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150 Orphans; feeding expands to 7 days a week; Medical clinic nears completion



Living Waters Feeding Center

Due to ongoing drought, disease and death, the dynamics of the feeding center population changed dramatically this year. We are now caring for 150 orphaned children with food, school uniforms and medical care. Our child population has changed in ways we did not expect. Seventy five percent are total orphans; which means they have no mother, father or guardian to care for them. They live in child-headed homes and because of the three year drought most are totally dependent on the food they receive from the feeding center. Living Waters was providing one hot meal on week-days. We have discovered that for many of these children that was the only food they were getting and that the school uniform is the only clothes they have; so they wear them seven days a week. For many there is no mat to sleep on so their school uniform is the only thing between their bare flesh and the cold hard and dirty ground. This has left the uniforms in shreds and the self-esteem of the children has also been affected. Our budget for 10 uniforms a month is seriously lacking. The children however are looking much healthier even though 50 percent have been confirmed to have the AIDS virus passed along at birth. The food provided at the feeding center and the medication provided by the government has made a big difference in the lives and outcomes of these children.

Our recent assessment led to the following changes which have been taken on in faith. Starting in April, the feeding program was expanded to provide a daily meal to the total orphans on week-ends. We are also providing breakfast for approximately 40 total orphan children ages 4-7 that attend the Living Waters Kaswanga Academy. These children have not been getting the 10 am breakfast provided to the other children who have parents who can pay for this meal. In addition we provide lunch at the feeding center for the three volunteer teachers who teach at the school. These teachers were going without lunch due to lack of food.



Living Waters Children

