A Home for the Children of Mityana

A personal appeal from Gerd Konzen, Chairman of God's Support Orphanage Ministry of Uganda Limited, Mityana · Registration No. 80043286238336

51 children need a permanent home. We still need $56,200 to complete the purchase of a house in Mityana, including notarization fees. The payment deadline is November 10, 2026.

Dear friends and supporters,

When my wife Nora and I spent several days with the children in Mityana in September 2025, what touched us most was the warmth of their welcome. We shared meals and played together. During a memory matching game, more eager children crowded around to watch than could actually play. The older children looked after the little ones. For a few days, we had the privilege of sharing in their lives.

Many of these children once lived on the streets, with no one to protect them and no one to turn to. Today, they belong to a community. During our visit, we felt firsthand how much that sense of safety and belonging means to them, and how deeply they appreciate the help they receive.

I have been personally involved with the orphanage for three years, since first connecting online with its director, Derrick Kiragga. Together with donors in Germany, we help pay for simple daily meals, clean drinking water, electricity, and urgent medical care. We have also found individual education sponsors for ten children.





Children at the orphanage, and me with the children during our visit in September 2025.

I do this because I want to bring a little more kindness and fairness into the world. These children have become dear to me. Today, I am asking you to help us take the next big step: a home of their own in Mityana.

With gratitude,
Gerd Konzen

Caring for One Another

Derrick knows firsthand what it means to be a child with no one to protect you. At 14, he lost both parents to violent crime. He sought shelter with relatives and acquaintances, yet repeatedly found himself back on the streets, without protection or the means to support himself. There, he began caring for younger children and finding food and shelter for them. That was how the orphanage began.

Today, he is like a father to the children. Together with the caregivers, he makes care and affection part of everyday life, even with very limited resources. The children play ball, dance, and help grow beans and corn on a rented plot of land. The older children take responsibility for the younger ones.

What Education Can Make Possible

Judith, the second-oldest girl at the orphanage, is an excellent student. A dentist in Germany sponsors her education, making it possible for her to attend school. In the photo, Judith is helping a younger child with a coloring book. She receives support and, in turn, offers care to someone younger.

Shanita, the oldest girl, is training to become a nurse with her sponsor's help. Richard from the Rotary Club of Mityana accompanied her when she enrolled. This training offers her a path to a profession and the prospect of earning her own living.





Left: Judith helps a younger child color. Right: Richard with Shanita when she enrolled in her nursing program.

Ten children attend school thanks to individual education sponsors. The others are not currently in school; the orphanage's remote location makes access very difficult. The new house, close to the town center, would allow us to work with partner aid organizations to find school places for more children. Ongoing support and education sponsorships will still be needed.

How the Children Came to Live Here

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the orphanage's main sponsor passed away. Without her support, the rent was no longer affordable. The orphanage had to move to a less expensive, unfinished house that was still vacant, about five miles outside Mityana. With too little funding, it also had to reduce the number of children in its care by about half. Those whose relatives could be located went to live with them.

Today, the 51 children and their caregivers share two bedrooms. Several children sleep in each bed. Thanks to a donation, we already have enough bunk beds to give every child a bed of their own. But there is simply no room to set them up in the current house.

Meals are cooked over an open fire; there is no kitchen or refrigerator. The two daily meals usually consist of rice with beans or corn. One supporter collected donations in lieu of birthday gifts and provides a monthly contribution toward protein-rich foods, such as small dried fish and peanut butter.

What We Have Already Achieved Together

In late 2024, a private donor in Germany funded a clean drinking water project: a cistern with a microfilter. In March 2025, a group of German donors funded the electricity connection. The photo captures the first evening with electric light at the house. Until then, the rooms had been dark after dusk. Improvements like these make an immediate difference to daily life.



Left: Electric light for the first time, in March 2025. Right: A bedroom in the current house.

In Mityana, we have people we can count on. The Rotary Club helps carry out projects and assists in emergencies. The newly established Lions Club also supports the children. These relationships make our work on the ground possible.

