
LAKESIDE CAMPUS
ROOTED
& BUILTUP
IN
CHRIST
CASE FOR SUPPORT

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught,
and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:6-7

God is at work here. We see this daily in the lives of our students. What a delight to see them grow like saplings beside the water. Green shoots sprouting, curious tendrils exploring, new leaves unfolding to the sun. This is a garden of a school and what a joy than to see a new generation fixing their roots in Christ.

But, as you will see in the following pages, we are also excited about the possibilities of the Lakeside Campus. We pray that this space will become a stronghold in God's Kingdom, a witness to his light and a blessing for generations to come. We pray that this new campus will strengthen the gospel across this country a place where the body of Christ will be more deeply rooting and strengthened in him.

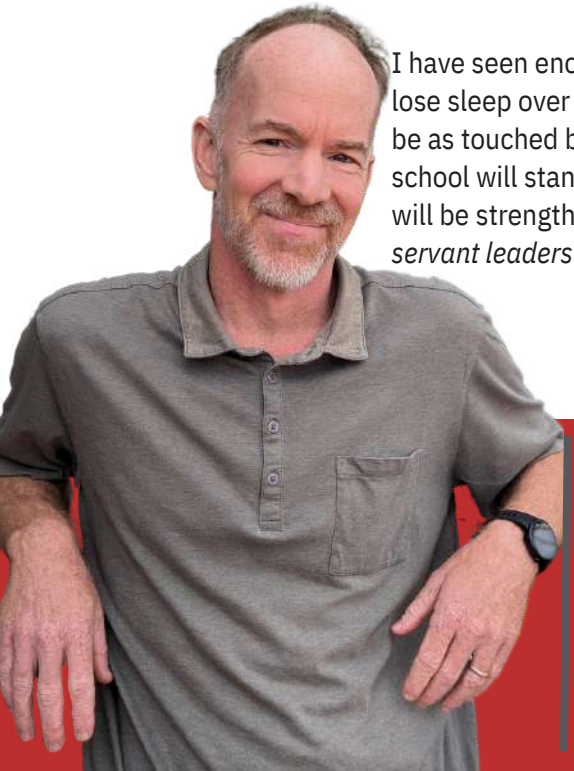
We invite you to join us on this journey.

A seed is planted

I suppose Acacia's story begins with an email I sent to my friend Andy. In it I wrote that the most difficult thing about starting a school would be finding a decent venue. Green and spacious spaces are impossibly rare in Kampala. "To start a school" I concluded, "we'll have to trust God for the physical space".

That email seemed to spark a series of miraculous events. From the initial Junior School - which was verdant, quiet and green, the Senior School and football pitch, the Annex and the Lower Junior School, each with its own story of God's uncanny timing and abundant generosity. We learned along the way that we had to trust God for everything, not just physical spaces, everything. We learned too that God has a lot of tricks up his sleeve. What a journey it has been.

Then in 2018, I came upon our Lakeside Campus. Wow. It literally took my breath away. It's in a trendy neighborhood, next to Uganda's only highway. The property has cliffs, forests, wetlands, a stream, an amazing fresh breeze and spectacular views, and, of course, a beach and the lake itself. This was what Paul wrote to the Ephesians "immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine". Immeasurably more indeed.



I have seen enough of God's provision to know he will build this school. I don't lose sleep over that. I pray that each of you who have joined us on this journey will be as touched by God's gracious presence as we have been. I pray the story of this school will stand as a testament to God's living grace. And I pray that His Kingdom will be strengthened for generations to come as we seek *to educate and inspire servant leaders for Christ*.

from the Head of School
Jason Carpenter

Raised by missionary parents in rural Zambia, Jason attended Rift Valley Academy (Kenya), Moody Bible Institute and Harvard University. He is now a proud Ugandan citizen, passionate about advancing God's Kingdom through education.

Our DNA

VISION

"educating and inspiring servant leaders for Christ."

MISSION

To glorify Christ by providing a rigorous and balanced education that motivates students to excel academically and live out a Biblical worldview. We serve Ugandan, international, and missionary families.

CORE VALUES

- **Integrity**: As servant leaders we seek to honor God is all we do and say.
- **Compassion**: As servant leaders, we love others sacrificially as Christ loved us.
- **Courage**: As servant leaders, we stand up for what is right and boldly follow Christ.

Acacia International School is a Christian non-profit international school registered in Uganda. Since 2017 we have been fully accredited through the Middle States Association (MSA) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) . Our partner organizations include TeachBeyond, Downers Grove, IL and Resourcing Christian Education RCE) Wheaton, IL.



Our roots

What makes a great school? Wonderful teachers? A well-considered curriculum? A shared vision and values? Extra curricular activities? A capable administration? Absolutely.

