**Letter of recommendation**April 2019

Orphanage in Kampala

James Mukiibi is an accredited Ugandan Pentecostal pastor  and trained Physics teacher, graduate of Makerere. He co-founded and runs  an orphanage in Kampala and is building up an associated  school. James father died before he was born and his mother managed to pay his primary fees. He clearly showed ability as secondary and university fees were sponsored.

For about 12 years he has been looking after orphans (initially family members then more widely ). . ( It is now a registered charity named “ Engozi za mukama“ organisation/ orphanage (God's love)  charity number 165061). There are 52 children in his care; of which 37 are in primary school or younger, ages ranging from 13 to 3, (15 in  the orphanage and  21 supported with guardians). He initially supported them on his teacher’s salary but is now supervising the building and teaching in the small school that has been started to reduce the burden of school fees and eventually to generate income. Children leaving P7 are too young to fend for themselves so he is looking after a further 16;  in secondary school, in  Vocational college, and a small vocational unit . Some 30 have left education and are in employment with James keeping in loose contact.  I have visited on 3 occasions and the children/ young adults are well housed, fed and seem very happy.  James himself lives very simply so as much money as possible goes to the children.

I have known James from April 2011 years, initially as a physics teaching mentor, and more recently handling the monthly accounts at his request.  I am awed by his commitment, selfless attitude and integrity

Costs have escalated dramatically since those early days when just food and shelter were needed. Mr Mukiibi has been unable to access institutional support even for "double" AIDS orphans. I would very strongly recommend him, his organisation and this project to you and would be happy to answer any queries.

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