



## Village of Hope Uganda

Rebuilding huts, rebuilding lives

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For the last few months life for our children in the IDP (refugee) camps has been very uncertain. In a matter of weeks 20 of our children's huts were burned down by local leaders to force them to return to the original villages in the bush. This left our children with no where to sleep.

After I shared their needs with you, I was humbled by the generous outpouring of prayers and gifts to help! We needed a total of \$6,300 to rebuild 20 huts, provide 20 mattresses, 30 blankets, 20 mosquito nets and clothes. We initially sent over \$3,000 from the sales of the Bead of Hopes. But since then, \$3,100 has come in!!!! I told Rose the news this morning the awesome news and she was overjoyed!

Bosco, 21 years old, is one of our leaders in Abili Camp. He was formerly abducted for over 4 years, but now he oversees the Beads of Hope Project, he is taking care of his siblings and our VOH orphans in the camp and is an amazing example of Christ to our kids. His hut was burned down. But we were able to rebuild it...

*" I keep asking myself what my condition and that of my siblings would be like if Village of Hope had not picked me up. Because we would be going hungry, having no shelter after the fire burnt all our property at the camp. All this makes me feel like I have my parents living, (both parents killed by the LRA) my thanks go out to everybody who has supported us through Village of hope, I finally have a hut for ourselves again" in tears Bosco concluded his words carrying one of his siblings in his arms.*

### Below Bosco and his siblings in front of their new hut



Thank you for touching the hearts and lives of our children!

#### Isaiah 61:2-4

<sup>2</sup> He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

<sup>3</sup> To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of **beauty for ashes** a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory.

<sup>4</sup> They will **rebuild** the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They **will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations.**



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