However, one ingredient that is often overlooked, the organizational roots stretched under the surface to ensure that the school stays grounded and on track, is the school board.

Acacia has been blessed with an incredible Board, not only providing accountability, developing policy and fine-tuning the school's vision, but also modelling servant leadership. They are a dedicated team with a deep love for Jesus and for the school. Plus, for the enormous undertaking of the Lakeside Campus, the board established the Capital Development Committee to help ensure this happens.

These are the roots of the school, ensuring that as an organization we remain "rooted and built up in Christ, strengthened in our faith".



Acacia is growing

Since its inception in 2012, Acacia has witnessed the grace of God at our current beautiful locations. However, as the school has grown, the need for additional space has become increasingly apparent. Add to that the financial burden and uncertainties of renting, the constant remodeling of houses into classrooms, the limitation of our sports facilities, the lack of a woodworking shop or an enclosed space for dramas or a concerts, plus the restrictions our current spaces put on student enrollment, and it lends a kind of urgency to our Lakeside Campus. Simply put, the sooner we can get to the new campus the better.



The 3 big wins of the Lakeside Campus

Permanence and Stability

The Lakeside Campus will provide a sense of permanence and stability to our vision, offering a central location for our school to thrive and grow.

Enhanced Holistic Education

With innovative, purpose-built classrooms, generous sports facilities and access to natural surroundings, students will be empowered to grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally and to explore and develop new talents and enjoy the wonder of God's creation

Expanded Reach and Impact

By establishing the Lakeside Campus, we open our doors to a wider catchment of students, fostering inclusivity and diversity within the Acacia community.



Fertile soil

Our sacred responsibility together with the parents is to shape the life trajectory of every student who enters our gates and to enable and empower them to be servant leaders for Christ. The new Lakeside campus promises to expand access and opportunities for us to do this.

This 44-acre campus and the $13.5 million capital campaign will, we pray, fundamentally transform Uganda's education and change the nation. We believe that through this school, the gospel will continue to thrive and flourish in Kampala, creating a space where God's Kingdom is manifest in every lesson taught, every prayer offered, and every life transformed.



With three football fields and a track field, the campus is set to become a hub for athletics and sports.

Principals of Design

The Acacia school board, parents and teachers workshopped a set of design concepts that were used to inform the master plan. These key ideals shaped our planning.



Reflect our Christian faith

As each visitor enters the campus, they should see that we are excited about Jesus and unashamed of the gospel. As they wander through our leafy campus, they will find evidence of our deep, abiding, and genuine faith. Each day, teachers, students, and parents will experience a sense of God's love and peace in this campus.



Promote learning

A wise teacher once observed that the worst place to learn is a classroom. Our campus will be short on institutional box classrooms and long on imaginative, enriching, beautiful, unique, functional spaces, classrooms that are inviting, naturally lit, airy, well considered and, in a way, playful.



Serve the community

In a city with few public parks or recreational centers, the Lakeside Campus will be a valuable community asset. Lets make everything as sharable as possible, a welcoming destination where we can safely invite friends and neighbors to enjoy this amazing piece of nature.



Celebrate God's creation

The distinguishing feature of the campus is not the architecture or state-of-the-art facilities. Let those sit quietly among the trees. Let nature-the lake, the cliffs, the swamp, the forest, the flowers and trees-be the star.

