

Birungi Sarah

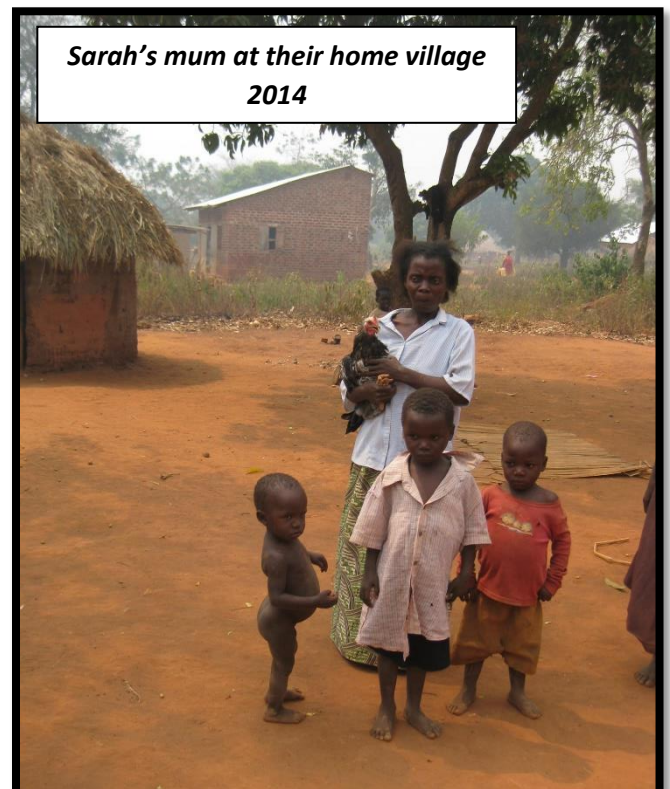
The following words are from Birungi Sarah and have been transcribed close to as she wrote them (with a few changes to aid understanding by a UK audience) in September 2020.

I am Burungi Sarah Betty – a Ugandan by nationality, and 21 years old. I come from Buyende District (Eastern Uganda) and have three sisters and three brothers. My family are subsistence farmers.



It was January 2007 when I joined AGLM. I had managed to get to Primary 3 in a government school called Ikanda Primary School and there was no prospect of my parents being able to pay for my continued education. It was through Pastor Igaga Kikoma Peter and Pastor Joshua Magezi that brought a group of us from my area to Bulabakulu. Some of that group completed their studies with AGLM and I have certainly gained a lot. My primary school education was completed at Wakiso Children's School of Hope and I gained a score of 16 in my P7 exams. This was a good result and enough to persuade AGLMUK to allocate a sponsor to me for secondary education. My sponsor has played a great role in improving my life prospects and I ask God to bless him so much. May God protect him, bless his work and replace the money that he has given for me.

I completed the first four years at Exodus College School and did well enough in my O'levels to proceed into the sixth form in 2016 at Alliance High School, Nansana. My subjects in these two years were Luganda (native language in the Kampala area), Economics, Geography, Subsidiary Maths and General Studies. I was so happy when I got my exam results because they were good enough to allow entry to university. I joined Malkland Institute of Business and Management in Kamuli in 2018 to undertake a two year diploma course in Mass Communication. I completed the first year and the first semester of the second. I had started my last semester when the Covid-19 pandemic led to the closure of schools and colleges in Uganda. Despite the pandemic, I have managed to complete a month and a half internship at Eye.FM (radio station) in Iganga – a fantastic experience that taught me so much. I learnt to edit and report news and provide traffic bulletins amongst other things.



Sarah ends her "article" with a number of people to thank. AGLMUK, the two pastors and her sponsor are already mentioned above. She also thanks Barry for being a good and trustworthy man in everything. She thanks her mum and dad.

