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## Physicians Lend Hand to Uganda Orphans

Asante doctors Christopher and Lorie Morgan and their children have a second family on the other side of the world. The 120 to 150 children in that family have come from the slums of Kumpala and other locations in the impoverished Central African country of Uganda.



The Morgans are sharing with others at Asante an experience that has become an ongoing passion in their household over the past five years – helping the orphans of Uganda to find



better lives through caring and education.

The Morgans – where Chris practices internal medicine and Lorie is an OB/GYN, both at Asante Physician Partners' Family Medicine State Street – became a part of Justice Venture Africa in 2009, when local Pastor David Rapp of Medford partnered with Ugandan Caleb Rukundo to create the organization.

“(The orphanage) was created because there was a tremendous need in Uganda,” Chris Morgan said.



Dr. Christopher Morgan

“It’s really about social justice,” he said. “It’s not a ministry. We’re not there telling them to think anything. We’re there trying to be friends and be helpful and be caring and be supportive.”

Over the past five-plus years, the organization has established four homes for Ugandan orphans: the Mengo Home, Amahoro Home, Buwala Home and Gateway Youth Ranch. Gateway – the latest addition – is on 350 acres, with cows, fruit trees and other trappings of agrarian life. A home for infants and toddlers is in the works.

The combined Justice Venture Africa facilities are currently caring for somewhere between 120 and 150 orphans, and the Morgans have helped arrange school sponsorships for 110 of those. About 25 children are still in need of scholarships, which cost about \$200 for an entire year and cover tuition, books, uniforms and one meal per day.

The Morgans are preparing again for what has become an almost-annual trip to Uganda.

“I’ve had two of my children there three times, and Lorie and I have been there twice,” Chris said.



Dr. Lorie Morgan

“We go and do medical clinics and we do HIV clinics, and we just develop relationships.”

Between their sojourns to Africa, the Morgans stay involved in the orphanage’s operation through frequent contact with both Pastor Rapp and Caleb Rukundo.

“At this point, Caleb is very open and says, ‘What do you think of my dreams?’” Chris said. “And usually, we agree with them.”

Additional information about the orphanage is available on [the Morgans’ blog](#) (note that the site may be blocked from Asante work computers).

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