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# Annual Report 2022



## Dear Supporters

This last year was one that I am excited to look back upon and share all that God grew in the lives of so many in Kotido. I had the opportunity to visit Shalom and spend time with the children, meet new staff, attend peace runs, and watch the hustle and bustle at Shalom Home. It made me reflect back to previous years when there were no teachers instructing in makeshift rooms, when children ate their two meals on the floor instead of their three meals within the youth resource center. These changes and so many are more evident in large and small ways at the end of 2022.

In 2022 Shalom pressed into the bigger vision that they have to start the Beyond the Rainbow primary school by saying 'yes' to meeting the need to educate children at Shalom Home on a daily basis. It made me ask the question to myself, "What ways am I inspired by Shalom saying 'yes' to the the bigger and more challenging opportunities and goals in my own life?"

I hope you enjoy hearing the stories in this report and asking yourselves that question even as you think about the ways you helped Shalom and the team to say 'yes' to assisting and caring for so many children and youth in 2022.

Shalom,

*Mike Barbee*  
Coordinator  
Shalom Ministries International

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Friend, Servant, Teacher.

Papa Adrian lived a life of service in Uganda, training people on regenerative farming practices in Luwero and Karamoja since 2013 and helping people gain a better understanding of Jesus. He was always full of humorous quips, even when enduring hard situations but he also knew how to speak hard truths and deep encouragement. During his short sickness, he was encouraging people to look to God and make good choices in love for others. He passed away in the presence of care and support in Luwero where the Shalom family had a chance to see him in the final days. He was a spiritual father to Rainbow who made a point to stop and see him every time he passed through on the way to Kotido.



Papa Adrian joined Shalom in 2021, choosing to undertake the task of modeling a life of service and education. During his time on the Shalom team, he lived with and disciplined staff and youth while teaching simple ways of life and applying what was learned to improve the lives of others. Adrian will be very missed by all he touched and smiled at, especially Rainbow Mike.



## 94 children at Shalom Home!

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problem of raiding animals and road ambushes increased so much. It was reported that over 1000 people from Kotido died from starvation related death in the year 2022. The combination of drought, hunger, and insecurity caused many problems and many families to flee from their homes. Children between the age of 3-16 increase on the street of Kotido town.

Mothers with young children and girls fled to the neighboring districts and were temporally welcome by other tribes like Acholi and Langi and Iteso, not until the warriors started killing and raiding these very neighbors who hosted their mothers, wives, and children. Shalom has been overwhelmed by the number of children coming to the gate to seek support for food, shelter, medical and education. The need is so broad, but we did what we could within our means and available resources.

Shalom received and provided shelter and all the other basic needs to 46 boys who were taken off from the street. We distributed food to some of the households where we already had children receiving bottle feeding/ food and nutrition support and the families of these new kids who left home because of hunger and insecurity.

THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT HELPED US RESPOND  
BY DONATING AT SUCH A TIME!



## Shalom Home doubles as a school

We have had over 13 years of praying and 4 years of planning to operate a Primary School at Shalom!

We started teaching youth during the Covid-19 lock down and despite schools opening in 2022 we chose to keep teaching at Shalom Home. The children said they learned more from the home school, got more attention from teachers and none teaching staff at Shalom, Bible study and prayers plus life skills training from Shalom Youth Resource Center etc made learning more fun and interesting. Upon seeing the impacts of the home school, we felt motivated to take a step of faith and trust God's timing and God's way!

The benefits of operating our own school are that it gives the opportunity and consistency to support more vulnerable children to access primary education in a environment that enables them heal from their past traumatic experiences, teach them the fear of God from early stage of their lives, equip them with other practical life skills and help them become great thinkers and leaders for social change. We hope to start the first phase of the building projects for classrooms by March 2023.

The Shalom Home school was perfectly the picture of the kind of education and





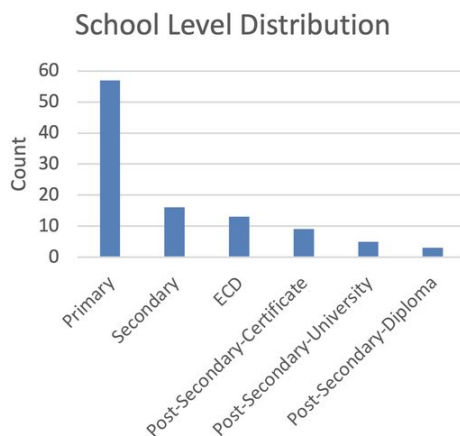
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Some of the children who were being physically abused by teachers and fellow students in the public schools told us they do not want to go back to those schools and begged that we continue teaching them at Shalom.



## Vocational students educated in 2022

Shalom has been walking, facilitating, and supporting several youth right from early stage of primary, secondary, and post-secondary education. Our goal is to walk alongside them beyond secondary school (high school) where they are in a better position to create jobs for themselves or can find jobs with government and private institutions.



