

## Ken & Cathy – Our journey

My name is Kenneth Nganda and I am 31 years old. Cathy my wife and I have been married for 8 years and we are blessed with two beautiful daughters, Krystal (5) and Karen (3).

My father and mother both passed away in 2000 when I was at university and I was left with two siblings to take care of. I struggled to raise funds for us to survive and also finish school. Many times I would break down and weep because of the rejection from able relatives who could have supported us. My anguish and loneliness was used of God to grow a desire in me to help the orphaned and vulnerable children, and this is what I have done for the last 9 years.

I worked with compassion international for 2 years then moved on to SOS Children's Villages for 5 years before God led us to start a new organization.

I shared with my wife that God has laid it upon my heart to start a babies home but she was not at all interested and so we hit a road block. I went before God and cried for him to show her the importance in doing this and to ignite a fire in her heart to further this cause. God is amazing, he answered and she even suggested that we start by adopting a baby ourselves so we could experience this first hand.

Today, we have adopted a son Joshua (2), and are fostering 3 other wonderful children; Charity (5), David (5) and Jemmimah (3). We also work closely with a widow and help her care for her 4 children. We keep experiencing the joy and sometimes the pain as we raise these children in the fear and knowledge of our Lord. It is a very challenging experience but we have seen the transformation on a day to day basis as we see the smiles on their faces and this gives us hope to continue doing what we are doing. Some day when we have a big project to run, we will know how to encourage the people we'll work with.

We registered an organization called Heart of a Child Uganda and God blessed us with a beautiful 13 acre piece of property. We are believing God for friends and partners who will come alongside us and together we can bring hope to Africa's future leaders. The journey is long and often times scary but we do not labor in vain for God is with us.

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