

ChildVoice

Africa Staff Leaders Visit U.S. this Summer



It was a busy two weeks for our Nigeria Country Director, Nari Welye (above left), and Uganda’s Head of Office, Richard Kyitarinyeba (right), when they visited us in New Hampshire in early June. In addition to attending management meetings, the two spoke at various churches in New England – including Curtis Lake Church in Sanford, Maine (above) – and attended ChildVoice’s annual Board Retreat. Richard and U.S. staff member Bob Barber also traveled to Iowa to attend the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, learning more about best practices for our hog operation at the Lukome Center in Uganda.

Nari and Richard returned to Africa with a clear and revitalized vision for the work ChildVoice is doing as we move into the future. We look forward to joining with them as we continue to serve war-affected adolescent girls and their children.



“Down on the Farm” at Lukome

Planting seeds and caring for their gardens isn’t just a nice “hobby” for our young, war-affected students at the Lukome Center in northern Uganda. In fact, raising healthy vegetables for consumption at the Center is an important agronomy skill that will help these adolescent girls earn an income now, and eventually will prove to be a sustainable source of income as they take this marketable skill back into their communities after they graduate.

Each girl at the Center has a garden plot where she and her children work daily to raise crops like greens, yams, beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers. The Center buys the vegetables





Using Athletics as a Trauma-Healing Tool at Imvepi Camp

During their trip to northern Uganda, a group of students from Athletes InterVarsity at Temple University, in the Philadelphia area, visited Imvepi Refugee Settlement. They were there to help kick-start a new athletics program for the adolescent South Sudanese girls we serve in ChildVoice's Empowerment Groups at Imvepi.

The new athletics program is part of the trauma healing these girls go through as they learn to process the pain and suffering they've experienced as refugees. Sports like netball, soccer, and volleyball teach valuable life skills like team-building, trust and forgiveness, and getting along with others—with the added benefit of general physical fitness!

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from them, and the money each girl earns goes into her own savings account. When the girls graduate, their savings are turned over to them so they can buy necessities to further their vocations and reintegrate within their communities, like sweater-knitting machines, hair salon supplies, and auto mechanics tools.

Most girls work industriously to tend their gardens and have as much produce as possible to sell back to the Center. It's a source of great pride when they see how much money they have earned at graduation.

Another integral part of our agricultural program is the growing hog operation at Lukome Center. Currently, we have 5 boars, 63 sows, and 259 piglets living in six buildings, with a seventh building under construction. Thanks to an innovative IMO (indigenous micro-organisms) system that rapidly turns waste into organic compost, the pig buildings have virtually no smell and few flies.

Our goal is for the hog operation to provide sustainable support for the Lukome Center. The income-generating potential of this project is very promising, based on the value of selling the pigs at market. We also want the hog operation to become a community-based outreach, as we develop the program into a training ground for future pig farmers in the adjacent communities. Eventually, we'd like our students to be trained in the hog operation as well.

[Join Our New Team & Intern Network!](#)

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new Team & Intern Network, designed to bring together people who have been on a team trip or completed an internship with us.

To learn more about the Network or to join, contact our Team and Intern Coordinator, Kelsi Kautz, at teamsandinterns@childvoice.org.

[1st Annual Golf Fundraiser a Big Success](#)

Almost 100 golfers turned out to play at The Oaks course in New Hampshire for our first-ever golf tournament fundraiser in July. Players enjoyed the challenging layout, beautiful scenery, a delicious buffet lunch, and a variety of great raffle prizes.

Stay tuned for details of next year's event, scheduled for June 28. We'd love to have you join us!

For photos of this year's tournament, visit childvoice.org/golf.