

## Child Sponsor Highlight – Meet Rich and Heidi Payton!

Rich and Heidi have sponsored Patience for 2.5 years. They have lived in South Bend, Indiana for 23 years and enjoy hikes in the fall and every opportunity to be near any of the Great Lakes. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

"When we first heard about RTH we were so intrigued and saddened to learn that these young children leave school to become caregivers or breadwinners for their dying parents. After the loss of their parent(s), they would fall through the cracks if it weren't for the Road to Hope program. Many of these children live in remote areas where services provided by other organizations aren't available. RTH's approach is so unique and has a very specific purpose.

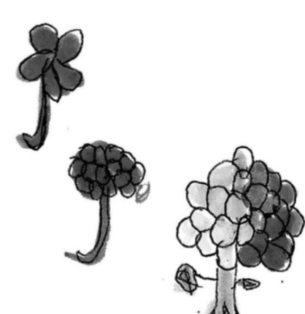
We know that Patience is being cared for by local people from PCAU in Uganda who are in constant contact with their US partner, Center for Hospice Care (CHC) in northern Indiana. Many of the staff from CHC have been to Uganda and met the children. We have been able to send personal gifts/photos and cards to Patience which are hand delivered by CHC's staff. We like that this is such a grassroots, "hands on" program.



We receive very detailed period reports specifically about Patience and her family. We have full confidence that our sponsorship is going towards her education and are pleased that PCAU also provides a camp experience where the children receive counseling, lessons in life skills and fun activities.

We look forward to continuing to support Patience for many years to come...she is a member of the Payton family!"

Dear Heidi,  
I am going to Primary 4  
I like to study  
How are you I pray for you  
Thank you for your help.  
I love you.  
Your friend  
Patience



### Meet Patience:

Patience lives in the Hoima district of Uganda with her sister (also an RTH child), her mother and her grandmother. Her exact age is unknown, but Patience is in Primary 4 (about 4th grade). She is normally in boarding school, but due to the pandemic, she has been studying from home for many months.

PCAU hired a local teacher to work with Patience and her sister twice a week. The PCAU team checks in with the family regularly and will be continuing with monthly food support while the girls are at home.

## PCAU Staff Highlight: Joyce Zalwango

Joyce Zalwango is the capacity building officer at PCAU. She coordinates activities aimed at strengthening the development of palliative care such as palliative care trainings and mentorship, quarterly PCAU national and branch update meetings, and monitoring the country's morphine supply chain. She works hand-in-hand with the country director in advocating for palliative care in the country and providing general support to all PCAU programs.

Joyce is a registered nurse with a diploma in clinical palliative care from Hospice Africa Uganda. She is currently pursuing a degree in palliative care from Makerere University and public health from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi.

She's passionate about patient care and improving the quality of life for patients and their families faced with life-threatening illness. As a nurse and a trainer, she has been exposed to the dynamic burden of inadequate palliative care service distribution in the country which motivates her to go the extra mile to reach all those in need. She does this through sharing her palliative care knowledge and skills to health workers, non-health professionals and other stakeholders.



Joyce Zalwango

## Candidates at School



Stephen (PCAU volunteer) encouraging Mwesigwa (S.4) to work hard during a visit to his school last month.



Evelyn is happy to be back in school learning and has a leadership role as the 'class coordinator' of her P.7 class.



Emmanuel receives homeschooling from a teacher at home.



**40 children**  
learning from home

**25 teachers**  
from students' communities  
are supporting RTH children  
with homeschooling

**7** secondary level teachers  
**18** primary level teachers

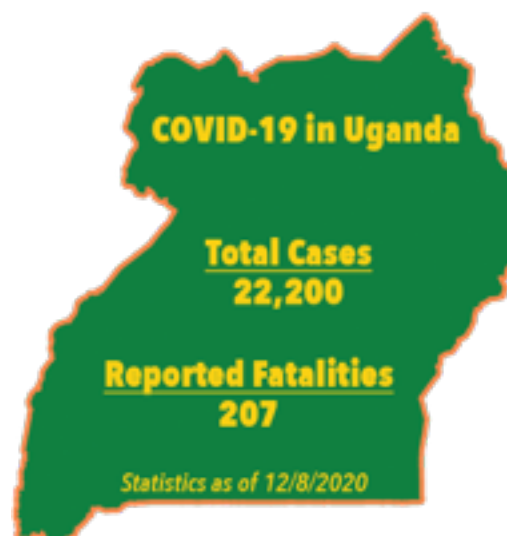
**3 children**  
are engaged in learning &  
training in vocational skills at  
different workstations within  
their communities

### Support for the RTH Program

Please help us support PCAU and the RTH children as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic. You may make an [online](#) donation or send a check to the address below.

For more details about the Road to Hope program, please contact Lacey Ahern, international programs manager at [ahernl@cfhcare.org](mailto:ahernl@cfhcare.org) or 574.367.2455.

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