

History

- Northern Uganda – devastated by rebel activity for 20 years
- Rebels abducted more than 20,000 children
- Children pressed into service as soldiers or sex slaves
- Thousands of Children orphaned by war, HIV and other diseases

- Hundreds of thousands of people in refugee camps
- Education severely limited
- Unclean water leading to many diseases
- Minimal medical access
- Economy ruined



War ended 2007

HANDS ACROSS NATIONS CURRENT PROJECTS

- Water Projects – Protecting natural springs, providing clean water
- Medical supplies and support to small local hospital
- Elementary, secondary and higher education for youth who show promise as future leaders
- Crop Projects in 5 villages
- Sewing school started in 2009
- Bible Studies and seminars in villages

Mission Goals

- **Meet the physical, spiritual, and health needs of disadvantaged people**
- **Support needy children and young adults in primary, secondary and higher education**
- **Initiate and support health care programs and practitioners**



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Sharing the love of Christ in
practical ways



Current Projects

Village Crop Projects:

The root of poverty in Northern Uganda is

- 1) overused soil,
 - 2) total dependence on rain
 - 3) poor agricultural practices leading to meager crop yields.
- Since 2007, Hands Across Nations has supported village community garden groups, funded land rental and seed purchases, purchased 3



pairs of oxen, yokes and plows, provided training in organic farming, provided roosters for poultry production, and beehives for honey production.

Ayira Hospital Project:

At Ayira Hospital many refugees have had surgery in very basic conditions. This hospital was the home of general surgeon, Dr. Patrick Opio, which has been converted to a small 35 bed hospital. Each patient is supplied a metal framed bed with a foam mattress, and nursing assistants who tend to patient's wounds. Not only has Dr. Opio made his home into a hospital, but he has made it a place of spiritual healing as well. Patients are prayed over, and can join in singing and Christian fellowship on



Friday evenings. On Sundays Dr. Opio is also the pastor to his staff, his patients, and to the neighborhood surrounding his hospital. Hands Across Nations has begun providing surgical supplies and equipment, surgical gowns/ scrubs, caps and masks and therapy equipment. In 2009 HAN purchased a large air conditioner for his operating room allowing adequate cooling for the many surgeries he performs each day. He has immediate need for a portable x-ray machine, and a diathermy machine for blood coagulation. Carolyn, a physical therapist provides training to nurses and students in various physical therapy activities and techniques.

Sewing School

The Hands Across Nations Women's Tailoring School opened in January 2009 with a class of 40 widows, single mothers and teen age orphans. They were provided free training and treadle sewing machines at graduation. This allowed them to feed, clothe and educate their children. In 2010, the school trained 108 women who paid a fee for their education.



Education:

The Hands Across Nations Foundation is dedicated to assisting worthy individuals in completing skills training and higher education.

Judith Olanya has completed her Nurses training and is currently working in a N. Uganda Hospital.

Denis Omodi, has successfully completed his Bachelor's Degree in Business and his Master's Degree in Health Services Administration. He has been a University Professor and is now working for Medical Teams International as a consultant.

Geoffrey Olwa, completed his Bachelor's degree at Makerere University in Laboratory Science and is working for Medical Teams International.

HAN also supports other students in primary and secondary school.



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