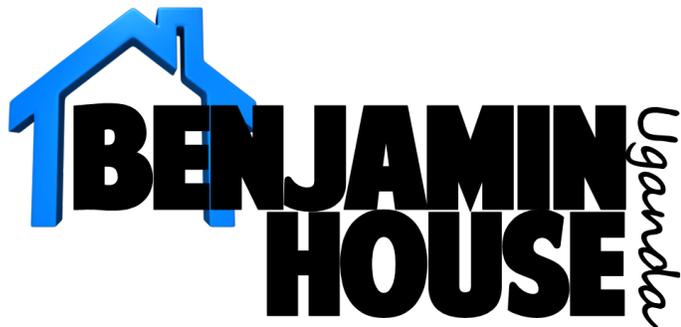
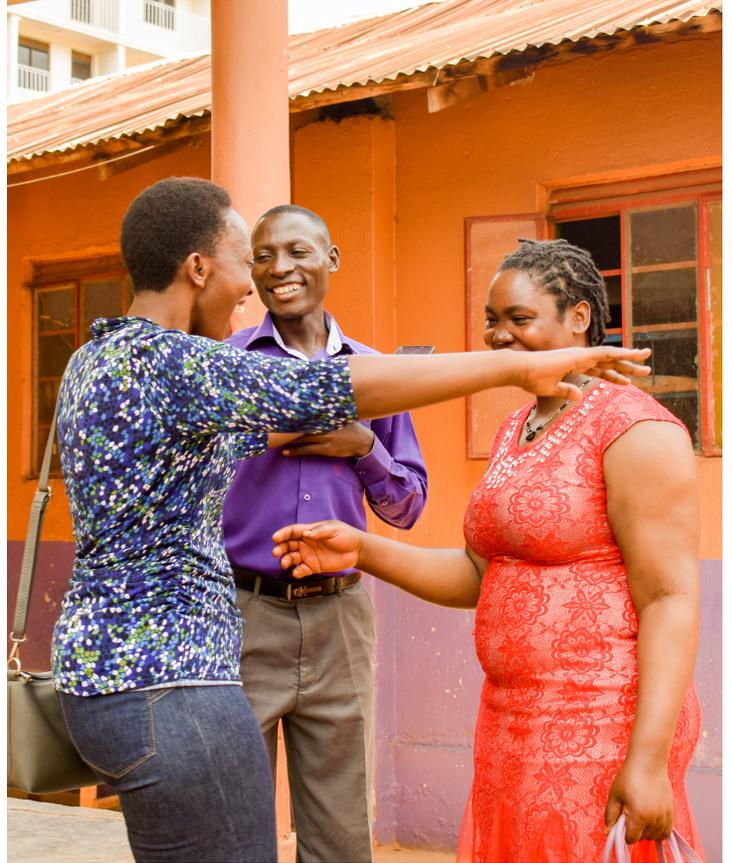


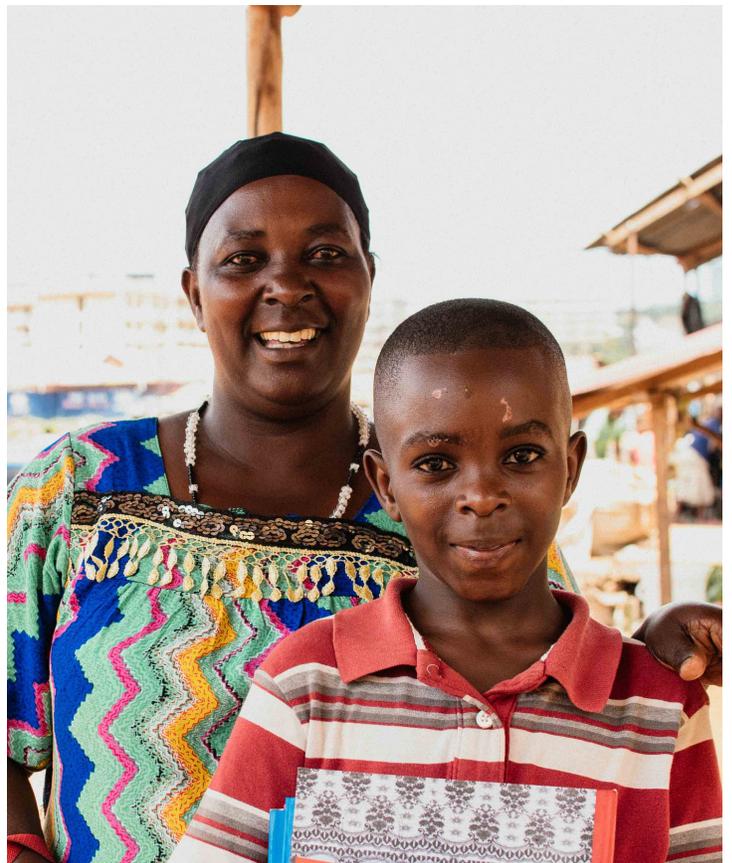
AMAKKA: FAMILY



VIRTUAL UNVEILING

Host Packet

Everything you need to share your love for family restoration right from your home.





