EDITORIAL
I welcome you to the M-Lisada Newsletter and am delighted that we have met again. M-lisada is committed to shaping the minds of vulnerable children from different walks of life through providing education, life skills, accommodation and other basic needs. It is a reward to see the children rising up from their sense of low esteem, hopeless and valueless life to a life filled with honor, hope, confidence and leadership.

As we get through the year 2013, we express our gratitude to those who have ensured the well being of the vulnerable children financially, and who have spared time and resources to visit to the children in their slum resident areas, and Home Of Happiness. As we promote and advocate for the rights of children from different backgrounds, we all have significant roles and responsibilities to play in the community that brings happiness to them and makes the world their home of hope.

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At M-lisada we say “We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but by the responsibility of our future.” We believe that the past of our children is now pointless, but the education given will make them responsible citizens in future.

By Executive Director
Segawa Bosco..

“DON’T CRY BECAUSE IT’S OVER, SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED”

DESIRE’S MEDICAL SURGERY IN USA
Go-Philanthropic has generously financed our health program this year with the help of Mary Jo and the team. Go-Philanthropic sponsored our child Nyende Desire in the month March to August for a surgery in United States of America.

Nyende Desire has been suffering from TB of the spine for a long period. The surgery was successful and Go-Philanthropic took full responsibility during his stay in the Hospital.

On arrival from USA, M-Lisada family welcomed him with much fondness and curiosity. All the children were filled with joy and happiness to see him back home in good health. Since his return from the US, we are keeping in touch with Doctors of CORSU to access his health progress as recommended by his Doctors in the US.
**OUR EXPERIENCE WITH CHELLASTON ACADEMY,**
**2013**
M-Lisada and Chellaston Academy has worked together since 2007, and has established a good working environment in all programs run in the organization. This year in June-July 2013, we did participate together in painting the organization house, and visited a number of schools where our children go for education. Gratitude goes to Madam Pam Dickens, Richard Karran, management committee of Chellaston Academy and students, Uganda joint committee, and everyone who contributes through Chellaston Academy to benefit the children of M-Lisada for organizing these trips to Uganda.

**MUSIC TO THE RESCUE !!**

M-Lisada children making music wonders!

Brass For Africa supported M-Lisada Brass Band on the trip to Kenya under the invitation of Utafiki on a mission of exchanging music skills with the children from One heart Orphanage home. Our Brass band children left a music legacy in Kenya and every one called them Music heroes. This was marked by the famous post on Facebook called The Return of Music Heroes.

The M-lisada children also had enormous expectation before the trip.

**Here is the Yoga queen Sylvia with her Ambitious expectations before the Trip!!**

“My Name is Sylvia I am 11 years old and am on the list of people going to Eldorate Kenya. Am going to perform yoga alongside my Brass band and I expect the children from Muziki to pick interest in my yoga skills and ask me questions on how to acquire such skills. I also expect to make new friends in Muziki and learn new things from my fellow children. Generally, its an exciting moment for me because I know am going to impact the life of another child.”

**BAND INSTRUMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP**

The M-lisada Organization together with Brass For Africa put up the first Brass Band Instrument Repair and Maintenance Workshop in Uganda to benefit the youth and up-coming generation at M-lisada and the community at large. This project will serve as an employment opportunity for the youth as well as an income generating activity for the Organization. The Director of Brass For Africa, Mr. Jim Trott, officially opened up this workshop. We welcome all bands in Uganda to bring up their instruments for repair and servicing at our workshop.

**Chellaston student participating the construction of kitchen at M-Lisada.**

**The yoga skills display by Sylvia during her visit in Kenya**

**Official opening of instrument repair workshop by Jim Trott.**
VISITORS.
It’s our pleasure to see people from different countries and communities coming to Uganda to visit M-Lisada Organization and the children. It does not matter whether the visitor comes with a donation or not, but what matters most is the love that you have always been giving to our children during your visits. The time that the visitor spends with the child is very important to us and greatly touches and changes the lives of the vulnerable children. My appreciation goes to everyone who has spared time, to come and visit our children.