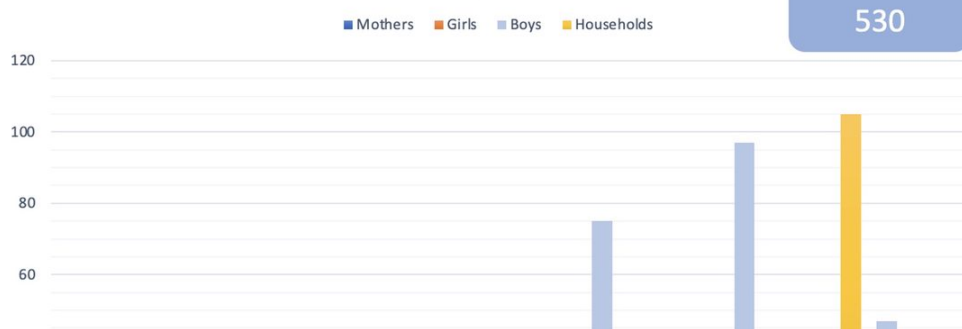
Seventeen students started the additional post-secondary courses and Shalom is committed to seeing them finish their courses over the next 1-2 years. In addition to the post-secondary students, we had so many students finishing various level of education.

**With the additional students, there are currently 103 students receiving sponsorship through Shalom!**

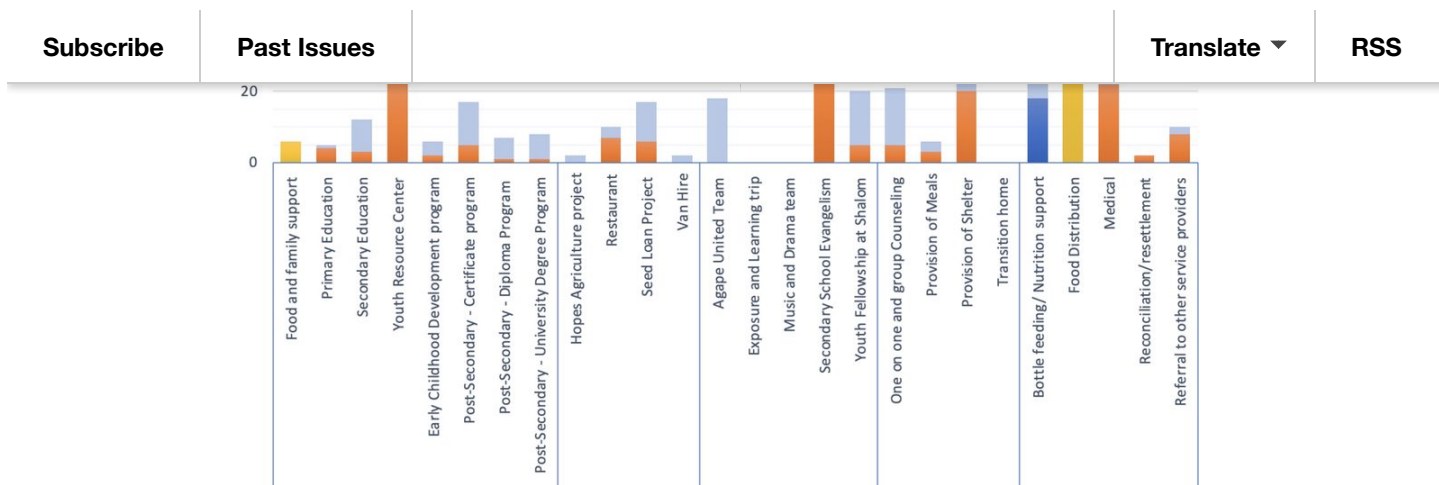
Some of the youth have returned to work for Shalom either as full-time staff or volunteers and this really bless our hearts. Six (6) of our full-time staff are former beneficiaries of Shalom, 3 volunteers and 4 internees in 2022 were all former or current beneficiaries.



### People Directly Impacted in 2022







## 2022 Financials and Comparisons

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020*
<b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>			
Individual Contributions	\$104,372.21	\$74,145.45	\$73,272.94
Organization Contributions (Non-Grant)	\$85,720.00	\$14,035.00	\$32,350.00
Grants	\$55,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$10,000.00
Various Income (Amazon Smile, etc.)	\$19,473.72	\$634.31	\$332.03
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$209,565.93</b>	<b>\$158,814.76</b>	<b>\$115,954.97</b>
<b>Functional Expenses</b>			
General Fund	\$120,101.78	\$97,901.71	\$74,681.00
Rainbow Family Support	\$1,050.00	\$5,910.00	\$14,950.00
Sponsorship	\$53,710.01	\$23,522.00	\$14,914.00
General and Administrative	\$1,636.26	\$1,357.55	\$3,738.27
Special Projects	\$5,322.00	\$5,850.00	
International Volunteer Support	\$1,939.23	\$3,099.00	\$7,567.04
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>\$183,759.28</b>	<b>\$137,640.26</b>	<b>\$115,850.31</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$26,206.65</b>	<b>\$21,174.50</b>	<b>\$104.66</b>
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$78,681.46</b>	<b>\$57,506.96</b>	<b>\$57,402.30</b>

\*Adjustments made to categories for 2018-2020

## Prayer list for 2023

### Peace!

Pray for peace and peace makers to stand bold and advocate for peace!  
Pray for Rain and food!

### Children at Shalom Home

Pray that the children and youth at Shalom home and transition home to heal from past trauma, food, water, health and supplies for the home

### Shalom School

Pray for the classrooms and other facility projects

### Our Shalom Team

Pray that staff shall continue to learn and grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom., and that our faith and deeds shall continue to encourage the children and youth to come to Christ

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	Pray for Josiah to sleep longer enough for Denise and Mike to res; that we complete and move to our new house; and for safe travels from US back to Uganda	Pray for the salvation of all our current and faith of our former beneficiaries, that God will use these youth to bring spiritual and social change to their families and community	

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