

## The Gradual Reopening of Schools in Uganda

On September 20th, the President of Uganda lifted another phase of COVID-19 restrictions. Entebbe International airport and land borders are now open, along with places of worship and very importantly, some schools will reopen for candidate classes on October 15th.

Candidate classes are those who are in their final year before moving on to the next step of education (Primary 7, Senior 4, Senior 6 and finalists in tertiary institutions). There are 12 RTH children in candidate classes who are all thrilled to be going back to school. These children will take their 'leaving exams,' which determine if they pass the candidate class, in March of 2021. Two of our students, Simon Peter and his sister Emmanuella (both in P.7) have been staying with their grandmother during the lockdown. Their math and science teacher from school has been providing some tutoring over the past couple of months and they are eager to return to learning with him at school. Raima, another P.7 candidate, has been staying with her sick grandmother. PCAU has been supporting the family with basic needs and some learning materials. They had not yet been able to identify a teacher in the community to offer tutoring support, so the return to school is especially good news for Raima!

All other students will remain at home through the rest of the year and a plan for their return to school will be put in place by January 2021. We expect that 2021 will be considered a repeat year and our students will start 2021 in the grades they were in when schools closed. While it is frustrating that



**Simon Peter**



**Emmanuella**

a full year of school may be lost, we cannot lose sight of the importance of our children being healthy and safe. PCAU will continue to visit the children as much as possible – as they have done throughout the pandemic – and work with the local palliative care nurses to provide support to the children and their families. PCAU will do continuous needs assessments during the time the children are home and ensure basic needs are met. Most of the children have already been connected with a local tutor and are receiving learning materials to keep up their studying.

### Write a note of encouragement to the Road to Hope children!

We all know it feels good to receive words of encouragement and support. If you would like to write a note to one of the Road to Hope children, we will scan it to share with the PCAU team who will get it to them. You may write a general note to all children, or specific notes. Please contact Lacey at [AhernL@cfhcare.org](mailto:AhernL@cfhcare.org) to send a message.

### PCAU Staff Highlight: Rita and Doreen

**Rita Nannyomo** is the finance officer at the [Palliative Care Association of Uganda](#). With over 10 years of experience, she is 'behind the scenes' of all of the great work of PCAU – and a main reason for the success of their programs. Her attention to detail and accountability of funds is superb - and her friendly, compassionate character makes her easy to work with.



**Rita Nannyomo**

Rita has been working with PCAU since 2013. Her role there is to safeguard PCAU's financial resources, ensure value for money, provide timely accountability as well as many other tasks. As someone dealing with PCAU'S funds, she loves the fact that PCAU directs money to advocating for patients. She thinks this is a very noble duty and is proud to be a part of it. Rita is a graduate of Makerere University Business School with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a major in accounting.

**Doreen Nalwadda** is the accounts assistant at PCAU. She has been with PCAU since February 2020 and is already an invaluable team member. Her role is to assist the finance officer, Rita Nannyomo, in carrying out specific financial

and accounting roles. These include preparing payment requests, reviewing/ensuring proper accountability of advanced funds to staff, proper filing of financial documents, implementing the payroll, filing taxes, and many others.

She loves the fact that PCAU's work is aimed at helping the terminally ill and their families/children during trying times and when their parents/guardians have passed on. Doreen holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and management (finance and accounting) from Uganda Martyrs' University, Nkozi.

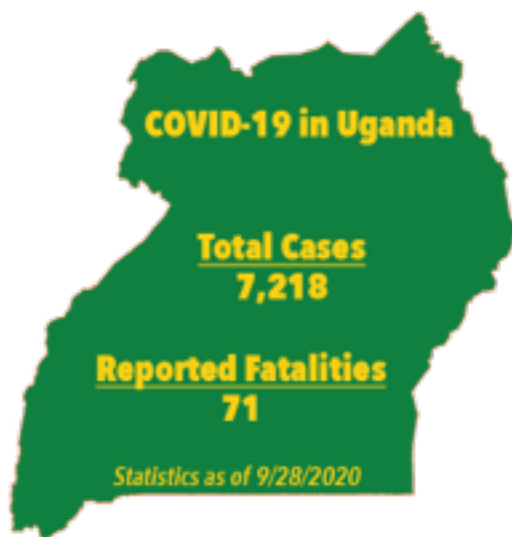
### You can help Rita and Doreen support the RTH children!

1. Help provide basic needs for children
  - a. Monthly supply of food for a family of five – \$30
  - b. Monthly supply of sanitary pads for 15 girls – \$15
2. Enable children to learn at home
  - a. Monthly cost of newspapers for a child (2x/week) – \$5
  - b. Solar-powered radio for a child – \$10
3. Support PCAU's outreach to the children
  - a. Daily delivery cost of food/supplies to children – \$15
  - b. 100 minutes of airtime for daily check-ins – \$6

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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