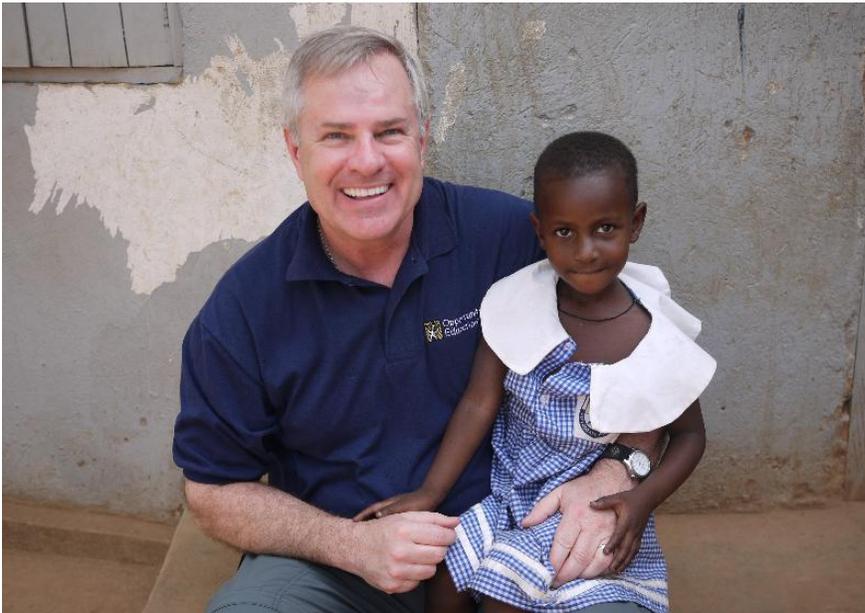




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Opportunity Education's Chief Operations Officer, Jim Ricketts, visited schools in Uganda during a recent trip while filming a documentary about the impact of the program and the challenges students face to receive a quality education.

***April Sister School Program Contest:
Get in the Game to Win Cubs Tickets***

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Opportunity Education is an international charitable foundation that provides quality educational opportunities for children in developing countries. The Foundation supplies educational materials and support to almost 1,000 schools in Africa and Asia.

Opportunity Education also facilitates a Sister School Program by linking schools in our program



If your school sends letters to your sister school by April 30, 2011, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a set of four tickets to a [Chicago Cubs](#) baseball game of your choice!!! For a chance to win the tickets, you must send an email by no later than April 30, 2011 to anastase@opportunityeducation.org with your school's name and the date that you sent the letters. The winner will be posted in next month's newsletter!

As a creative writing idea, have your students prepare letters that share information with their sister school friends about their favorite sport or the history of baseball in America! Your students could even include a decorated border or send art work related to their favorite sport. The students at your sister school will enjoy learning about American sports and culture!



Get in the April Sister School Program Game...
send letters to your sister school today!

with schools around the world. Students and teachers can exchange letters, make friends, and learn more about different countries and cultures.

Summer Trip for Educators:



Teach at Schools in South Africa

Would you enjoy spending two weeks working with small groups of students and sharing lesson plans with teachers at schools in South Africa? If so, join other Opportunity Education sister school teachers on a trip to visit schools in our program during the summer in South Africa's Western Cape.

On the trip, teachers will stay at [Colors of Cape Town Lodge](#) on the weekend and at a home with a local family during the school week. Weekend travel excursions and housing will be arranged through [South African Students' Travel Service \(SASTS\)](#), a non-profit travel organization dedicated to providing quality, affordable international educational and work exchange programs. The cost for the total trip, including airfare, food, transportation in South Africa, lodging, and excursions is estimated at \$3,000-3,500. Airline tickets will be purchased directly through AAA Nebraska.

If you are interested in registering for the trip, please contact Angie Nastase, Coordinator of Curriculum & Sister School Programs, at anastase@opportunityeducation.org or at 402.614.5381, ext. 102, by April 15, 2011. Space for this amazing opportunity for educators is limited!



Featured School: St. Zoe's Day and Boarding School

The parents of the children at St. Zoe's Day and Boarding School worked together to construct the original classrooms at this community school in Mubende, Uganda. The school uses solar panels to create electricity. Fees for day pupils per term are 50,000 Ugandan shillings (\$25) and 150,000 shillings (\$75) for boarders. A large percentage of the school fees are paid in kind in the form of vegetables or eggs. The food is used to feed the students and the surplus is then sold to help support the school. Each class also tends to a garden where food is grown for the school or for sale. Like other Primary 7 students in Uganda and Tanzania, students at St. Zoe's must sit for a national exam prior to applying for entrance into secondary school. Many students, such as those pictured above, spend their time between classes studying for this rigorous exam.

Congratulations to the Sister School Program educators who won a \$50 gift card to Lakeshore Learning Materials for sending letters and artwork to their sister schools in March:

- Christine Briegel, East Central Middle School- Miles, IA
- Jennifer Robertson, Southern Middle School- Roxboro, NC
- Clare Peterson, Westdale Middle School- Baton Rouge, LA
- Valerie Tuck, Lake Taylor High School- Norfolk, VA

Thanks to all the schools that sent letters and art to their sister schools!



Be sure to visit [Lakeshore Learning Materials](#) for your classroom needs!



Uganda School Serving Underprivileged Students in Need

Kampala City Council Primary School Kamwokya was established in 1998 in Uganda. Its purpose is to serve the educational and social needs of the most underprivileged children residing in Kamwokya and the surrounding areas- Kamwokya is by far one of the worst slums in Kampala. Many of these children are orphaned due to AIDS, wars and domestic violence. Current enrollment is 1,271 students, with a staff of only 22 teachers. While the school charges basic fees, they are largely uncollected given the extreme poverty of the serviced areas.

The school receives minimal financial support from the community and is in need of funding to help cement the dirt lot between the buildings. The lot is very dusty during the dry season and floods during the rainy season, sending water and mud directly into the classrooms. Additionally, the school lacks basic classroom furnishings, staff accommodations, textbooks, office equipment, fencing, and technology. If you are interested in assisting this very deserving school, please contact Jim Ricketts, Chief Operations Officer for Opportunity

Education, at jimricketts@opportunityeducation.org.

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with teachers around the globe.

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Opportunity Education's Global Talkboard for Teachers

Want to find creative classroom strategies and exchange curriculum plans with teachers around the world? If so, check out the newest feature on our website: **the Talkboard!** You can also see photographs and videos of the international schools in our program and make friends with teachers around the world! Join the global discussion today!