

# WELCOME TO IRSALIA ORPHAN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Grace of God

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27 NIV.

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## **Introduction**

Irsalia Orphan Nursery and Primary School is an orphanage school for vulnerable children who either one or both parents have died. The Irsalia orphan nursery and primary school has been established just in two years ago, with a big heart to have as many we can of orphans, and we are. Unfortunately, we realised that every family in the area wants to enrol their children. And due our limitation and inability to accommodate many children. The schools then, decided to take one or two from each family. The centrality of this school and unique location has reinforced many people to consider enrol their children. Today the school celebrates the anniversary of two years. And we are hoping that in 2025 by the grace of God we may see much improvement and many children are enrolled.

## **Prayer and Worship**

On every Wednesday of each during the morning period the school hold a prayer meeting for the whole school staff and students. This service conducted by the schoolteachers and students, and it is full-service period. This ministry has captures great attention among the students and staff who come to participate and celebrate the goodness of God. The aim the service is to reflects the nature of our faith and spirituality realm in practice. I have had a privilege to attend one of these such a blessing service in which I experienced the joy beautiful singing. The students and staff are so amazed in their presentations through singing praises the atmosphere was filled with the Holy Spirit moving. The fact, is these students and teachers are from interdenominational background.



Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11 NIV.

The services conduct in an open-air environment, and because the school has no hall or auditorium to hold such activity in. However, in the future by the grace of God we will have such facility to reduce the endure of cold weather or the hit of the day.





<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14.

Teachers are doing great job in educating these young men and women in Christian values and faith in action. Even though we are very young school established just in 2 years ago. But we are better off comparing to other schools' performance.

### **In classrooms**

Our school classrooms are built in large size to host reasonable number of students. For example, 6 meters by 8 meters long very sizeable rooms but still packed up and no room as you can see. Each classroom occupied about 45 or 50 students per one teacher, tremendously overwhelmed.



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.  
Proverbs 22:6 ESV.





<sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Psalm 27:10 NIV.



The school still lacking more uniforms to cover all the students both boys and girls. These types of clothing materials been purchase in South Sudan and transported to Nuba Mountains through the air-cargo. It cost fortunate amount to transport them. Last year it cost \$3,000 South Sudanese pound per one kilo which equivalent to \$4 or \$5 Dollar.

### **Sports complex**

This year of 2024 we were able to manage clean-up the sports complex that will accommodate 4 sports fields at school. These sports fields are: 1/ football/soccer field 2/ Basketball field 3/ netball court and swimming pool to be constructed. These major school sports are crucial for the students' sports. Even though there are other sports fields need to be constructed however, due the cost we postponed the activity. For example, Tennis court, Volleyball court. In fact, the only field that is perfectly done is football field only playing gears are required. Basketball needs net and ground to be concrete bolstering and then ready to go.

### **School principal Mr Bolis Botrous**

Bolis also graduated from Juba University in South Sudan with a bachelor's degree in geology and mining. He is has taking the role of school principal since



the establishment of the school in 2022. He has a heart of hoping to see these children being educated. He is also a constructor; he builds houses and other business facilities. Bolis is married and has children who enrolled in this school.



### **A teacher Aknock Yacoub**

Aknock graduated from Bugema University in Uganda in 2023 with bachelor's degree in agribusiness. And today he is one of the teachers' Irsalia Orphan Nursery and Primary School in Umdorien. He contributed to the school program by teaching these vulnerable young men and women for better future to come. Aknock is still not married, but he hopes one day he will find a suitable girl who he will marriage.





### **A teacher Rafika Mubarak**

Rafika has been teaching in this school since the establishment of the school in 2022 and she has a willingness to continue her role as a teaching. In this Irsalia Orphan Nursery and Primary School in the next years to come. She is married and has a family on her own who she takes care of.



### **A teacher Abdu Daniel**

Abdu is one of the teachers graduated last year in Uganda Bugema University with bachelor's degree of biochemistry. He is now full-time teaching at IOS and he likes the job and the environment of Nuba Mountains. Even though it's a bit difficult to him in comparison to Uganda weather. He is single man and now he is searching for a wife. He lives in school compound near the school.



### **A teacher Michael Hassan**

Michael is a teacher at Irsalia Orphan School, he has started in the beginning of the school establishment. Michael is a deputy principal of the school and he like the job in this school. Michael is married and has two children on is own and he lives a bit distance from the school about 6-7 kilometres away. But like pushing his unstable bicycle weekly to school.





### **A teacher Kaka-Sima Hassan**

Kaka-Sima is one the teachers in this school as well and she has been here in this school at the beginning of establishment in 2022. She has heart for teaching in primary school and we are hoping that one she will upgrade her qualification to be secondary school teacher. She is married and has children on her own and she is not live far from school campus.

**A teacher Ramzi Hassan**

Ramzi is one of the teachers who has been employed with Irsalia Orphan Nursery and Primary school from the start. He likes the school curriculum and the managerial of school functionality. He has a family in is own, however his wife always sick with asthma and she required regular attention. His children have been enrolled in IOS as well and is not live far from the school based.



### **School enrolment and procedures**

Every year in September the school opens doors for new enrolment applications to the students who live nearby. However, school supposed to intake students from distance at this time. But since we do not have dormitories for distance students this year, we will take who reside near to the school. Because the school has no dormitories for distance students to be enrolled, we will only take students in the area around. But we hope that 2025 we could be able to build two dormitories, boys, and girls. The enrolment procedures and due to crowding of parents needing to register their children here. the school will only take 1 or 2 from each family and by that every parent will have opportunity to enrol their child/children in this school.