Reflect our Faith

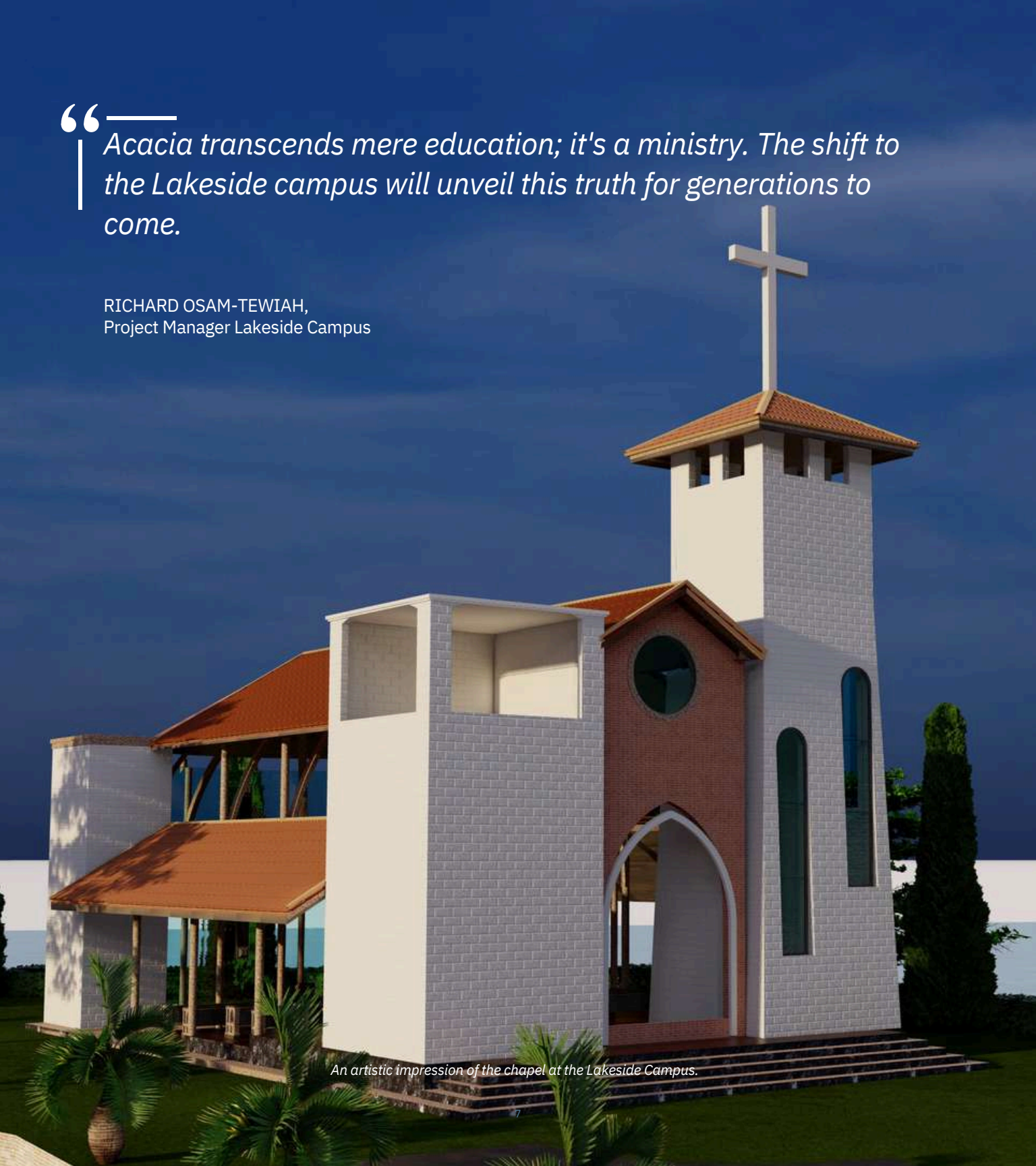
The Lakeside Campus is designed for spiritual formation

- The chapel will sit prominently atop the Western cliff, visible from every corner of the campus as a constant reminder of our highest priority.
- Natural elements such as gardens, walking paths, and water features invite students, staff and visitors to experience the delights of creation and marvel at the creator.
- Careful use of natural materials like wood and stone, and peaceful communal spaces foster a sense of community and hospitality.
- Protection of the fragile, diverse ecosystem and promoting its rewilding, underscores our spiritual responsibility as caretakes of God's creation.



Acacia transcends mere education; it's a ministry. The shift to the Lakeside campus will unveil this truth for generations to come.

RICHARD OSAM-TEWIAH,
Project Manager Lakeside Campus



An artistic impression of the chapel at the Lakeside Campus.

Promote learning

The Lakeside Campus is designed for students

- Classrooms are well-equipped, naturally lit, spacious and boast a spectacular view of their surroundings, welcome the fresh clean air from the Lake.
- Imaginative architectural design links learning and play spaces, indoors and outdoors to spark creativity and promote collaboration.
- The campus offers a diverse range of extracurricular activities to encourage students to explore their unique talents and interests. The development is particularly mindful of the limited options for teenagers in Kampala.
- Sports facilities including water sports give athletes options for individual and team pursuits.
- All facilities are accessible and inclusive for all students.





Acacia's call is to educate and inspire servant leaders for Christ. The new Lakeside campus is not just any other project but a deliberate contribution to building God's Kingdom.

BLAIN TEKETEL, Former parent and Board member at Acacia

Serve the community

The Lakeside Campus is designed to be sharable.

- A gym, cafe, and sports center at the entrance open to the carpark, to be enjoyed by parents and the public without entering the main campus.
- The courtyard design reduces the footprint of classrooms, transforming the campus when schools is out into a nature park available for all kinds of church and neighborhood activities.
- The Center for Educational Innovation makes office and conference spaces available throughout the week for teacher training, a homeschool coop or an NGO workshop.
- Three distinct sports field areas, plus the waterfront area and pool, allow for multiple planned activities to take place concurrently without disturbing other areas of the campus.



