

# Co-Laborers TMCM

## THE MASTER CHILDREN MINISTRIES JINJA, UGANDA REPORT



### 2023

When I first began to work with Bossa John in January 2023, he had 72 high school students, 90 primary students enrolled and 110 young children still waiting for the funds

### 2026

IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO LEARN THAT ALL OF JOHN'S 359 CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN JANUARY 2026. SEVERAL SPONSORS HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

### Students in the Community

The children pictured here are those who live in the housing where Bossa John lives with his wife, Doreen. Many others live with guardians in the surrounding countryside in a foster care situation with John providing basic needs and school costs.



### IT'S NOT ONLY TEXTBOOKS

It is difficult for children in poor families or orphaned in Uganda to get an education because of the costs of tuition, text books, uniform, and school supplies including reams of paper, brooms, and toilet paper. These school supplies are listed on report cards and if not supplied, the teacher sends the child walking back home.

## Orphanage Under Attack

There had been months of protests and riots surrounding the Ugandan presidential election on January 15, 2026. The despot president in power since 1986 had groomed his son to replace him. Though the opposition leader had won the popular vote, the government refused to honor that with military force. The internet was shut down. Opposition's aides were jailed, and Bobi Wines, the people's choice for president fled the country "until another time". On Jan 18, attackers stormed the area around the orphanage house with teargas and tried abducting the children. Bossa John reported,

"...as a man and father I was beaten and hurt while fighting for the children and youth not to be taken or kidnapped by force...I appreciate your prayers and support. Many in the community are still missing...and many have died. Thanks so much for standing with us in this tough situation."



One of their youth, Savior, was abducted and kept in jail without cause. Savior had been with John since he was 10 years old, living on the streets since his father abandoned him. He never knew his mother. He was beaten daily while in jail. After almost two weeks, Bossa John was able to pay the cost for his release.

After a post-op eye exam today, I was chatting with my doctor who also works in Uganda. When I told him I worked in Jinja, he sadly acknowledged that there had been a lot of trouble there, not so much in Kampala. **Please pray for the children and youth as they recover from the trauma they experienced. Pray that the Lord will protect them and keep them safe during this dangerous time. John says that they are back at school, which is more stabilizing for them. They are doing better daily.**

The widows were also affected in the poultry business when teargas killed over 300 chickens. They will be selling the remainder that survived and ordering a group of new chicks recommended by the veterinarian. Bossa John was much encouraged that these widows last year were able to pay their own rent and basic needs, with some help to the other widows. They also provided for the burial costs of two of their widows.

### A Personal Note

**I have been renewed!** Last year was busy for me having two total knee replacement surgeries (Feb 25 & July 8). The first 6 weeks post-op with PT lived up to its reputation: embrace the pain! The result thereafter has also been as promised: I am so glad to have the new knees! I am thankful to have good mobility again, and two new pain-free knees.

Last month I also received two new eyes! On Feb 3 and Feb 17 each eye gave up a cataract and received a new intraocular lens implant. Again, I am so blessed. This surgeon asked me if he could pray with me before the surgery, in the name of Jesus. We prayed together before the procedure, both times! Blessed!

I share with you one of my favorite photos: my two great-grandchildren praying. Anne's daughter Kaitlin is expecting the third baby in September. Both of Grant's daughters are getting married this year: Sophia on July 19 in Minneapolis, and Maili on December 19 in South Carolina.

**Please pray that I will be able to travel o Jinja, Uganda this year to visit Bossa John and his family there.**

