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MAMA WIMBI



Distribution of School Materials

Our first batch of School in a Bag backpacks are still being made, in Uganda, but \$950 has been sent for the purchase of bag contents and these have been bought and distributed so that children could start using them at the start of the school year.

We'll take more photos when the bags arrive, so that the sponsors can see who received each bag they funded.

The 84 pencil-cases for the distribution were competently sewn by the Mama Wimbi team. You can see them in the cardboard box in the photo!



Moise's Graduation Party. Inset: Sarah hopes to study accountancy.

Graduation and the New University Year

Moise has finished his studies in Accountancy and Customs and Hubert has finished studying Development. Nickson graduated in Informaton Technology and has already secured a good job in Rwanda. Olive finished her Nursing Training.

We wish our graduates all the very best and hope that they will be empowered to contribute to a better society, and to take care of their families.

Heartfelt thanks to Carlo Botto and Maria Mickle for sponsoring Olive and Hubert, and to Geoff Bowland and Jan Payne, whose sponsorship of Eric, Carine and Matthew (studying Engineering and Medicine) is on-going. Nickson and Moise were Penny's sponsored students last year and she's proud of them.

If any of our supporters are interested in sponsoring a student, we have some very worthy candidates listed [here](#). Now is the right time of year to change someone's life for the better.

One potential student not currently listed is Sarah, who has a small son to support and would like to stand on her own feet to do it if she can find a sponsor.

RAWCS Meeting in Katoomba



The Quarterly meeting of Rotary Australia World Community Service was held in Katoomba in August and it was a good opportunity to show off our Mama Wimbi Buntings. Quite a few people bought some and Pam Boler gave us a sample Rotary Solar light to see if we can establish a distribution business in Goma.

The photo below shows the delegation from the Rotary E-club of Greater Sydney, Lucy Hobgood-Brown, Penny Vos, Lucien Keegel and Denise Curry “flying the flags” in solidarity.

Penny has advanced the project \$6000 for the stock of buntings presently in Australia, so that children will not miss schooling whilst sales are still catching up.



There are still plenty more in Congo, ready for European or American customers.

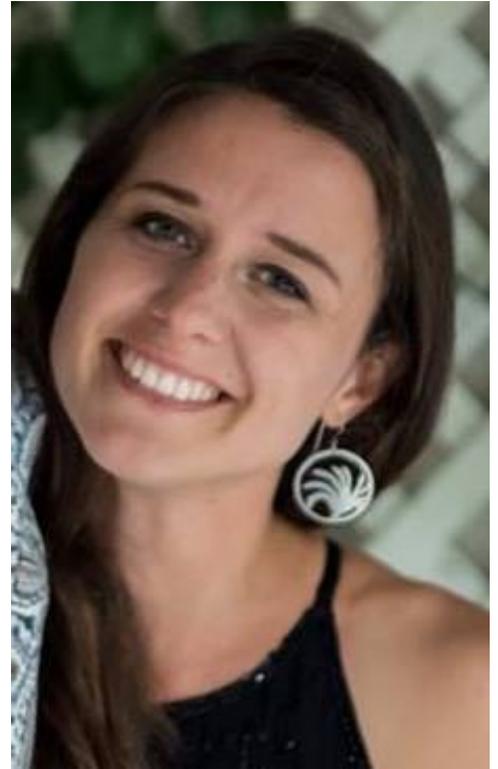
Elonera Children Help Their Friends

Amy's class at **Elonera Montessori School** in Wollongong have spent some time cooking and selling their creations, to help their African friends to stay at school. The process involved valuable learning in maths, science, cookery, business and social skills and values such as cooperation, responsibility and generosity.





Some Special Supporters



Special thanks this month to Emma Cumming, Andrew Spanenberg, Amy Vos and Joo-Siew Chuang for personal donations which secured the education of several children who would have missed out this year without them.

Thank you for reading our newsletter, we hope you enjoyed it.

Please share with your friends.

Happy September from all at Mama Wimbi!

Penny Vos