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Caring for children around the world

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First Rescued Watoto Child Now a University Graduate

Kampala & Gulu, Uganda, Africa

Jessica was the very first child rescued by Watoto in 1994. Found at only 18 months old, Jessica has grown into a strong and lovely 22-year old. "When I tell my story, most people see it as a sad story. But for me, it was God's first step to lifting me up. My entire life has been at Watoto. My mom, my friends, everyone I love is here. Everything I have, I got from Watoto. My first shoes, my first school. This graduation is not just a graduation to me. This is the first of the steps we are taking as graduates to be the citizens we have been raised to be."

Jessica graduated with a degree in Business Administration. Watoto Child Care has rescued more than 4,000 children since Jessica. This has been possible because of the faithful support of many. Thank you for taking the journey with us as Sunday Line helps to "Care for Children Around the World".



WATOTO SPONSORED FAMILY:

13 year old **Haruna** writes: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here in Uganda we are in the rainy season and the farmers are happy because their crops are growing well and healthy. This term I am in Grade Five. God has helped me with wisdom and understanding. I love Social

Studies. We learn about Pre-Colonial Uganda and how Uganda became a nation. I love playing soccer with my friends.

11 year old **Proscovia** writes: Do you know that our current Head of State has ruled for 30 years? Wow, that is amazing! We need prayers to have peaceful elections. Thank you so much for

your generosity, love, support and prayers to help and rescue my life.

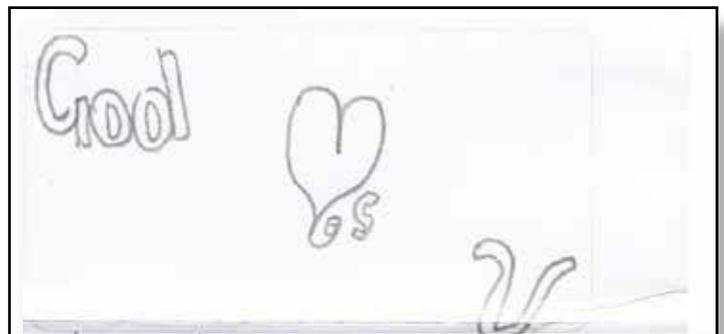
SUNDAY LINE BOOKKEEPER TRAVELS AGAIN TO UGANDA

For the third summer, Linda Wing and her husband, Jamie, traveled to Uganda to serve with Watoto ministries – this time hosting their own team. They focused their time in the northern Gulu area at Living Hope, a Center established to restore purpose and dignity to marginalized and vulnerable women.

Jamie worked alongside some wonderful people as he gave many of the buildings a new look with a fresh coat of paint. Linda experienced the hard toil that goes into making one of the for-profit products sold when the Children's Choir goes on tour. She spent a day learning how to cut the material, operate one of the sewing machines and, tediously, stuff the toy cloth giraffes. She also participated in the "Keep a Girl in School" program by packaging up personal care products, loading them onto a bus and driving some distance away from the Living Hope Center to deliver them. This program is a wonderful blessing to the girls as it enables them to remain in school and thus have an opportunity for a more extensive future. The gratitude of the school and the young girls was overwhelming!



*Lefr: Proscovia Right: Haruna
Below: Proscovia's Artwork*



- 1. Sewing at Living Hope*
- 2. Keep a Girl in School*
- 3. Jamie and Newly Painted House*



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THE JOY OF HIS PRESENCE

*“Joy to
the world,
the Lord
has come”*

Did you know that praise is one of the greatest joys of Heaven? You cannot read the book of Revelation without catching a glimpse of hosts of angels and saints worshipping and praising God

Throughout the history of Israel we constantly see that praise was a product of knowing and enjoying God’s presence. In **1st Chronicles 23:3-5 and :30** David placed great emphasis on congregational worship. Out of a host of 38,000 Levites, 4,000 were ordained exclusively to worship the Lord every morning and evening.

Throughout the Psalms we see this same emphasis. Psalm 22:22 and 25 state, **“I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly.”** Psalm 149:1 declares, **“Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.”**

What is the reason for this praise? The reason is simple, BECAUSE **“In His presence is fullness of joy.”**

- Psalm 5:11 **“But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.”**
- Psalm 16:11 **“You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”**
- Psalm 27:6 **“At his tabernacle will I sacrifice**

with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.”