AMAKKA:

**(NOUN) A LUGANDA WORD
MEANING FAMILY**

In a year when, for most people, nothing has seemed to go as planned we've chosen to focus in on what really matters and why we do what we do: family.

Every day, Ugandan parents are faced with a choice. Either I can keep my child and when they're older they'll struggle with life just like I do, OR I can take my child to an orphanage where they'll get 3 meals a day, an education, and a chance at a better life.

We believe that's a choice no parent should ever have to make.

Institutions don't change kids' lives, families do. While the quick fix to the orphan care crisis in Uganda is to build orphanages and give kids the most comfortable lives possible, in the long term it makes the situation exponentially worse. Kids need families. We believe we have been called to take away all the barriers that might keep a child from their family or tribe of origin so they can grow up learning what family looks like. Today, you can be an integral part of removing those barriers.



HOSTING A VIRTUAL UNVEILING

Typically, as an Unveiling host you would sponsor a table of 8 and fill it with friends and family who you think would like to get involved with family restoration. Since we couldn't physically come to you this year, we're asking you to play host!

ROLES AS A VIRTUAL UNVEILING HOST

- Choose the number of people that you are currently comfortable inviting over
- Plan a get-together where you and your guests will watch our 30-minute Unveiling film together
- Encourage real discussion and questions, referring to the FAQ guide in this packet
- Pass out and re-collect Commitment Cards
- Mail the Commitment Cards and any donations made to us at PO Box 21, Moore, SC 29369 or hand deliver to a Board Member

IDEAS TO HELP YOU FILL YOUR HOME

- Plan your Unveiling around a football game that you know your friends will be watching. You can watch our video before the game, during halftime, or after your team has won!
- Offer to cook for your guests or have a group babysitter
- Give your family's Thanksgiving an international focus this year!





HOST GUIDE

HYPOTHETICAL SCHEDULE

- 6:25 PM** Guests arrive, catch up, and begin making plates for the meal you've chosen to serve.
- 6:30 PM** Everyone gathers around your TV. You give a short introduction (tell your guests how you first heard of Benjamin House and give a short summary of what we do in your own words).
- 6:35 PM** Watch the Unveiling Film.
- 7:05 PM** Share any of your immediate thoughts and ask your guests if they want to share anything or have any questions.
- 7:15 PM** Hand out Commitment Cards and ask your guests to prayerfully consider how they can help change lives in Uganda.
- 7:25 PM** Collect cards and donations for mailing back to us.



THE NEED

Population: 43,000,000

Median Age: 15.7 years (the second-to-lowest population in the world)

About 40% of families make less than \$1.25/day.

Every day 81 children become orphaned in Uganda, half due to the AIDS crisis. That's roughly 1 every 20 minutes.

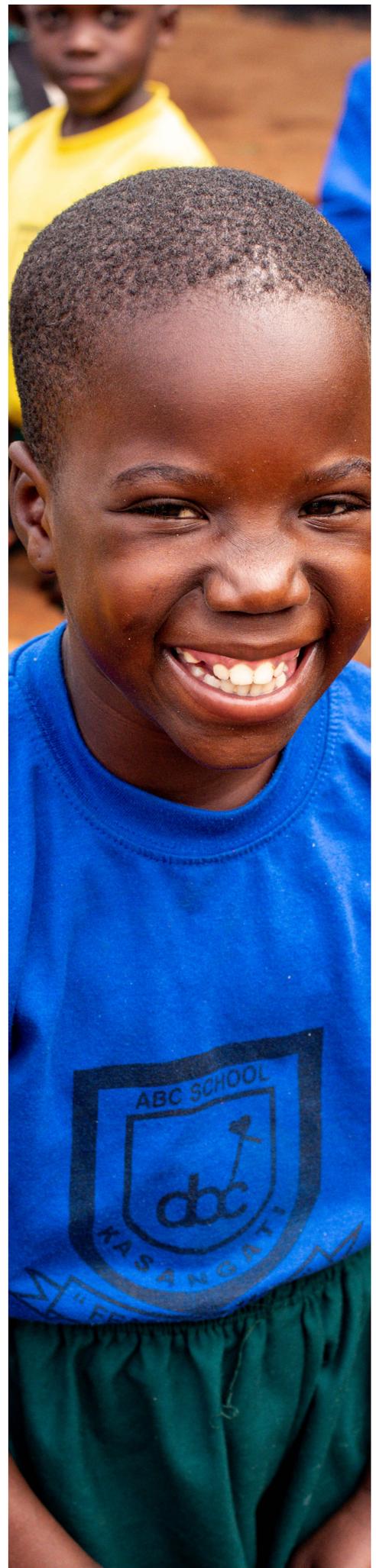
Every 30 minutes, an orphan in Uganda ages out of the system and enters their world without a family, source of income, and in most cases without enough education to gain employment.

68% of boys who age out of the system have committed a crime within 5 years of aging out.

