



## Musana Parent Guide

The giggles and songs of more than 800 children can be heard through the streets of Iganga, Uganda. Some of these kids knew a much different life just eight years ago. In September 2008, a group of Ugandan and American college students rescued 80 hungry, bored, uneducated, unloved and hopeless children living in a poorly run orphanage and moved them to what is now Musana Community Development Organization.

But Musana is so much more than just a place of refuge; it is a health center, an income-generating restaurant and bar, pool hall, coffee shop, guest house and conference center, a bakery, an outlet for empowered women to use their tailoring, knitting and tie-dye skills, a dairy farm, a piggery, a goat project, a crop-producing farm, a thriving nursery school, one of the top primary and secondary schools in Uganda, and much more.

Musana is booming with local ownership, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and accountability. Without God, this would be impossible. And without young adults who said, "Yes," who knows where the local communities would be today? But they did say yes, and now hope and dignity is restored to the most vulnerable in this part of the world.

### Here are some other ways to pray:

- Pray that the Musana students would learn well and our teachers would lead well.
- Pray that the health center staff would not only help take care of the physical needs they see but also have boldness to share God's love with their patients.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for Musana's staff as they lead not only the students on campus, but the Ugandans of all ages that they serve.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION:

Watch the video on [flatironkids.com](http://flatironkids.com) about Musana. (Under the Outreach Partners tab.) Discuss.

1. What country is Musana in? (**Uganda**)
2. What was one thing that you really liked from the video?
3. What do you think it would be like to visit Musana? Would you ever want to travel to Uganda? (**Look up facts about Uganda together.**)
4. We all can be a part of the cool things God is doing all over the world. How can you be a part of the work Musana is doing in Uganda? (**Pray for Musana; learn more about our friends in Uganda; bring in money for the offering.**)
5. Lindsay told us a story today about Gideon. Musana showed Gideon God's love by helping him in school. Has anyone in your life shown you love by helping you? What happened?