

# ChildVoice))

## Visiting the Lukome Center



"We knew it would be out of our comfort zone, and tried to prepare for the trip as best as possible."

So began Karen and Danny Miller's journey to the Lukome Center in Uganda. They learned about the local foods, selected the right clothing, and got the appropriate vaccinations. They thought they were fully prepared -- but, as so many ChildVoice team trip alumni have expressed, they were totally unprepared for the ways in which the experience would transform them. As they put it: "In everything we had done to ready ourselves for the trip, the part we were not prepared for was the lasting impact these young women would have on our hearts."

To read more about Karen and Danny's experience, please visit [childvoice.org/all-blog-posts/2020/2/13/how-visiting-the-lukome-center-transformed-us](https://childvoice.org/all-blog-posts/2020/2/13/how-visiting-the-lukome-center-transformed-us).



## Imvepi Update: Amid Growing Tensions, Praise for the Protection House

Restructuring of funding and program responsibilities of NGO partners within Imvepi has resulted in some NGOs leaving amid program cuts and job losses. ChildVoice is one of the few organizations still providing mental health services at the settlement. These changes are causing some tension and unrest, which is impacting both NGOs working in the settlement and the local community at large. We pray that the resulting issues will be resolved quickly and without further incident, so that we and the remaining NGO partners can continue providing our services without interruption.

Meanwhile, following ChildVoice's assumption of



## Developing Skills Training in Nigeria

ChildVoice's Nigeria staff have been steadily researching and implementing new skills training in the IDP camps at Malkohi, including soap and fragrance making. ChildVoice is also researching further skills training to add to our baking and catering offerings. These training sessions are a vital step in helping beneficiaries build income-generating skills.

ChildVoice's beneficiaries at Malkohi are once again busy in their gardens, following recent disastrous flooding that ruined a high percentage of crops throughout the region. Their agricultural activity this season is somewhat of a mixed blessing; farming has become more difficult because of ongoing attacks by Fulani herdsmen, and we continue to pray for their safety.

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management of the Protection House at Imvepi Refugee Settlement in October 2019, operations continue to go smoothly. While ChildVoice is not in charge of protection referrals, we receive and manage these cases. Three adolescent girls at risk for human trafficking have just joined another client already in residence at the facility -- a young woman who had also been caught up in a trafficking situation. These are serious cases, and our team is handling them well.

UNHCR and Uganda's Office of the Prime Minister are both pleased with how we are running the facility, and would like us to train other NGO partners to provide similar services.

## Get Involved!

**Join a Team Trip.** We are planning team trips for 2020 to the Lukome Center and Imvepi Refugee Settlement in Uganda. These trips are excellent opportunities to experience our programs first-hand. To learn more, email [teamandintern@childvoice.org](mailto:teamandintern@childvoice.org).

**Volunteer to sew THRIVE pads.** The THRIVE Project gives adolescent girls a simple, reusable menstrual pad kit that empowers them to attend school. For more information, contact us at [info@childvoice.org](mailto:info@childvoice.org).

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## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our clients currently in residence at the protection house at Imvepi, as their situations are quite serious.

Please continue praying for the safety of our beneficiaries at Imvepi as the community works to restore stability to the settlement, and for our Nigerian beneficiaries in the Malkohi camps as they and their families tend their gardens.