59% of girls who age out are involved in prostitution of some kind within 5 years of aging out.

Nearly 9% of orphans who age out of the system eventually commit suicide.

We can look at these statistics and do as most of the world has done—feel bad, shrug our shoulders and wish things were different—or we can roll up our sleeves and change the scenario, one child, one family at a time.



THE SOLUTION

(1) **Orphan Care** - We believe the Bible is clear that ministry should flow from a local church, so the ministry of Benjamin House will be accomplished as a ministry arm of a church plant we have established called, **The House Church**, located in Kampala, Uganda. Together with our donors, community, area churches, and ministry partners in the USA and elsewhere, we will fulfill the commission of James 1.27 by building **transitional children's homes** to care for orphaned and street children, ensure they get medical care, ensure education, and connect them with forever families. Where possible we will reconcile them to their biological families. Where not possible we will advocate for foster care, and national and international adoption. Institutionalization will be a temporary last resort. This fulfills the first mandate of our mission statement.

(2) **Generation Building** - We will build a community of love, learning, and leadership to equip orphaned and neglected children and teenagers to be ready to live full, God-honoring lives and to break the cycle of hurt in their families. This will include ensuring they get schooling as well as vocational training and mentoring programs. This is where our sponsorship program and teen mentorship program, **"The Uprising"** comes into play. **Sponsoring a child** through Benjamin House helps lift his or her entire family out of poverty and into self-sustainability and a bright future. And, through The Uprising, teenagers across the country will receive mentorship and teaching. The only way to truly stop the crisis of neglected children is to get to the next generation of mothers and fathers. This fulfills the second mandate of our mission statement.

(3) **Pastor Training** - Believing that the greatest need of Uganda is a well-trained, well-equipped, Spirit-filled church, we will provide **affordable training** to area pastors, youth pastors, and other staff members, including the establishment and planting of missional, Gospel-centered churches. This fulfills the third mandate of our mission statement and affects mandates 1 and 2 for long term sustainability.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PLEASE EMAIL US AT
INFO@BENJAMINHOUSE.NET WITH ANY
QUESTIONS YOU WERE UNABLE TO ANSWER

WHAT IS THE MAJOR RELIGION IN UGANDA?

Uganda is estimated to be 80% Christian. Sadly, this "Christianity" is by name only. Most Ugandans who claim to be Christians have never heard the Gospel and the gospel they follow is a mixture of tribalism, Christianity, and the prosperity gospel. We need trained pastors and God-fearing churches.

WHY DO WE ONLY ACCEPT BOYS INTO OUR TRANSITIONAL HOMES?

We do not currently have the ability to care for the specific trauma homeless girls will have experienced. Fortunately, far less girls become street children. Unfortunately, this trend is because (1) girls are sold to families as house keepers or (2) girls are kept within the family because of their potential to earn a good "bride price" once engaged to be married.

WHAT IS THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT DOING TO HELP?

Our government is full of corruption. When financial aid is given to Uganda, the people almost never see it and when they do, it is almost never in a way that addresses the root of these issues — broken families.





IS BENJAMIN HOUSE AN ORPHANAGE?

No. Benjamin House is a family restoration non-profit. While the quick fix to the orphan care crisis in Africa is to build orphanages and give kids the most comfortable life possible, in the long term it makes the situation exponentially worse. Kids need families. We believe we have been called to take away all the barriers that might keep a child from their family or tribe of origin so they can grow up learning what family looks like. Institutions don't change kids' lives. Families do.

WHY THE NAME 'BENJAMIN HOUSE?'

Almost one year after they got married, Brian & Mary Beth Lambert were expecting their first child! At their 24 weeks ultrasound screening, they received devastating news that their child would not survive outside of the womb. The doctor callously described the nature of the child's condition and encouraged them to terminate the pregnancy. Brian & Mary Beth refused, choosing to treasure any time they would have with their child.

When they found out they were having a boy, Brian recalled the Scripture of the patriarch, whose name was associated with both sorrow and strength (Genesis 35:18). So Brian and Mary Beth chose to name their son Benjamin.

Throughout the pregnancy, Brian & Mary Beth read the Bible to Benjamin each night, knowing that when he opened his eyes in Heaven, he would recognize his King, never having known the sorrows of this broken world.

The Lord took Benjamin away on March 5, 2010, 10 weeks from his due date. He entered the world three days later, and was buried next to Mary Beth's father — the grandfather he will only know in Heaven.

Benjamin's story has touched many hearts and Brian & Mary Beth's choice to value life has been an inspiration to all who hear it, including our founders. Benjamin House Ministries seeks to show the God-given value of every child, just as the parents of its namesake did.



COMMITMENT CARDS

**PLEASE MAIL THIS PAGE WITH
YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS TO
P.O. BOX 21, MOORE, SC 29369**

NAME OF HOST(S):

HOST EMAIL:

HOST PHONE NUMBER:

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
(INCLUDING YOURSELF):**

NUMBER OF CHECKS IN ENVELOPE:

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH IN ENVELOPE:

COMMENTS: