



AFRICA SHADES OF LIGHT

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Dear friends, loved ones, & partners of Africa Shades of Light,

While many across the world welcome the new year in frigid air, warmed by firelight and familiar rhythms, here in Uganda we enter the year with days stretched long beneath the dry heat, dust rising and settling, and life steadyng into a new rhythm.

We give thanks for this new year, new season, and new opportunity - for renewal, revival, and a Love that endures through every passing season. A Love that moves beyond walls, beyond people, and beyond circumstances: daily grace, mercy made new, the Word of Life, the Eternal One.

It is with deep joy that we step into this new year together with you.



OPENING THE YEAR WITH PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Every year, our team begins with a pause - a time of meaning connection and reflection, acknowledging the ways God has moved in our own lives, and the growth, provision, and faithfulness He has shown to our team and the people and communities we serve. We hold space for the hard, the beautiful, and the expected paths of growth.

We also take time to express our gratitude to those near and far who walk alongside us. To each of you who partner, support, pray, and believe in this work, in this mission, and in the lasting, eternal impact - thank you.

As we fully embrace this year, we hold with open hands what the Lord has in store: hopes, expectations, visions, and dreams.

Would you join us in praying for the year ahead?



LOOKING AHEAD: OUR 2026 OBJECTIVES



Academics: Sponsorship & Scholarships

Education remains at the heart of our work. Beyond ensuring 27 children receive a wholesome education, we are taking a new step in 2026 by expanding access to university and tertiary scholarships for youth seeking to continue their studies and prepare for purposeful, sustainable futures.



Advance Disability Inclusion & Family Support

Recognizing that disability impacts the whole family, we plan to reach at least 100 caregivers with training and encouragement that promotes compassionate care, restores dignity, and builds supportive community for families of children with disabilities.



Improve Access to Safe Water

In 2026, we plan to continue our pursuit of ensuring safe, clean water by installing three water collection points in key community spaces such as schools and churches, increasing access to safe water across multiple sub-counties.



Strengthen Youth Empowerment & Discipleship

Through discipleship, mentorship, and outreach, we seek to reach at least 1,000 youth with the Word of God and life-giving teachings rooted in this year's theme, *Seasons*, equipping them to navigate life with faith, wisdom, and purpose.



Scale Skills Training & Social Enterprises

In 2026, we desire to grow our skills training program by acquiring five additional sewing machines and launching a tailoring social enterprise that empowers individuals with dignity, employable skills, and entrepreneurial opportunity.



Develop Safe & Sustainable Community Infrastructure

We will strengthen our foundation by securing the community center and constructing a building that supports skills development, therapy, administration, and the long-term growth of the ministry.

PARTNER WITH US

Would you consider partnering with us by sponsoring one of our programs in 2026? Your monthly support directly sustains life-giving work across education, disability care, discipleship, and community development.

- **\$40/month** - A primary-aged child can attend school and receive a quality, holistic education.
- **\$40/month** - A child with a disability can receive specialized care, physical therapy, and the resources and support needed to meet immediate needs and pursue long-term growth.
- **\$200/month** - Physiotherapy services can be provided twice monthly for children with disabilities and community members.
- **\$100/month** - Local schools can be supported through book clubs and literacy initiatives that encourage a love of reading and learning.
- **\$20/month** - A women's group can be facilitated with resources that encourage personal, professional, and spiritual growth.

Or become a monthly donor, a committed prayer partner, or an advocate of the mission, sharing this work with others.

For more details, check out our 2026 work plan and budget below to get a glimpse into what we envision for this year and the specific ways to join us!

2026 WORK PLAN & BUDGET

May the Lord of Light protect, bless, and establish you. May He be your fullness of joy, your steady comfort, and your daily bread.

With gratitude & grace,
The Katongoles & Africa SOL Team

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

- We give thanks that the Ugandan Presidential elections have concluded. The season was marked by tension, public demonstration, and loss of life. We continue to lift up the bereaved families, and pray for peace, justice, healing, and stability as the nation moves forward.
- Pray for the health, safety, provision, and personal, academic, and spiritual growth of our students, staff, children, and youth during the first term of the school year. All students are returning to school on February 10th, and we pray for a fruitful year ahead.
- For the Lord's wisdom, provision, and direction for our team as we prepare for the year ahead - the programs, events, and outreaches. May we be obedient, faithful, and attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- For financial provision for each program, for the ministry as a whole, and for the Katongole family as full-time missionaries. We ask for God's grace and guidance as we continue to plan, dream, and envision a future filled with hope and transformation for the communities we serve.

Kindly note: all giving statements for 2025 were sent via email. Please let us know if you have not received your giving statement by responding to this email. Thank you!

If you feel called to give to our family or Africa Shades of Light Ministries, please follow the link to our [giving page](#).

Africa Shades of Light is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with EIN 92-3924578 seeking to address adversity through ethical, collaborative, and sustainable action to empower underserved communities, families, and children to reach their God-given potential throughout Uganda, East Africa.

All donations are tax deductible.

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