

## Joy Uganda – Toward the Self-Reliance of Families with Children with Disabilities

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Joy Uganda has begun a new initiative to build a sustainable model of self-reliance for families raising children with disabilities.

As the first step, we launched a pilot gardening program in which families participate together.

The families in the photo are harvesting vegetables grown with their own hands, sharing small successes and great joy.

This program is more than simple cultivation practice; it is a precious time to learn “the joy of working” and “the hope of doing things together.”

For many of the parents who are studying self-reliance alongside their children with disabilities, this is the first time they have smiled so brightly while speaking of their hopes.

We are grateful that the Joy Uganda ministry continues to take steady steps forward.

Building on this gardening project, Joy Uganda is planning a variety of programs that will strengthen the capacities of these families and support their economic and social independence within the community.

We are also moving toward establishing a **Training & Vocational School** to provide practical skills and vocational training.

Through this ministry, we dream that families raising children with disabilities will not remain “people who must always depend on help,” but become “people who share joy and hope with others.”

Following the establishment of the first vocational school, Joy Uganda is preparing to open a **second vocational school in the Kiwanga region**.

Providing monthly food alone cannot speak to their long-term future; without equipping them with ways to stand on their own, true development cannot occur.

We continue to plant seeds of love today, believing that one day our Joy Uganda family members will stand tall as leaders in Uganda.

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## Announcements

1. The Joy Uganda Inclusive Special Education School Project has begun.  
We are currently in Phase 1: planning, design, and fundraising.
2. We are praying for individuals called to serve as teachers.  
We are also seeking missionary candidates for various forms of ministry.

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## Disability-Related News

In a reality where it is difficult to find physicians who specialize in Down syndrome, a new program has been launched in the United States to help healthcare providers across the nation better care for adults with Down syndrome.

This initiative, introduced this week, offers a **free two-hour online training course for medical professionals**, which also qualifies for **Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits** required for license renewal.

This education program is part of **CARE Down Syndrome**, a comprehensive resource platform developed by the **National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)**. The platform provides extensive information tailored to adults with Down syndrome, including women's health, weight management, and Alzheimer's disease.

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## Joy Uganda Library & Taekwondo Ministry Report

We are pleased to share an update on the Joy Uganda Library and Taekwondo program now located in the Soroti region.

The library, based at **Soroti Open You Primary School**, offers weekly reading time to students in Grades 1 through 7.

Although Ugandan schools do not have an official physical education curriculum, Soroti Open You Primary School employs a **local 2nd-degree Taekwondo instructor** as its PE teacher.

Classes center on Taekwondo and are conducted using uniforms and equipment donated by Joy Uganda.

This program has gained significant attention in the community and was featured in local newspapers and on TV two years ago.

Through Taekwondo, students learn discipline, respect, and teamwork, developing healthy bodies and minds.

The school, its staff, and the students express deep gratitude for Joy Uganda's support and are committed to growing as a place where learning and dreams flourish.

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## Prayer Requests

1. For the construction of the Joy Uganda Inclusive Special Education School and the expansion of the vocational school.
2. For teachers and missionaries who will dedicate themselves to this ministry.
3. For the graduate-level special education teacher-training program with Joy Uganda and Ndejje University.
4. For financial needs and faithful supporters.

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