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How you’re teaching students valuable life skills

When Emmanuel started beekeeping, it was a personal hobby. He had no idea it was the first step on his career path.

Thanks to the generosity of partners like you, COTN is able to not only meet our children’s immediate needs but also provide long-term, sustainable solutions for their future. Our high school in Uganda is partnered with Teach a Man to Fish (TAMTF), a program that helps fund the school and teaches children skills that can give them jobs in the future. Beekeeping is the first of many projects the school has started in order to become sustainable. And it just so happened that one student was already knowledgeable about it—Emmanuel.

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Emmanuel now shares his hobby with dozens of other students. Teachers say that “[the children’s] interest in the project is overwhelming.” Students and staff members attended training to get ready for the new hives and to learn the basics of beekeeping. Now they’re fully equipped with gear like bee suits, honey buckets, and a smoker. So far, the school has 20 colonized hives, and they’ve already had their first harvest of honey!

And TAMTF doesn’t stop with beekeeping. Students are also learning how to run dairy, piggy, and poultry businesses, an arts and crafts business, and a bakery! Students even traveled to Uganda’s capital so they could visit other schools who do TAMTF, where they were inspired and encouraged by other students in the program.

“I like [the beekeeping, poultry, and dairy projects],” Emmanuel says, “because someday I want to work in these areas to earn money for myself and my family.”

Thank you for making these experiences possible for the children of Uganda. You are preparing students like Emmanuel for a financially independent future!

FROM POVERTY TO INDEPENDENCE: YOHANE’S STORY

Yohane makes benches out of ... oil drums! And it’s thanks to you and COTN’s Business Connections program.

At COTN–Malawi, Business Connections is a program that equips young people to become business owners, including vocational training, business management, and small loans. Yohane is one of over 20 Business Connections graduates now starting businesses in Malawi.

“Business Connections has helped me sustain myself and my family,” he says. “It has also given me a good reason to keep busy and stay out of trouble.”

When Yohane was a boy, he had to stop attending school because his family couldn’t afford it. His parents divorced, and Yohane had to start working at a young age to help his mother feed the family. When he came to COTN, he didn’t have to worry about how he was going to eat, so he could attend school once again.

Thanks to the generous support of caring partners like you, COTN helped Yohane grow up physically and spiritually healthy. As he got older, he started making plans for life after COTN.

Yohane grew up wanting to be a mechanic, even snagging an internship with a car repair company. When he entered Business Connections, he started training in welding and metalwork.

“I see [Business Connections] as a second chance to life and a connection to a new life altogether,” Yohane says. “I also thought that it will be a way that I will perfect what I love and also train others who are passionate in welding and fabrication.”

Now Yohane is able to support his family with his work, and he knows Business Connections has been the bridge to his new life of financial security.

“Business Connections has helped me sustain myself and my family,” he says. “It has also given me a good reason to keep busy and stay out of trouble. [If I was still with my peers I would have been drinking,] but now I stay in my workshop and design new things, take orders from people, and make money.”

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- Provided 22 micro-loans for new businesses.
- Given business training to 350 students.
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