

UGANDA ORPHAN PROGRAM

The Uganda Orphan Program started after a visit by eleven visitors from Central Buganda to the Diocese of Rupert's Land in the fall of 2002. When asked if there was any one thing that we in Rupert's Land could do to help their situation in Uganda, the immediate response was, "Help with the Orphans". Because of HIV/AIDS, civil war and malaria, millions of Ugandan children are parentless. Caring for orphans in Central Buganda falls on the shoulders of relatives, leaving some with the impossible task of providing for upward of 15 to 20 children. Older Children are often left to take on the responsibility of raising their younger siblings. By supporting education, we are able to help provide an opportunity that orphaned children may not otherwise receive. Basic tuition is paid for by the government up to grade seven, but the additional costs for uniforms, lunches, examinations, school supplies and building fund are not provided. The Uganda Orphan's Fund provides some financial assistance which will allow some children to receive an education that would not be possible otherwise. Donations to the Uganda Orphan's Fund can be sent to the Diocese of Rupert's Land.