



"The power of one classroom to make a difference"



## Updates February, 2011

### Some Recently Completed

### Highlights

#### Uganda

- Rwentutu Christian High School, Rwentutu
- Hope Christian High, Masaka
- Kalaya Training Centre, Kalangala, Ssesse Islands, Uganda

#### South Africa

- Eagle's Nest, Polokwane, South Africa
- Vineyard, Gauteng, South Africa
- Living Faith Christian School, Mmbatho

#### Rwentutu Primary: Rwentutu, Uganda



In February donors from Alberta provided funds through C4A to build a second classroom block at Rwentutu Christian School. By December the classrooms were complete. The classrooms are ready for the opening of school in February 2011, and will house grades 5, 6 and 7, completing the primary school. Thank you Canada!

#### Eagle's Nest Phase 2, Polokwane, South Africa

A primary classroom block was donated by a Christian school in Canada to replace the asbestos classrooms occupied by primary students at



Before Completion—August 2010

Eagle's Nest. The new block now houses Grades 4—7 students, while the school has grown to 375 students. Eagle's Nest sends weekly student outreach teams to the more needy in the community.

#### Hope Christian High, Masaka, Uganda

Hope Christian High School finally opens its doors to students in February 2011. The classrooms and administration block were built over a period on 2 years as local and C4A funds were available. The school will cater to S1—S4 students (Grades 8—11). Among the students will be graduates of Hope Christian Primary School.



### Some Projects Currently Under Construction

#### Kalaya Training Centre, Ssesse Isl., Uganda

In July 2010 Kalaya Training Centre, Kalangala, in the Ssesse Islands was awarded a grant by C4A to help build a classroom block. The Centre specializes in training disad-



vantaged and traumatized girls from various parts of Uganda in a basic education from a Christian perspective and in teaching life skills and some basic trades. The classrooms will be in use during the 2011 school year.

#### Vineyard Christian School, Gauteng, South Africa



Vineyard Christian School is located on farmland donated by a local farmer. The school is in need of classrooms for their grade 5—7 students who share space with the younger grades. With the support of many local donors and C4A, the classrooms are planned for completion early in the 2011 school year.

#### Living Faith: Mmbatho, South Africa

Living Faith Christian School provides Christian education to over 1000 students in this semi-arid area. Started in 1998, the school has grown at a phenomenal rate. The school presently offers K—grade 9. C4A has provided a grant to help build an Early Learning Centre on the property they own. The new ELC will be completed in 2011. Thank you Christian Schools in Western Canada!



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## About Classrooms for Africa

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Classrooms for Africa (C4A) is a realistic, positive approach to the ongoing social and economic problems that plague sub-Saharan Africa. We believe that by focusing on the education of future generations we can make a significant difference not only in the lives of individuals, but also in the communities of tomorrow.

C4A provides assistance to those who have taken on the challenge of providing Christian education to children. Across the continent churches and communities are starting Christian schools as a way of preparing children for the future. The vast majority of these groups do not have the resources needed to build schools so students learn under the trees, in overcrowded shacks or partly renovated containers.



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Worse still many students are denied admission because of this overcrowding. Our goal is to build classrooms for these young people who are the future of Africa.

C4A partners with individual donors, Christian schools, churches and ACSI Western Canada to raise funds for classroom construction

Small donations are combined to build classrooms costing on average \$8-10,000 per classroom. Donors who wish may sponsor a whole started school. Building projects are closely monitored by C4A staff and representatives. C4A encourages schools to join with other Christian schools and organizations for ongoing support and training in Christian education.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is our vision?

- To build, over the next 10 years, 300 classrooms and train 500 plus teachers which will result in over 10,000 children receiving a quality, values-based education in adequate facilities. Classrooms cost on average between \$8-10,000 per classroom depending on location etc.

### Where does C4A currently operate?

-The initial focus is Eastern and Southern African because it is region we know well and where we have a network of partners we can work with in monitoring projects and providing teacher training. Finances and personnel resources permitting we plan to expand into other parts of Africa.

### How is C4A funded?

- The entire C4A initiative is donor driven. At present donations are the only source of funds for building projects. The initiative is highly efficient with 95% of monies received going directly to projects. Office supplies and promotional materials account for 4% with the remaining 1% being used to supplement travel. Currently no staff members draw any salary or allowances from C4A. We are all funded from outside sources. Travel is also covered by outside sources

### How does a school receive a C4A grant?

- To qualify for a grant, schools must complete and submit an application form and must meet the criteria outlined on the website including: having a clear vision for Christian education in their community; have a proven record of being able to financially operate their school; be set up as a not-for-profit group; have a secure lease on, or own, the land on which the school is situated; be able to contribute to the project either financially or by giving time and labour; provide references.

### How are projects monitored?

- Every contract has accountability built into it. Funds are released in installments based on the budget approved by C4A. Building progress and expenditures are tracked and verified before each installment is released. In every case C4A staff or a representative visits the project during the building process.

### What projects have been done so far?

- In 2008-9 twelve projects were completed—Uganda (2) South Africa (6) Lesotho (1) Zimbabwe (2) Kenya (1). In 2010 seven projects were in progress—

Kenya (1) South Africa (4) Uganda (2) (see website for details and progress reports) Many other projects are waiting for funds.

### How are donors recognized?

- Donors or groups who give over \$5,000 to one project are kept informed of building progress and are recognized (optional) on the plaque installed at the conclusion of the project.

### How do I get involved or donate?

- Please contact C4A for more information: email: [info@classrooms4a.org](mailto:info@classrooms4a.org). Make donations online at: [www.classrooms4a.org](http://www.classrooms4a.org)—click on the "Donate Now" link at bottom of the home page.

### What is the Dunamis Education Society?

DES is the society (registration/tax #831879754RR0001) under which C4A operates. Established in 2007 DES seeks to identify opportunities and facilitate dynamic change in individuals and communities through education and interaction. The word "Dunamis" is the Greek root of words such as dynamite and dynamic and means super or divine power.

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