- Psalm 132:9 **“May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy.”**

When we experience God’s presence, joy wells up within us into overflowing so that our only adequate response can be to give Him praise. Like the nation of Israel, we like to express our joy of God’s presence by singing.

Here are seven ways that singing assists our worship:

First, it lifts our spirit and turns defeat into victory. There is a whole realm of released power when the church gets together to praise God. Psalm 149:5-6: **“Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands.”**

Secondly, praise songs provide us a ready-made vocabulary. Most of our great hymns and choruses were born out of great experiences with God and singing them allows us to identify with their messages. Songs like *Amazing Grace*, *How Great Thou Art*, and *It is Well with My Soul* are all born from our expression of God’s providential care over us.

Third, singing contributes to our awareness of God. The more we are aware of the greatness of God, the more we want to join others or have them join us in worshipping Jesus. Psalm 98:4: **“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music.”**

Fourth, singing quickly unites our hearts because we are singing the same words, to the same tune, at the same tempo, and the combined effect is dynamic.

Fifth, singing releases our inner emotions. As the richness of verse and the sweetness of melody issue from our lips, the Holy Spirit touches our hearts and lifts us into God’s presence.

Sixth, singing the scriptures can become double-praising. Not only do we experience the release of our inner feelings, we also utter the anointed words of the Bible.

Finally, the main reason we praise God with singing is because it is our way to express our hearts cry in gratitude to thank God for giving us Jesus.

When we experience the miracle working power of God in the salvation of a soul or in the healing of a sick body, we don't say: "Oh, that's nice." When God has answered our prayer for a job, or some unknown blessing, do you just say "wonderful"? When God has supernaturally delivered us from having a major accident or car crash, we don't say: "I sure was lucky!" We cannot help but say, "**Praise God!**"

Along with singing and rejoicing, also comes physical expression:

- **Psalm 63:4** urges us to lift up our hands
- **Psalm 47:1** tells us to clap our hands
- **Psalm 126:2** tells us to use our mouths
- **Psalm 95:6** tells us to bow down and kneel
- **Psalm 149:3** to dance
- **Psalm 33:2** to play musical instruments, and until our joy is fully expressed in praise, we are merely spectators and not participants.

So, what kind of 'praiser' are you. Are you a vocal, vibrant praiser? Or are you a fall down on your knees praiser? Are you a clap your hands praiser, a dancing praiser, a lifting up of hands praiser, or are you a hands-in-the-pocket praiser? No matter what kind of praiser you are, when you are in the Lord's presence you have to express your joy somehow.

Jeremiah 23:24 tells us that God alone fills the highest heavens and the earth because all creation belongs to Him, but even when God fills the highest heavens and the earth they cannot contain Him.

In Psalm 139:6 David declares that "**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**"

There is joy in knowing that the person who knows Christ can never be alone. God's plan and what He has always wanted, is to be in the midst

of His children. That is what the garden, the tabernacle and temple represented. God gave Adam and Eve everything they could possibly ever need or want, but He also gave them a choice.

The good news is that 6000 years later, we can still get to that place of intimacy with God and enjoy His presence. Or we can do what many of God's people do – and just linger around the fringes of The Garden and live far beneath God's plans for us.

Without a doubt the Garden of Eden was a place of unspeakable beauty, and heaven will be a place of great joy, but God also wants us to enjoy the joy of His goodness right here and now.

When the promises of God seem slow in manifesting, it's easy to start murmuring, grumbling and becoming impatient. Our job is to stay in His presence because God has a plan for each one of us.

We can experience the joy of God's presence everyday while we are here on earth as we look forward to the day when we can experience the joy of being together with all the angels and saints celebrating. Christmas time is a time to remember that Jesus came so that we could have His joy. Despite what may happen, and despite the storms that life throws at us, we can still have joy because we know that there is a bright and glorious day coming when we will see the ONE who is coming again.

That is the JOY of every Christian believer.

On behalf of the entire Sunday Line team we want to express our thanks to you for helping us to bring God's joy to a hurting and dying world.

May you and your loved ones experience the fullness of God's joy this Christmas Season.

Blessings and love,

*Pastor Roman
and Pat Kozak*

