

## PCAU PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

### New Partnership Websites Launched!

We are very happy to announce that we have launched two new websites to support the CHC/HF and PCAU partnership.

[Partnership Website](#)

[Road to Hope Program Website](#)

These two platforms will help supporters better understand our joint projects and stay updated on the partnership between PCAU and CHC/HF. Please feel free to share them with your networks and help us promote the great work happening in Uganda.

### On the Ground in Uganda

In December 2021, Denis Kidde made a trip to Uganda, in part to visit PCAU and connect on our partnership initiatives. This visit to PCAU was the first by a member of the CHC/HF team in almost two years. Since the CHC/HF and PCAU partnership started in 2008, exchange visits have been core to the partnership's engagement. These visits allow staff from both organizations to meet in person, deepen relationships, better understand each other's work and share knowledge and ideas that enhance access to hospice and palliative care. During the pandemic, however, these yearly visits were not possible and the partnership's engagements were entirely virtual.



Denis at Road to Hope student Aken's graduation ceremony.

This past year presented many challenges for colleagues at PCAU. The organization was required to scale down some aspects of their work and take on new responsibilities such as leadership in the national COVID-19 response. They also shifted to working mostly online in a setting with electricity and internet issues as well as responding to the additional challenges our Road to Hope children (and their families) faced, which include the loss of income and extended closure of schools. PCAU's staff faced personal issues too – some fell sick while others lost loved ones.

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### COVID-19 Update Uganda Reopens Schools



On January 10, 2022, Uganda's schools reopened after what may be the world's longest pandemic-related closure. Since the closure of schools in March 2020, there have been limited opportunities for in-person education and schools had not been fully reopened until this month. An estimated one-third of students will not return to school in Uganda this month. Given the length of the shutdown, many students were pressured to find work and help their families financially. Without school to attend, many secondary school students got married and began families of their own. Additionally, a significant number of teachers have left their teaching positions to find alternative employment and other schools have closed their doors due to financial constraints. According to a [recent article](#) in the *New York Times*, an estimated 3,507 elementary and 832 high schools in Uganda will remain permanently closed.

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### Support the Road to Hope Program

You can help support orphaned or deprived child caregivers in Uganda to receive an education and other life skills necessary for them to become flourishing young adults.

- The Road to Hope program currently has 22 unsponsored children. If you are interested in sponsorship, please contact Denis Kidde, international programs coordinator, at [KiddeD@cfhcare.org](mailto:KiddeD@cfhcare.org).
- General support for the Road to Hope program is always welcome – no amount is too small. Your contribution will help the PCAU staff provide resources necessary to promote the physical and emotional well-being and personal growth of all the [children](#).



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