"The Lakeside Campus is an opportunity to expand Acacia's capacity to train up children as servant leaders to Uganda and the nations. Our children now are the ones who will guide the destinies of nations, and those taught to have servant hearts and to walk in righteousness are those who will influence the world for Christ.

"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children."

Dr.Robin Zerbe, Former Principal Junior School

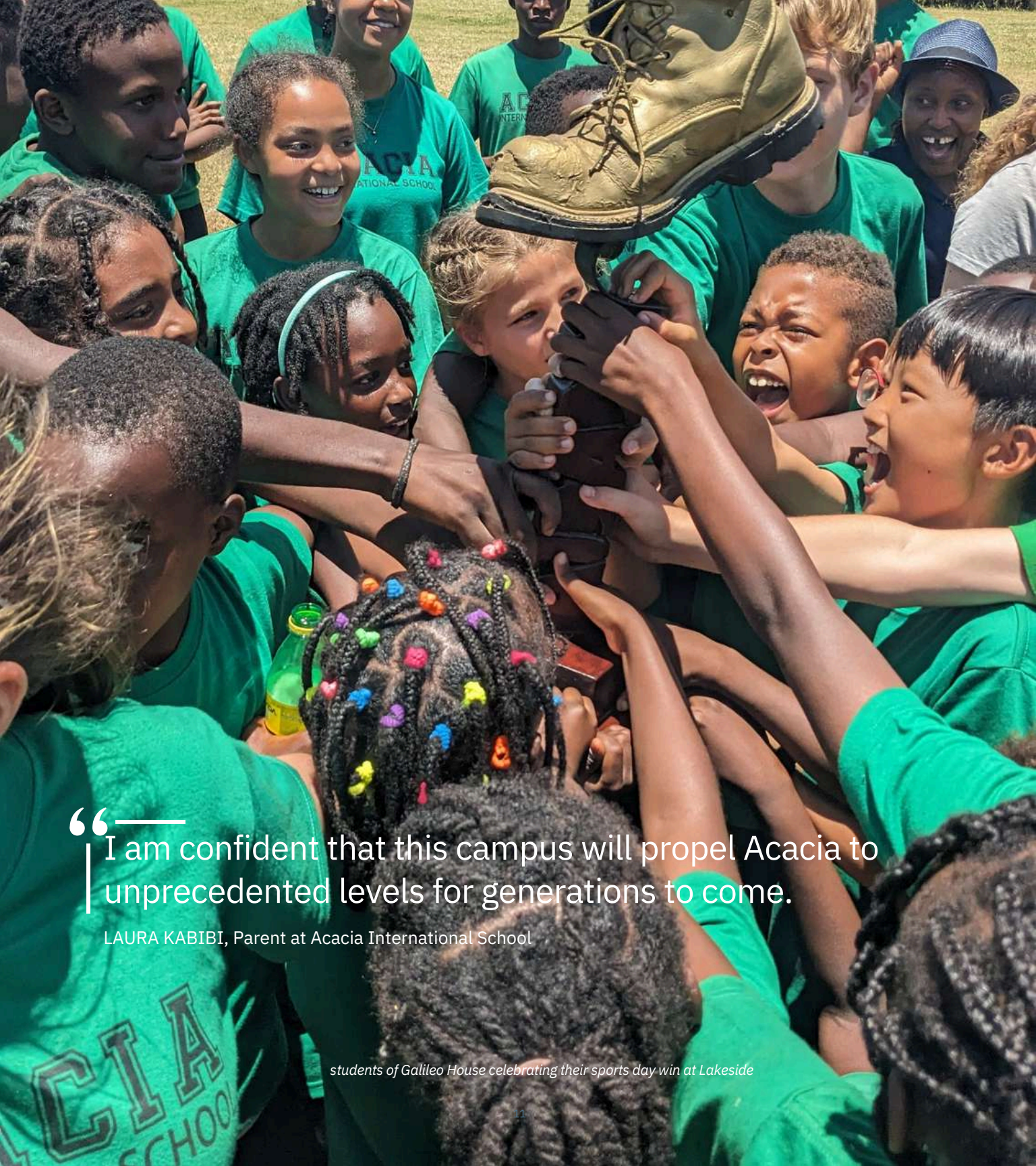
An artistic impression of the Junior School at the Lakeside Campus.

Celebrate God's creation

The campus prioritizes nature over architecture.

- Buildings sit quietly in the environment, with natural cladding such as burned bricks and weathered timber creating minimal visual impact.
- The landscaping will feel "wild" rather than manicured as we encourage indigenous vegetation and trees, protect the flora and fauna and create walkways that showcase the varied vegetation in the swampland and forests.
- Natural and sustainable building materials reduce our ecological impact.
- Rainwater catchment and solar power underscore our environmental ideals and help reduce costs.
- Environmental education is integral to the curriculum and student life cultivating a culture of sustainability and stewardship. A floating outdoor classroom in the swamp sets the stage for hands-on learning.





