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Making a Difference

God's blessing on you dear praying and supporting churches – you have made a difference! "Making a Difference" has been the theme our head teacher, Pamela Wieler, chose for our school and Pastor Alan Sutphen chose for our church (both not knowing the other's choice).

It is with great joy that I announce to you the difference you have made: Ekeu Vincent and Acipa Josephine have completed their Primary Level 7 and will be taking their Primary Leaving Exams in November. As you know, at our Soroti Orphan Assistance Project (SOAP) we try to find orphans who come from destitute backgrounds. Many of our children have traumatic pasts. This is especially true for our two current P7 Candidates. You have heard their stories before, but I wanted to briefly remind you which orphans they are.

Ekeu Vincent was part of the first sibling group we took. It was 2004 and the LRA rebel group headed by Joseph Kony was attacking villages, killing parents and stealing children in the Soroti District when the commander of the Ugandan forces fighting the rebels, Esweru Musa, contacted our director, Kyle Guimon, to ask Kyle to come and rescue five orphaned children he had found. This was before we had finished organizing and building our school for orphans. Kyle and his wife Debbie brought these five siblings home and Vincent was the youngest one—a baby of nine months. Vincent is now a fine Christian young man. He will be taking his PLE and heading for vocational training.

Acipa Josephine was just a toddler when I first met her teenage mother who was dying of a sexually transmitted disease. The father had already died. I was able to lead her mother to the Lord. Josephine was left with an older sister of her mother after her mother's death. At the time of the rebel attack, the man who this auntie was living with was killed and Josephine became deathly ill. I was able to get her to a doctor and Josephine was diagnosed with severe malaria, parasites, pneumonia and TB of the spine. She should have been dead! With medical treatment, she recovered but we were told that she would not walk again. You prayed for her during that time, and she did walk and joined our SOAP Project. She is a fine Christian young lady that I am proud of. She will be taking her PLE and heading for vocational training.

Both Vincent and Josephine would be dead were it not for God's intervention. They are both saved and love the Lord and have been active in presenting the Gospel. As teenagers they are active in helping teach children in our church programs. Please pray for them as we seek God's direction in vocational choices.

Thank you for partnering with us to see—

God makes a difference!

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