a highly undesirable situation, not least because it means that two classrooms can no longer be used for education. Following this visit, we agreed that no more than 700 children will be admitted. Two additional dormitories will be built one more time.

Anthony provided us with an estimate for the construction of two new dormitories for fifty boys and fifty girls, including sanitary facilities. We contacted a loyal donor who immediately agreed to transfer the required funds, over €55,000. This was wonderful news, which we received on December 5, making our St. Nicholas Eve truly special.

Children staying in boarding facilities are expected to provide their own mattresses. Unfortunately, many parents cannot afford this, and most children sleep on a cloth or on worn-out, very thin mattresses. As a foundation, we want to ensure that all children receive a proper mattress and a mosquito net. To achieve this, we have approached several funds that may be willing to support us financially in purchasing these items.

### Housing for Teachers

Last year, the AFAS Foundation covered the costs of building a block of five houses for teachers and medical staff. After these homes were completed, we submitted a report to AFAS, which resulted in the approval of the first installment for the construction of a second AFAS housing block.



Living under metal sheets, and a new house for Joan



Construction has now started, and AFAS has also committed to funding a third block. This has been met with great gratitude in Uganda and of course from us as well.

With the block that we, as the Lwengo Kids Foundation, have financed, there will soon be fifteen houses, and by the end of 2026 likely twenty. This is essential for attracting and retaining qualified staff. Many thanks for this fantastic support from AFAS.

We would also have liked to share more about our successful vegetable garden project, the pigs and goats, the school bus we have purchased, and the strong academic results our students are achieving, allowing them to move on to suitable further education, but unfortunately there is not enough space in this newsletter. As you know, the work continues!



Teacher homes



The vegetable garden project

## Finally

Thank you for reading this first newsletter of 2026. You will receive the next newsletter in the summer.

On behalf of the board of the Lwengo Kids Foundation,

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