## A a B F.A.C.E. Free African Children thru Education

It has been some time since our last newsletter, so as we begin 2025, we wanted to provide an update on what FACE was able to accomplish in 2024.

## Sponsorship of Students in Uganda

Through the generous financial support of our donors, FACE continued our core mission to provide funding that allows orphaned children to attend village Seventh-day Adventist schools.

Last year, FACE sponsored 660 students at 33 SDA primary schools, and 32 students at 7 SDA secondary (high) schools, providing tuition fees, a school uniform, lunch, and school supplies.

Our goal in 2025 is to increase our donor base, which would allow us to assist additional students from the 25 other primary schools currently on our waiting list.

## **Building Schools in Uganda and Eswatini**

During the years that FACE founder Marta Roffey and her husband Jim worked in Uganda, their vision was not only to provide sponsors for children to attend school, but to also provide funding for new schools. This excerpt is from a June 3, 2008 blog that Marta wrote, "*Returning to Izinga Adventist Primary School revealed a dramatic change from what I had discovered the year before. Villagers had formed a committee to decide how to use the donated FACE funds. It was voted to purchase roofing, cement and timbers to build a new school... and with community support, built a lovely building... What a blessing!"* 

In 2024, FACE continued that vision at the Ellen White Memorial School in Bundibugyo, Uganda by completing work on six new classrooms along with the installation of a large water tank for rainwater catchment, which will provide fresh drinking water for the children.

We also began construction on the grade 6 classroom at the Lobamba SDA Primary School in the Manzini region of Eswatini, and are currently waiting for donations to complete the flooring, painting, outside slab, steel poles, etc., and build the grade 7 classroom in 2025.







Construction of the six new classrooms at the Ellen White Memorial School, Uganda



Construction of the grade six classroom at the Lobamba SDA Primary School, Eswatini

We are currently receiving requests from other schools that we support in Uganda for assistance in building new classrooms or renovating existing buildings. Once we determine priorities, we will announce future building projects and the funds needed to complete them.

On behalf of the children that you support and the schools that you are helping to build, **thank you** for your generosity and your faithful support of Free African Children thru Education, **The Board and volunteers at FACE** 

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