



November 7, 2018

Why do we do Christmas in Uganda in November?

Because, that is when their school year ends. If we tried to do it closer to Christmas we would have to bring all the children and staff back just for the party and gift giving. And, the true spirit of Christmas can be any time! There is no trip this year because no one signed up for it. However, thanks to the generosity of many of you there is still a party and gifts for all! The good news? Already have at least five for next June (when we do the orphan's birthday party) and at least two for 2019 Christmas party! The June trip is June 6-19 and the Christmas trip is November 7-19 ... 2019!!!

Very special thanks go to Rotary District 5960 Grants Committee for approving a \$12,000 grant for the school. And, there were also two Rotary clubs, outside of District 5960, who contributed to make this possible (Rogers, MN and Matawan-Aberdeen, NJ).

As we approach year end you can always use Sylvia's Children as a tax deduction! And, in addition to cash, checks and credit cards we now have an account with LPL Financial Advisors if you would like to make a stock donation. For example, even if it is only one share, many shares would begin to help us build a revenue growth base that would augment our usual fundraising. All donations are important and greatly appreciated ... by me and all the folks at the school.

For those of us in the United States November 22, 2018 is Thanksgiving and is a time of reflection, family and thanks. Be

grateful for ALL that we have and pray that others around the world will have a better life through our efforts.



Best wishes from Ireland!

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