The government have asked to be given a few seats for the children of their martyrs' comrades in war. And the school has no hesitation to decline such request from the officers in the region. And is happy to offer some spaces to host those children would be brought by the authorities.



### **New classrooms are under construction.**

The commencement of school construction work has started at the beginning of February 2024. The work went well, even though there were some challenges in making that happen. That challenges were circulated in water availability, bricks conveyance, the hit of the day. However, by the grace of God we were able to overcome all these challenges and soon we will all celebrate the accomplishment of these buildings in April or May 2024.



Hard workers Nuba men





The foundation has been established



Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127:1 NIV.





Women did help with the drawing of water for the builders of school. Great help.



<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 1 Corinthians 3:10 NIV.





These are the school I mentioned above built extra 6 classrooms and one teachers' office. And that will add into the total of 12 classrooms and two teachers' offices. However, we are experiencing some shortages of three classrooms roofing materials. And we believe these challenges would be overcome by God's grace, in human knowledge is difficult but in God's eyes nothing impossible when considered by faith.

#### **New teachers required.**

After the completion of the school building of this year, we will be in need to recruit 3 or 4 new teachers. Recently, we have about 412 students enrolled and once the building is done, we will enrol double number of students. And as such number we will, require more teachers in school.

#### **School Health Centre**

My currently visit to the Nuba Mountains, I have come to experience many children come to school with wounds on arms, legs, heads. I can't recall why these happening to the children. It is not normal to me at all. Therefore, build such health facility will help treatment of these young people.



This is health centre foundation started already, only lacking stones, bricks, and roofing to get done. Health Centre has one doctor room; award room and dispensary and we aim to build extra rooms for nurses in the future. The good news is that I met with the minister of health in the region, and he had assurance that they can help supply medicines to the centre.

### **School Library**

Currently, the school is lacking all types of library books to be available for the students. Even though the school has no library room yet available, but books are necessary.

### **Agricultural schemes**

Recently, the school is growing peanuts in the area to feed this population of children. But potentially, considering all these numbers of students and intakes the peanuts will not do much to them. The other alternatives they have and which I think it would be appreciable, is to have summer gardening projects. This summer gardening project will enable school to have availability of food nutrition that would help these children. In the future long-run, I think we will need to have bigger agricultural schemes that normal local people do. Such as growing sorghum crops and other local food that is important to be considered.





### **School transportation**

The means of transportation in the Nuba Mountains become a bit daunting. This happens a lot during my visitations, going from place to place is difficult. Even though the roads are not quite good, but the means of such transportation are necessary. Many children who can't afford to make it to school on time, require that sort of transportation assistance. And that may not segregate the teaching staff as well. For instance, the school principal lives about 4-5 kilometres away from the school. Sometimes, he may not make on time to school due to such distance. Therefore, this is a demandable need to be met as soon as possible if anyone who may be interested to purchase the following loading dump tricycle and half Toyota trucks.



## Dump tricycle motorcycles



The usability of this dump tricycle motorcycle would be easy to transport the young age students from and out. It will reduce the consuming of time that students could spend in coming and returning home. They will be used for multi-purpose no limited to students' transportation. Indeed, its economic in nature as well, in terms of fuelling consumption and faster to deliver the passengers. We recommend that these vehicles should be purchased for the use of school means. And it could generate some income as well for the school through hiring by local businesses.

## Half truck Toyota



You may know that all our school building materials and logistics come from South Sudan. Specifically, through the county called Jau-Yida on border with Nuba Mountains. Where, all the aircrafts and cargos frequently landing with goods. This is where the school picked up its materials and other resources and

including our guests and visitors who come to school from South Sudan. Therefore, this half truck Toyota is very essential to help with logistics and transportation to Irsalia Orphan School. The distance between Yida and Nuba Mountains is about 4 hours drive from Jau county to school destination. And this half truck will do multi-functional work, carrying logistics, passengers and more, so we indeed need it.

### **For help or involvement**

The school is calling for missionary people who have heart for missionary work overseas in the Nuba Mountains. For instance, people with experience of working with children from all ages. As well as people who have skills in sewing industry. Nevertheless, we are asking people who have knowledge in gardening, agricultural and builders and constructors. There is no limitation of ages in these ministries I mentioned above. It is only depending on your willingness to come on our board. Visit Nuba Orphanage and Widows Home website to familiarise with our work and more information regarding your contribution or other.

### **In-kind donations**

Recently we are intending to ship a few necessary school stuffs to the Nuba Mountains such as library books, Maths, English, Dictionaries, exercise books, pencils, pens, clues, solar slides panels, inverters, batteries, copies of bibles, printers, printing papers and uniform fabric roles of purple or jacaranda colour and fabric roles of grey colour for boys' pants, and girls' skirts. In addition, we need sports gears such as sports uniforms, basketball uniforms and net stands, soccer uniform, balls, and etc.

### **Contact us**

For further information regarding our ministries and projects or opportunities for involvement with us visit [www.nubaorphanage.org](http://www.nubaorphanage.org) or email [nubanoah@gmail.com](mailto:nubanoah@gmail.com) or [bangaloccaa@gmail.com](mailto:bangaloccaa@gmail.com)



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