> I am confident that this campus will propel Acacia to unprecedented levels for generations to come.
>
> LAURA KABIBI, Parent at Acacia International School

students of Galileo House celebrating their sports day win at Lakeside

By still water

A location like no other.
Nestled on 44 acres of land on the shores of Lake Victoria, the new campus is about 14 kilometres from the existing campus and 100 meters off the Kampala - Entebbe expressway.

Phase 1 is a building complex with 34 classrooms which will initially house the whole school: Middle and High School along with a small Junior section.

Architect Mike Reid, with input from parents, teachers, and all of us, created this excellent master plan. It captures who we are as a school - a creative community of learners that seeks to engage and serve this nation. It reflects Christ at the centre of who we are and what we do. And it preserves and showcases the natural beauty of God's creation that we can enjoy and share.





The Masterplan Overview

620 students
The capacity of the new Lakeside Campus

108 Bird species
Spotted and recorded at the Lakeside Campus

44 Acres
The land size of Lakeside Campus

4,766 Total area
In square meters of the new senior school

Spaces with Significance

1 Adminstration

The administration block, adjacent to the sports center, houses all office spaces and offers key administrative services, acting as the central hub for school management and coordination.

2 Sports Center

Coffee in the morning? Book club for moms? The café, indoor gym and swimming pool offer a great place for parents and visitors to hang out, without entering the main school grounds.

3 Track & Field

This world-class facility serves as a bridge, connecting the entire campus. Spanning over 2 acres, it offers a space that will be enjoyed by both the school and the wider community.

4 Performing Arts Center

Our arts center, which is modelled after the Shakespeare Globe Theatre, will accommodate up to 1000 people and offer a unique opportunity for interaction between the performers and the audience

5 Senior School

Both our middle school and high school will be housed in this 34 classroom court yard complex, which is Phase 1 of construction. With the completion of this phase, our current senior school will shift to the new campus.

6 Indoor Basketball

This space which will also double as volleyball courts, is set to be a vibrant center of activity on campus. With the energy of competition and school spirit, this space will undoubtedly echo with cheers of “Let’s go, Acacia, let’s go!”

7 Chapel

Perched at the highest point of the school, the chapel will be a landmark, visible from every corner of the campus. With its sweeping, unobstructed view of the lake and the gentle breeze, it promises to be a breathtaking space, offering both beauty and serenity.

8 Protected Wetland

This protected area of nature, which is teeming with trees and over 100 bird species, will serve as a source of astonishment and refreshment for everyone who sets foot on this campus.

9 Junior School

Our early years and elementary schools will be housed in this court yard. The junior school will be built along with the main administration block in Phase 2.

10 Dorms & Housing

Overlooking the campus and out to the lake, the dorms and staff housing enjoy a spectacular view. Two four-storied blocks split between the boys and girls will house over 200 students and 16 families.

THE JOURNEY

Phase TWO & THREE. Construction of junior school, chapel, dormitories, administrative block, and sports center. These phases will be initiated based on the funding available and needs.

$9M Final Destination

Phase ONE. Build a 34-classroom complex and essential amenities for the transition to the Lakeside Campus. Shift the Senior School to Lakeside. Open a Junior School option at Lakeside, while keeping the current Junior School in Muyenga.

$3M Aug 2027

$2.2M Sept 2025

Prep work. Purchased the land. Developed a masterplan. Completed architectural drawings. Applied for planning permissions. Initial landscaping. Securing the perimeter. Completed the foundation footings.

"We have shared the vision for the Lakeside Campus for quite some time now. This is an opportunity to be part of history in the making and to bring to life a new school that has a national and Kingdom role to play. We hope that the investment so far will inspire others to support this extraordinary endeavour."

MIRIAM NSIMIRE, Chair, Lakeside Capital Development Committee

Budget to Sept 2024

Project inflows

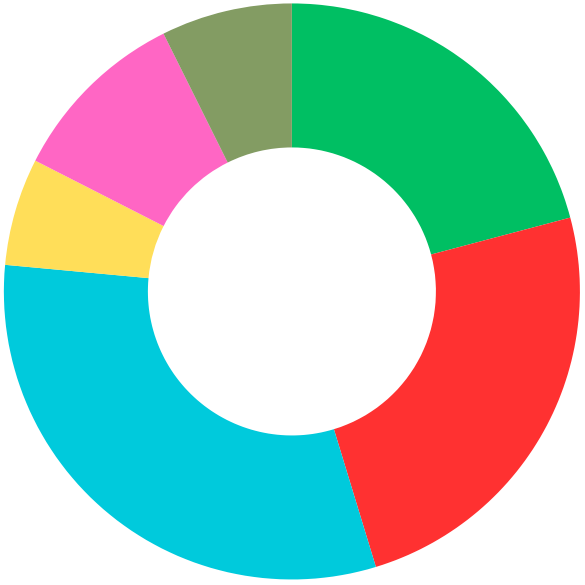


- Capital fees from parents - $829,680
- Capital Bonds - $234,000
- Donations - $756,167
- Gifs in-kind* - $570,000

Total = $2,389,847

*Gifts in-kind includes: Tractor, over 2000 loads of soil, earth moving machinery, a storage container, mortgage interest.

