





Our beautiful Guest House!

December 2016



"When I visited Connect Africa and saw the support being given to Ugandan orphans I asked what could I do to help. Upon returning home my wife and I fundraised to build a library for the community, raising enough money in one week!"

Jerry

## Our Donors, Our Greatest Gift



## The Biggest Heart in Texas

6'4" Jerry has been sponsoring 5'5" Bangi since 2006. He and his wife were the first visitors to our guest house, major fund raisers for our **library**, contributors of over 2000 lbs of tools and equipment for our vocational training center, and now he will come to teach and supervise metal and carpentry classes in September 2017. Now that's a bundle of energy and compassion!



## **Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving**

In this family the siblings have a unique approach to the holiday, they donate to worthy causes. Every year at Thanksgiving each sibling brings a charity to the family, and then the debate is on! The Boston area sibling learned about Connect Africa through a photo display at Starbucks and the family donated to the construction of our **Guest House**.

# How do stuffed chickens help impoverished Ugandan women?

Two women in Western MA had a goal to help provide micro loans to women in the developing world..... by making and selling pint-sized stuffed chickens. After



careful scrutiny of our loan giving program, they chose Connect Africa and have now donated over \$6000!



#### **Making Lemonade from Lemons**

In the spring of 2006 seven year old Odessa learned about Connect Africa during a special week at her school studying charities. Wanting to help she held a lemonade stand, raising a \$1.25 that she sent to Lynn in a beautifully decorated envelope. Since then she has been a regular pen pal with our student Helen and the two will finally meet in 2017. Now 18 years old, Odessa will visit us in April!



#### Sam the Shoe Man

Second grader Sam took to heart the many foot diseases that African children may acquire due to not wearing shoes, and knew there must be something he could do to help. He (and his Mom) arranged a meeting with Lynn, arriving diligently prepared with notes, questions, paper and pen. Determined to make a difference, he got 80 pairs of black shoes donated for our students to wear to school!



## A Talent for Making a Difference

Brothers in Albany put their heads together about how to help and decided to host a fund-raising talent show. Children and adults gathered in droves to perform, eat pizza, talk with Lynn and learn about Connect Africa. In addition to making a substantial donation the participants donated clothing too.

A good time was had by all!

## Stocks, Bonds, Mutual funds

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### You, our donors, have the creative ideas that make it ALL possible!

With thanks,

Lynn, Charles, the Board of Directors and the 100s of Ugandans you are helping







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