

AAH student on his way to study in Israel



An Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH) student, Bruno Wamono's passion for agriculture has landed him a lifetime opportunity – an 11-month apprenticeship in Israel!

Bruno, sponsored by REACH Board member JoAnn Willis, is a Year 2 student at Busitema University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Bruno has dreamed of being a commercial farmer with the hope of learning something new and different for his community.

Bruno started at Arlington Junior School in 2007, he attended Kiira College Butiki, and is currently enrolled at Busitema University. He is one of 35 students from Uganda to participate in Israel Agro studies. He will learn hands-on skills in horticulture and animal husbandry using modern farming technology.

After he completes this internship, he will return to University and continue to study agriculture and technology. He is grateful for AAH and hopes to teach new agricultural methods to his community.

Come with us to Uganda in 2024

Sign **this form** to join the information session.

Teacher Trip (March 20 - March 30, 2024): Led by Marymount Prof. Dr. Shannon Melideo. Please fill out this **application form** if you're interested in joining the teacher trip. The next information session is on **January 3rd at 7 PM** via Zoom.

More trips information



Teacher Trip

3/20/24-3/30/24

Led by Dr. Shannon
Melideo.

Adult and Family Trip

6/27/24-7/11/24

Led by REACH
President Dick Burk &
Carole Burk

Teen Trip

7/16/24-8/5/24

Led by Board Member
Ani Arzoomanian

Adult Working Trip

8/1/24-8/30/24

Led by Co-founder,
John Wanda

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Progress with the Arlington Secondary and Vocational School Construction



John Wanda, REACH Co-founder, has been in Uganda since secondary school construction kicked off in August. Here is what he reports on the constructions thus far:

"I want to report great progress with the construction of the Secondary school. All three buildings under construction are at the first-floor level. Activity at the site is hectic, with more than 130 staff on the site every day. One of the more satisfying features of the site is the presence of many women. It is not usual for women to be actively involved in construction in this region of Uganda.

But AAH has gone out of its way to recruit women in all spheres of construction, and women can be seen everywhere, as steel benders, artisans, bricklayers, managers, and supervisors. One of our commitments to USAID was gender equity in construction, so our partners at USAID will be happy to

see these pictures of women at work. But even more satisfying for us is the impact on the community.

In addition to learning new skills, these women are breadwinners for their families and help change conversations around work in the community. They are part of the transformation brigade for Bududa, helping AAH to deliver on its promises for societal transformation.”

School year ends in Uganda



The end of November wraps up the school year in Uganda. Students in primary and secondary schools across the country sat for their year-end exams. Primary seven, senior one and senior six sat for their final exams.

It is always an anxious time of the year as it determines if they can proceed to the next level.

Students prepare for these exams with a lot of overnight studying, practice, test taking and prayer. For the AJS students, they had the honor of hosting the Bishop of Mbale, the Rt. Rev. John Nandaah who led them in prayer.

After a briefing from the government and school officials, students were off to the races to shine! All AAH students completed their exams without any issues, and many were confident leaving the exams.

Afterwards, AAH hosted a farewell party for the P7 students, where they played games such as cornhole, jump rope and dancing. Cornhole teams represented both the US and Uganda with Team US taking the win.

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