



Arlington Academy of Hope Recent Accomplishments

AAH runs a model village school in Bumwalukani, Uganda and is dedicated to helping children in a remote corner of Africa achieve the dream of an excellent, well-rounded education. The school is in its fourth year of operation. Our recent accomplishments:

Top Exam Scores: AAH students excelled in their first national exams leading 70 government schools in the district of Bududa and contributing half of the 30 students who passed in first division. Typical village schools send 14% of students to secondary school, AAH sent 100% of its first graduating class.

	Uganda	Bududa	AAH 2006	AAH 2007
Division 1	8%	1%	47%	47%
Division 2	46%	26%	50%	53%
Division 3	22%	22%	3%	0%
Division 4	11%	14%	0%	0%
Fail Rate	14%	37%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Secondary Scholarships: In response to the outstanding performance of our P7 students, AAH started the Wamundu Secondary Scholarship Fund to support their continued education. Currently, all AAH graduates receive scholarship funds. Some have gone on to the best secondary schools Uganda has to offer. Scholarship funding pays for tuition, books, uniforms, room and board and other school fees. Half of our scholarship recipients are girls.

New Library Set to Open: A new school library is nearing completion at AAH in Bumwalukani village. Last year, 1,000 books were purchased in Uganda. The library will significantly expand our capacity to add books, expand computer technology and help students improve reading skills and understanding of the world outside their village.

Global Reading Challenge – AAH held its second annual school-wide reading challenge last summer with sister school Arlington Traditional School (ATS) of Arlington, VA. Last year, AAH students read 12,854 books or an average of 44 books per student in three months strengthening reading skills and building confidence in the process.

U.S. Teachers and Volunteers – Every year more and more public and private school teachers and other volunteers travel to Uganda at personal expense to provide the gift of their teaching expertise and special support to students, teachers and administrators. Nearly 20 volunteers have worked at AAH over the past year.

Teacher Training and Outreach – AAH assists 10 local village schools through teacher training workshops and by providing their students with school supplies, play equipment and musical instruments. AAH also held a special open house and luncheon events for local village school students during the past two years.

A New Medical Clinic: AAH opened a clinic last year and provides free care for all AAH students and teachers, and all villagers with lifesaving medical treatment. The clinic is operated in partnership with the Foundation for Medical Relief of Children. Construction of a second AAH clinic has just completed and will open in Bupoto village this February.

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Our Programs

Primary School Education

The Arlington Academy of Hope school in Bumwalukani village in Mbale, Uganda provides quality, all-around education to 300 children. The school provides a modern, integrated approach to education by combining American models with the best aspects of Uganda's education system.

Secondary School Education:

AAH provides financial support to qualified students who graduate from AAH and are admitted into secondary school. In 2007 this program was extended to the top performing students in other nearby schools. AAH is establishing relationships with quality secondary schools. Our staff monitors student transition to secondary school, reviews academic performance after each term and organizes community service projects for scholarship students.

Healthcare and Health Education

In 2006, AAH built a clinic at on school grounds in Bumwalukani village that now serves more than 40 patients per day. The clinic is managed by our partners, the Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children. AAH, again through the generosity of Beatrice Tierney, is building a second clinic in Bupoto village. AAH students are taught hygiene and health education as part of the curriculum.

Library and Multi-Purpose Learning Center

The new AAH library and multi-purpose learning center will support the education of students at AAH and other village schools. A book drive will be launched shortly to support the library. Our goal is to stock the library with 10,000 books.

Community Outreach Program:

AAH distributes textbooks, books, school supplies, and play equipment to 10 local schools in Bududa and Manafa districts. AAH also participates in music and sports events.

Teacher Training

AAH provides teacher training to its teachers and local teachers from nearby schools.

School Farm

AAH will shortly start a school farm that can be an income earner for the school. The farm will introduce modern farming techniques in the village with better breeds like heifers that produce more milk than the local cows.