



A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR UGANDA!

An Invitation to Join in our Christmas Surprise:

We are planning a very special Christmas surprise for the 250 children of our Alpha Omega School—a **new building!** The 1,200 square foot building will cost \$15,500 and will be built on our property in Gganda Village, next to Hope Children's Home. We have already received \$6,000 toward the cost of this project. We are well on our way! The building will provide two new classrooms and will greatly improve the educational facilities for our children and will also comply with Uganda's government requirements for a primary school.

The classrooms of Alpha Omega School have had a very humble beginning. **All rooms have red dirt floors and open-air doors and windows.** Several of the **classrooms look just like a poorly-constructed goat stall!** When the heavy rains come, water runs down the hill, creating thick red mud and puddles by the entrances of the school. Some rainwater also comes through the roof and children huddle away from the leaks to keep dry.

Even in the current conditions, the children are so happy to be in school. We feel, however, that it is time to replace these most primitive classrooms. Will you consider putting **Show Mercy's new school building on your Christmas list?** Together, we can provide these new classrooms for the children of Hope Children's Home and the Alpha Omega School.

At the Alpha Omega School in Uganda, our children are among those privileged to receive an education. Some 46 million African children, **nearly half the school-age population, have never been to school,** according to the United Nations.



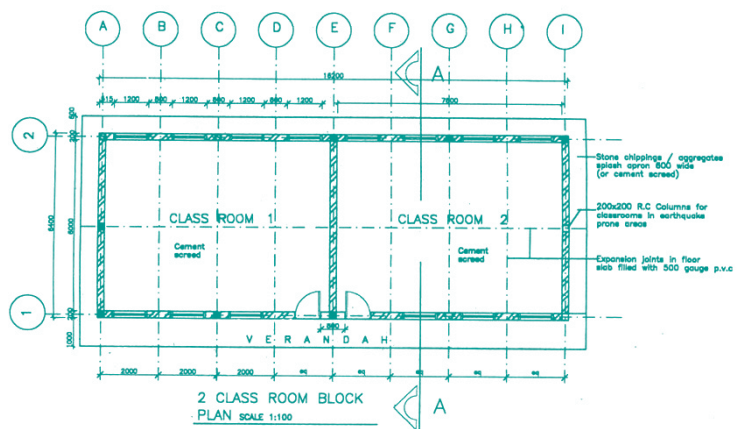
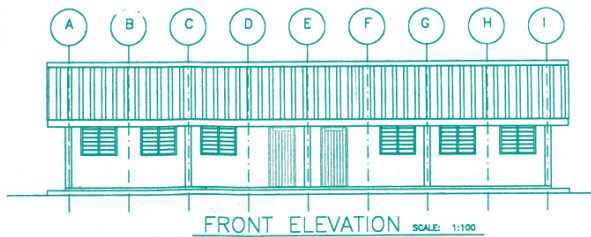
A Ugandan's average annual income is \$300, which makes the cost of a child's school education and uniforms prohibitive for so many. Our 250 Alpha Omega students were all first-time attendees when they started our school three years ago! Together, we have saved children from digging through the trash for food and from a life of being child laborers or prostitutes. Yes, together we are making a difference!

Thank you again for partnering with us to provide quality education and for considering giving toward our new school facilities. You can make this possible by giving a one-time gift or a monthly pledge. You are helping Show Mercy International break the cycle of poverty and to educate the future leaders of Uganda. Our passion is to unlock the purpose inside each child to express the compassion and love that will silence the cry of injustice around the world.

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Alpha Omega School Plan