Project outflows



- Taxes, Boundary Opening & other fees - $212,000
- Construction materials & labor - $141,900
- Landscaping (filling & levelling) - 200,000
- Machinery & Equipment - $166,000
- Grounds Maintenance - $41,000
- Land Purchase & Ground Rent - $1,510,000
- Architect & Building Permits - $50,000

Total = $2,320,900

- Current Balance - $68,947

Phase One: Project Costs

Phase One which is the senior school will consist of all the essential facilities to get the school operational at the Lakeside Campus. All middle and high school classrooms, the library, speciality classes, administration offices, the covered pavilion, changing rooms, and dining facilities, will be included.



Foundation - $**550,000** (17.9%)

Superstructure - $**1,760,000** (57.1%)

- Walls
- Roofing

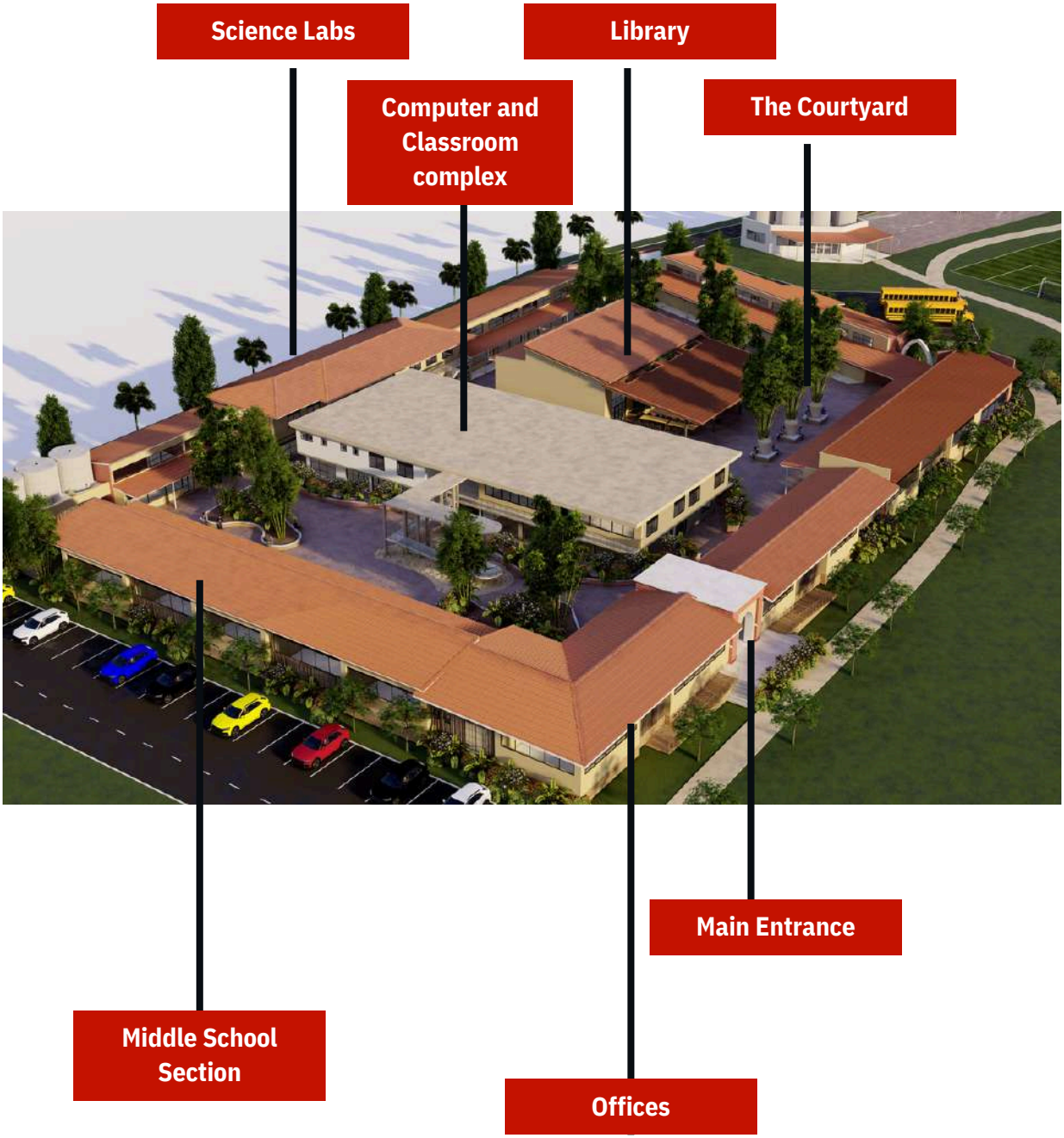
Finishing - $**770,000** (25%)