By Mary Ajambo

OUR VOLUNTEERS
Malika, Mathew, EJ, Lea, Ellen, David Westfall and a team from Kansas University, Britt and family, Brecht and Rachel Monahan from Latymer High School are among the volunteers who choose to render their services at M-lisada Organization. During their stay they shared their work experiences with the M-lisada staff, showed their love and care to the children and are now ambassadors of M-lisada.

Ellen one of the volunteers teaching quilting skills to our children.

AMAZING GIRLS CLUB “ I WAS INSPIRED BY A WOMAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT”
The Amazing Girls Club aims at empowering girl child education, and strives to promote creativity and morally upright of girls. The girls in the club attended a reproductive health workshop at Memprow and shared ideas and knowledge with the Members of Parliament.
“ I knew the importance of education from the Amazing Girls Club meetings and learnt a lot from the club to appreciate myself as a girl. I never had a chance to be in an environment of so many educated women, talking to a big crowd of people. It was the first time in my life to attend a workshop on reproductive health. We met many women, and among these included members of parliament. I couldn't believe myself till I shook hands with Hon. Sarah Miggade. She was very free and shared her background with me.

From that day of the workshop, I made up my mind to say No to early sex and say YES to Education. I also quote this to my fellow young girls “Quick gains Quick loss”.

By Namigadde Justine

IT WAS A FANTASTIC MOMENT WITH BRASS FOR AFRICA
M-Lisada Organization in collaboration with Brass for Africa organized and conducted a one-week music workshop at M-lisada organization Premises. It was a great excitement to see Brass For Africa together with M-Lisada children amuse children of St Kizito Primary school, Out Span school and Lakeside college Luzira with a purpose of entertaining and showing the importance of music to the young generation. The children danced with joy and happiness alongside the brass band.

Children dancing on brass band music at St Kizito primary school.

SHEILA NAKKU -CHILD OF THE YEAR!!
Meet Nakku Sheila 5 years old one of the young kids at M-Lisada Orphanage home. Sheila is five years and living at M-lisada. Sheila lived with her mother in one of the notorious slums in Kampala. Despite the fact that this child lived with the parents she was not safe and her mother thought of better place that would make her grow into a responsible woman in future. Sheila was brought to M-lisada for protection purposes but she did not like her first days. She used to cry all day long and night but as she socialized with other children,
she discovered that it was the best place to be. When the mother came to M-lisada to give back to the children, Sheila did not cry but rather stayed happily saying bye to the mum. We are delighted Sheila discovered a better place for her. Sheila now has a dream of becoming a white in future and as an organization, we are there to support her discover a better dream. “It’s every man’s obligation to Put back into the World at least the Equivalent of what he takes out of it” By Dube Rogers

SOURCE OF HAPPINESS!!
By Mary Ajambo.
The moment that brings happiness and makes the children feel loved and cared for, and thought of every day, is a letter from their sponsor and friend. Letters help our children to keep in touch with the sponsors and friends from international countries and Uganda.
I have witnessed many of our children die in total happiness when and after receiving letters from their friends. And afterwards everyone asks for a pen and paper, and sits in silence trying to write in the best handwriting ever. I can imagine how they feel and that is why I call it the source of happiness!

M-LISADA RECEIVES DONATIONS
By Tushabe Jane
The Organization got a brand new Toyota from Yves Beas as a way to easy the work and programs in the Organization. Also got another Van from Go-philanthropic to ease on transport of M-Lisada children to different school. Brass for Africa a registered NGO in UK purchased a container for a workshop to repair, service and Maintain musical instruments from different Brass Bands in the country. We greatly appreciate all your efforts and continued collaboration to our children, staff and the organization at large.

A New Van donated by Go-philanthropic

JOKES WITH M-LISADA
• The broccoli says 'I look like a small tree', the mushroom says 'I look like an umbrella', the walnut says 'I look like a brain', and the banana says 'Can we please change the subject.
• A Lazy man eats with all his teeth.

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