



An Urgent Plea from the Batwa

Gerald is heartbroken. His future is in jeopardy because he cannot return to school.

Will you help?

Since the Batwa pygmies were expelled from the rainforest 20 years ago, they have lived in shocking poverty. The Batwa Development Program (BDP) is helping break this cycle of poverty through a broad-based approach. Education is vital so that the Batwa can learn to help themselves. In the past seven years, Batwa children's school attendance in the area served by the BDP increased from 5% to 50%. Not a single forest-generation Batwa ever received a formal education, but 226 of their children are now in school. It is critical that these children receive an education—for their future and the futures of their families.

Unfortunately, decreased levels of giving and Uganda's severe inflation have left us unable to continue funding education for all of these children. Gerald is one of the children who will lose out; he will have to withdraw from the 2011-2012 school year if funds are not found quickly.

We are beginning to see the return on our donors' investment in education. Ten years ago, Sylvia Kokunda and Kenneth Turyamubona were the first Batwa children to be sponsored for primary school. This month they became 2 of only 3 Batwa in the history of Uganda to attend university. Other outstanding students are also helping shatter the misconception that Batwa cannot compete academically.

It is a tragedy that 9-year-old Gerald may not reach his potential due to lack of funds. We desperately want to avoid withdrawing him—or any other children—in the coming school year. Will you help keep him and others like him in school?

One year of education costs \$750 per child. This pays for everything the child needs to do well in school. A gift of any amount will help Gerald and other Batwa children see a brighter future. Your generosity has a dramatic impact on the Batwa's lives.

Put a smile back on Gerald's face. Please give today.



Three ways to give:

1. Click the Donate button to give securely through PayPal
2. Mail your check, payable to the **Kellermann Foundation** to:
P.O. Box 832809
Richardson, TX 75083
- 3: Phone a credit card payment in to our office at (214) 519-9279.

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