- Windows
- Doors
- Painting
- Plastering
- Electricals
- Plumbing
- Flooring

Total Cost = **$3,080,000**
(*Inclusive of labour*)

Phase One	**Gross Area**
Teaching Spaces: Classrooms and Labs	3,680 M2
Library + Audio Visual Lab	679 M2
Administration: High School & Middle School	307 M2
Ancillary Spaces	100 M2
Total Area For Phase One	**4,766 M2**

Phase 1: The Senior School



An invitation

Over the last 10 years, we have seen God's great faithfulness. We can testify that the vision to educate and inspire servant leaders for Christ is being realized at the school and for this we are so thankful to God. With this assurance we are excited to move forward in faith to the next phase of development. The Acacia Lakeside Campus.

Our dream is that Acacia Lakeside Campus will provide;
1. A space where students, particularly teenagers, can grow to their fullest potential.
2. A place where learning is not just in the classroom but also in the surrounding natural beauty of God's creation
3. Sports facilities which allow students to excel in a variety of disciplines
4. A place where Acacia families can hang out together over the weekends with access to a café, swimming pool and gym facilities
5. A place where we can finally realize the long-standing dream of establishing a boarding section of the school. Boarding facilities will make it possible for families to be a little closer to their children and reduce the need to send children off to Turi or RVA in Kenya. This would also be an opportunity for families based in rural areas to be able to send their children to Acacia.

To make this next phase a reality, we would love to have the participation of everyone who shares in this vision. Our goal in the initial phase of constructing our beautiful lakeside campus is to raise a sum of 3 million dollars. I kindly request that we all actively participate in embracing the vision of the school. It's going to take all of us working together to achieve these dreams!
For us, for our precious children, and for the many generations to come.

from the Board Chairman
Sam Baguma
Sam is the East Africa Regional Manager for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)



JOIN US

A $13.5M campaign is a monumental task.

- **Major Gifts**

Lead the way by making a transformative gift. We offer naming opportunities for key areas within the School, including Dorms, Classrooms, Science labs, Common areas, Basketball Courts, Swimming pool

- **Pledge Your Support**

You can pledge an amount over a period of time (e.g., 1-3 years). Flexible payment options ensure that your gift fits your financial goals.

- **Fundraising Events**

Attend one of our upcoming events or host your own to rally your community to support the Lakeside Campus Project.

