## Advent Tree AT ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

This year, we have set up two Advent Trees in the back of the Nave. They highlight a few of the ministries we partner with in our community, near and far, to "come alongside" and provide encouragement, acts of service, and resources. They are decorated with "ornaments" describing specific ways you can help these ministries.

During Advent, we are reminded what it means to wait, and to think of others. Please take the time to learn more about these ministries and how you can be a part of them. You can take an ornament off one of the trees, follow the specific instructions on the back, and return any requested items to the Cathedral by December 20. There are opportunities to give with your money or to give with your time. Thank you for your support and for spreading the light of Christ, near and far!

DURING THE ADVENT SEASON, WE INVITE YOU TO REFLECT ON THE EVANGELISM AND MISSION MINISTRIES WITHIN ST. PETER'S. PLEASE SEE THIS WEEK'S FOCUS ON GIVING WITH THE UGANDA VULNERABLE CHILDREN MINISTRY.



**UGANDA VULNERABLE CHILDREN** 

Sponsor a student and pay their school fees so they can learn about the transforming power of Christ or pay for students to have lunch provided for a year.



WINGS FOR **CHANGE** 

Provide a gift of \$60 to provide five young women with feminine hygiene products for an entire year.



A WOMEN'S **PREGNANCY** CENTER / **PHI CENTER** 

Purchase baby items for the AWPC's "Belly Boutique" or purchase clothes, toys, and diapers for young women and families the PHI Center serves.



A\*RISE **MINISTRY** 

Purchase a gift for a child that will not otherwise receive one to encourage their continual participation in an environment where the Gospel is proclaimed.



**MICCOSUKEE** HILLS

Fill a blessing bag with items to brighten the day of a disabled or elderly resident and remind them that Christ loves them.



## Uganda Vulnerable CHILDREN



Today, we would like to highlight the Uganda Vulnerable Children Ministry. This ministry provides students in the South Rwenzori Diocese with an education. Our students will receive their education at the primary (elementary), secondary (junior/high school), and university levels. Without financial assistance to pay school fees, these children would not have the opportunity to attend school. Visit the GIVE Advent Tree and learn more how you can be a part of this ministry!

A testimony from Melissa Ingram, St. Peter's parishioner: "St. Peter's partners with the S. Rwenzori Diocese to pay school fees for 156 orphans and vulnerable children. What a blessing to see the impact this has on their lives! In 2017, I met Kasoke Brian. He reminded me of my son and after talking to this shy, but ambitious young man I decided to sponsor him. Once he graduated, he began working to support other children in his village.

Recently he wrote, "The OVC program made me to be successful and to be a focused person in life. It also made me have a positive mind and to have a good relationship with my God because I have learned to have mercy to other fellows since I was also helped." In his words, "Education is not only very important to Ugandans, but to the world as a whole. It improves on the quality of life. It is the major key to a better future and ultimately breaking the poverty cycle in Uganda."

I agree! When I think of Brian, who is giving all he has to help others, I see God at work, and have an even greater desire to encourage all of our students so they can continue to spread the love of Christ in their own communities."





