



# FINDING YOUR UGANDA

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## A NOTE FROM A VISITOR: Marisa Perino

*“The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature. All your works give you thanks, O Lord, and your faithful bless you.”*

Hello! My name is Marisa Perino, and I am junior at the University of Notre Dame. This March, I researched how faith plays a role in the work of Let Us Move Mountains. My research evaluated Let Us Move Mountains’ spiritual impact through interviews with its employees and its partners. My area of study is Catholic Social Teaching, specifically the principles of Care for God’s Creation, Call to

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Community, Dignity of Each Person, and Dignity of the Rights of Workers. During my research, I found these principles in Let Us Move Mountains' daily work. I've seen them in their intense care for the YPEA families, their support of the St. John Bosco Vocational School students, and their commitment to environmental respect through Farming God's Way. Based in a shared faithfulness to God, Let Us Move Mountains connects intimately with the YPEA families, promoting their right to work and pushing them to thrive, not just survive. In addition, LUMM mentors their sponsored students, acknowledging their unique dignity and inspiring their drive to rise above their impoverished conditions.

I have found that Let Us Move Mountains is neither an organization of faith, nor one of work, but of both. Their progress within the Kyarusenzi community sprouts from the space they leave for God to show His divine mercy. Though a small nonprofit, based on their first year, expansion and growth are not far off. Let Us Move Mountains has found their footing and overcome the hitches that come with launching a nonprofit. Armed with a close-knit and diversely-educated team, Let Us Move Mountains is now ready to walk alongside God as he leads them to new partners and unknown opportunities.



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*The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature. All your works give you thanks, O Lord, and your faithful bless you. They speak of the glory of your reign and tell of your great works.*

Psalm 145: 9-11

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## UPDATES

### Videos and Birthdays

Our dear friend, Katie Tebbe ([Midwest and Abroad](#)) created an introduction video for our website! Check it out on our homepage at [www.letusmovemountains.org](http://www.letusmovemountains.org)

On March 19 we celebrated Florence's birthday! We thank her for founding Young Positives Empowered to Adhere and using her testimony to share the Gospel.

*Happy Birthday Florence!*



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

# Meet Adolf and Goretti

*"They speak of the glory of your reign and tell of your great works."*

### Adolf

Adolf is a 22 year old man currently enrolled at St. John Bosco Vocational School. After completing Ordinary Level (four years) of secondary school he wanted to continue to Advanced Level (two more years) of secondary school but did not have the funding. That is when he met Fr. John Mwesige, a Holy Cross priest, who found a sponsor for his fees so he could continue.

He first enrolled at St. John Bosco Vocational School because he wanted to acquire computer skills. Fr. Richard Nsubuga, Holy Cross priest and Director of St. JB, advised Adolf to enroll in

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another course and let computer skills be an extra advantage. He chose Driving and Mechanics with plans to drive for the local tea plantation. Adolf shares that his dream in life is to open his own garage to teach others about driving and mechanics and to also provide employment.

*“St. John Bosco is a good school. We are proud. We are brothers and sisters.”*

### Goretti

Nyangoma Goretti is a 20 year old woman currently enrolled at St. John Bosco Vocational School. After finishing four years of secondary school she wanted to enroll in Early Childhood Development (ECD) but saw the course was not offered and chose Hairdressing instead. This year when St. JB started an ECD course Goretti decided to double major and will finish both courses in 2020.

Her dream is to start an ECD learning center (nursery school) and also own/manage a salon where she can employ other people from the village. Goretti shares that her biggest role model is her dad because he studied very hard through school and she wants to do the same.

*“I’m proud of myself, since by now I’ve acquired many skills with hairdressing and with ECD course I know if I finish that course, for sure I will be a good business woman.”*



*“I praise God very much.” -Goretti*

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## Prayer Intentions

We are adding a new section to our quarterly newsletters! Please email Katie at [katie@letusmovemountains.org](mailto:katie@letusmovemountains.org) to submit any prayer requests you would like us to include in our next newsletter (June). We will also include a section of prayers requests from here in Uganda.

### From Uganda

Please pray for our team member Emmanuel and his family. His father, Eugene, was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. He has now been discharged after four months in the hospital. They need our prayers for healing and peace.

Please pray for our friend and sponsored student, Matthias, who recently lost his grandmother.

## A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear LUMM Family,

If you are friends with me on Facebook you may have already heard that I've been accepted into the Executive Masters of Nonprofit Administration (EMNA) program at the University of Notre Dame.

Last year I reached out to a contact at Notre Dame to ask if she knew any students wanting to do research on nonprofits. I wanted someone to come research LUMM and provide feedback to help us grow and improve. That contact put me in touch with another who mentioned the EMNA program. The program is ten weeks on campus (split between summers) and the rest online. I applied and now excited to announce-- I'm officially a grad student at the University of Notre Dame! I begin my first classes this June and will continue with the online classes from here in Uganda. I'll learn everything from accounting to grant writing and all things needed to be a better director of LUMM. God orchestrated this completely and I knew I had to say yes.

I have a long road ahead as I work out financial aid, house and classes. So please pray for me as I begin this journey!

Love and Blessings,

Katie

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