The organization is now registered as an NGO. Our international board brings together Robert Kundel from the United States, me from Germany, Richard Kyambadde from the Rotary Club of Mityana, and David Nimrod from the Lions Club of Mityana. Sean Michael Katende serves as Director of Development and Finance. Derrick focuses on the children and the day-to-day running of the orphanage.

This House Can Become Their Home

After visiting several properties, we chose this house as the best fit for the children. Close to the center of Mityana, it has four bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, a kitchen, and three bathrooms. The four bedrooms provide enough space to set up the bunk beds we already have, giving every child a bed of their own.

The house also has a solar backup power system, security cameras, and three water heaters. The walled property includes paved areas and room for future expansion. Once the purchase is complete, the children can move in right away. Any furnishings or equipment still needed will be purchased gradually and funded separately.





The selected house, and Derrick with the children during their visit. The purchase has not yet been completed.

A generous donor in the United States encouraged us to move forward with the purchase by making a $30,000 down payment. Now we need more people to help us complete it.

Funding	**U.S. dollars**
House purchase price	$85,000
Down payment already made	$30,000
Remaining purchase price	$55,000
Notarization fees	$1,200
Still needed	**$56,200**

The remaining purchase price is due on November 10, 2026. If we cannot raise it by then, we will need to negotiate a partial payment and an extension with the seller. No such agreement is currently in place. The seller would have the right to cancel the sale and return the down payment. We want to preserve the opportunity to buy this home.

If this purchase falls through, all funds raised for it, including the refunded down payment, will be used to buy another suitable house.

How You Can Help

Please help us give the children a permanent home by making a donation and sharing this appeal. Contributions from individuals, companies, institutions, foundations, service clubs and other organizations are warmly welcomed. Every gift brings us closer to completing the purchase.

Donations to this appeal will fund the house purchase and notarization fees. Future expansion will be funded separately.

You can donate through any of the following three accounts:

Germany

Account holder: Rotary Deutschland Gemeindienst e.V.
Bank: Deutsche Bank AG
IBAN: DE80 3007 0010 0394 1200 00
BIC / SWIFT: DEUTDEDD
Payment reference: Uganda P89302 2311

Please include the payment reference exactly as shown so your donation can be allocated to our project.

Donation receipts: For a German donation receipt (*Zuwendungsbestätigung*), please provide the recipient with your full name, mailing address, and email address. For individual donations of up to and including €300, your bank statement or transfer confirmation, together with the recipient's supporting tax documentation, serves as simplified proof. The threshold applies to each donation, not the annual total.

United States

Account holder: Worldwide Friends of Ugandan Orphans
Bank: TD Bank
Routing number: 211470545
Account number: 8266319885

Our U.S. partner receives donations through this account dedicated to God's Support Orphanage in Mityana, Uganda.

Donation acknowledgments: Worldwide Friends of Ugandan Orphans provides written acknowledgments for individual gifts of $250 or more for U.S. tax reporting purposes. Please provide your full name, mailing address, and email address so your donation can be matched to you and an acknowledgment sent. Retain your acknowledgment and bank record for your tax records.

Uganda

Account holder: God's Support Orphanage Ministry of Uganda Ltd
Bank: Centenary Bank
Branch: Mityana, Uganda

Account number: 3205692859
SWIFT / BIC: CERBUGKA

Your donation goes directly to the orphanage's account. For international payments, Centenary Bank works with Sparkasse Aachen, Germany, for Euros and British pounds, and Citibank N.A., New York, for U.S. dollars.

Get in Touch

For questions about donating, or to request the available purchase and payment documents, please contact:

Dr. Gerd Konzen
Gerd.Konzen@t-online.de
Phone: +49 151 70631393

Thank you for helping these children build a future in a home of their own.



Nora helps the children try on their new shoes, funded by a donor in Germany.

Thank you for standing by these children.