- **In-Kind Donations**

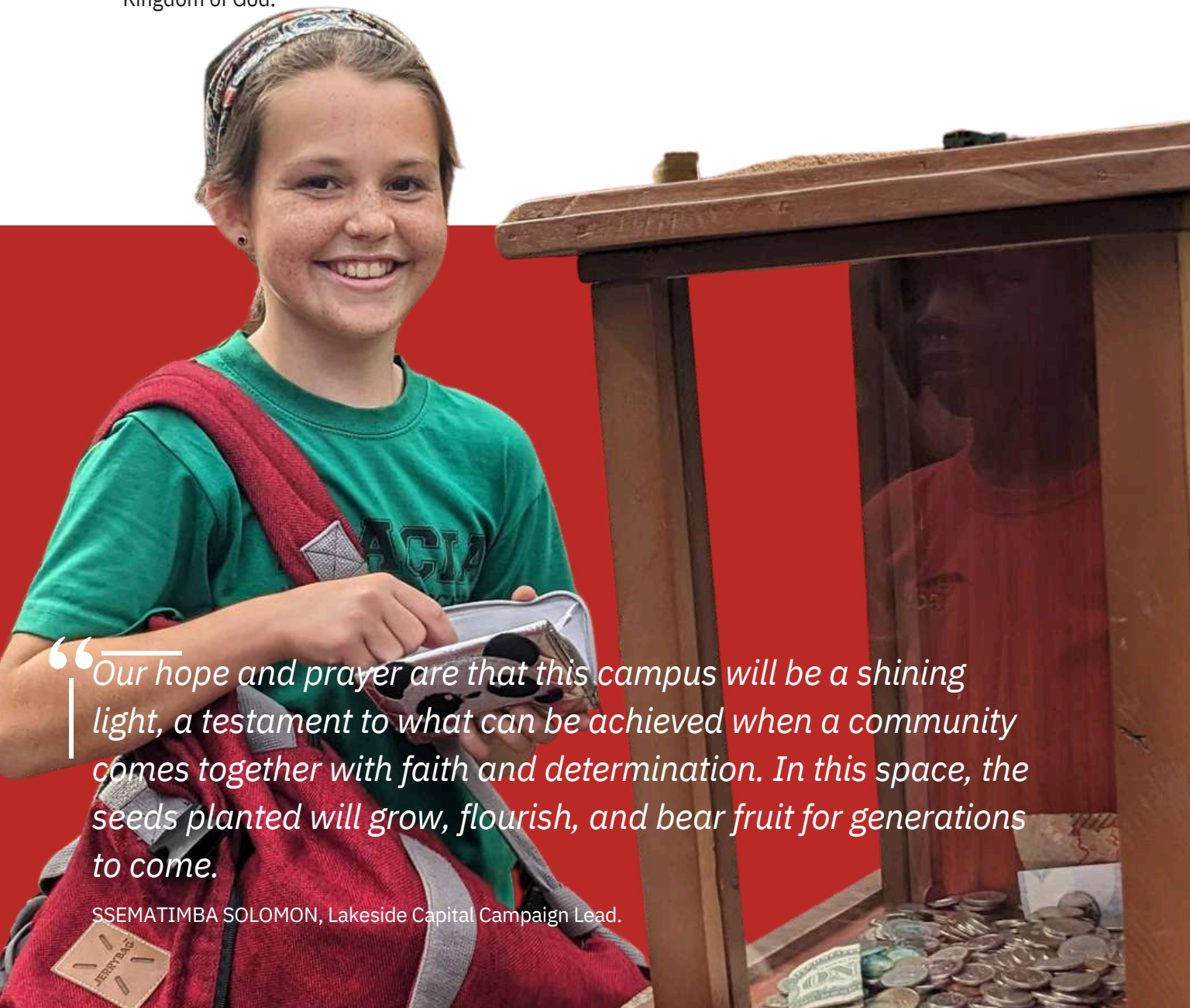
Contribute materials or professional services to help construct and develop the Senior School. Every contribution helps!

Join Us Today

- Donate Now: https://rceinternational.givingfuel.com/acacia-international-school
- Follow Our Progress: Stay updated on the Lakeside Project's milestones and achievements through our website: https://www.acaciaschool.org/capital-campaign
- Contact Us for More Information: lakesidecampus@acaciaschool.org

The Impact of Your Gift

Every donation to our campaign creates a ripple effect that resonates far beyond our school walls. When you contribute, you're not just supporting the construction of new classrooms or a state-of-the-art library; you're investing in the future of each student who walks through our doors. We envision a space where learning, growth and spiritual rejuvenation intertwine—a sanctuary where we can all be firmly rooted and built up in Christ. Join us as we embark on this extraordinary journey of building the Kingdom of God.



"Our hope and prayer are that this campus will be a shining light, a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together with faith and determination. In this space, the seeds planted will grow, flourish, and bear fruit for generations to come.

SSEMATIMBA SOLOMON, Lakeside Capital Campaign Lead.

Lakeside Campus Timeline

03-2018
First sight
Jason unexpectedly comes across the Lakeside Campus site priced at $1m (41 Acres)

07-2018
Leap of Faith
The School Board agrees to the first deposit of $100k on the $1m land.

10-2018
The Gifts
The school received a $250k donation, marking the start of remarkable generosity from parents and friends.

12-2018
Earthworks
The Nsubuga's donate major earthmoving equipment to lower the Eastern cliff.

11-2019
The Plan
Architect Mike Reid creates a master plan for the Lakeside Campus.

09-2021
Expansion
The school commits to the purchase of a $210k three-acre plot which sat almost entirely within the 41 acre

08-2022
The Soil
Landscaping continues with free soil from the Chinese construction company, a miracle on its own.

03-2023
Drawings
Acacia hires a full-time engineer as the project lead. Detailed architectural and structural drawings are begun.

08-2023
All paid
The school makes the final payment on the land.

12-2023
The Title
The land title deed is acquired in Acacia's name.

03-2024
The Permits
The school applied for a wetland user permit and finalized work on the building permit application.

06-2024 to Date
The Foundation
Construction starts on the foundation paddings.

Today
Your Support
Your prayers and support are invaluable

08-2027
Our New Home
The projected date for the senior school to move to the Lakeside campus.

Our journey has been one of faith, with every step marked by miracles. By scanning the code, you can become part of this story—whether through a monthly contribution or a one-time gift, your support makes a difference.

Let's Build the Lakeside Campus Together



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