

THE PERMACULTURE POST

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THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT
KAYUNGA - UGANDA

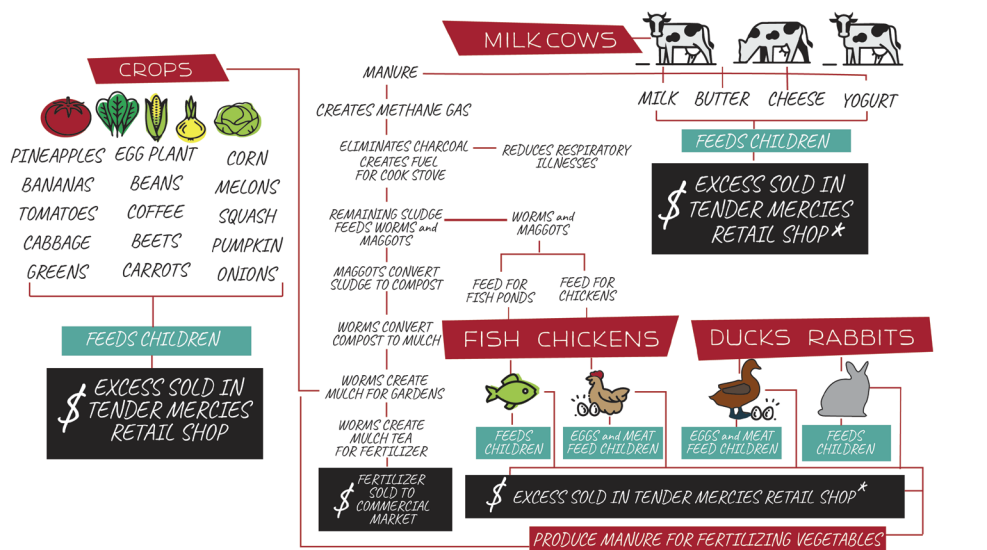


“I wake up every morning to hold a board meeting with my animals and plants on the farm and they say to me, “If you take care of me I shall take care of you all the way to the bank” this I do diligently on my farm where I practice integrated farming.” *Dr. Emma Naluyima*

Going forward, our goal is to achieve financial sustainability within a few short years by developing a permaculture farm.

We have divided the development process of the permaculture farm into three phases, and we are happy to announce that we have **ALREADY** completed the first phase! *cont. on back*

PERMACULTURE FARM CYCLE



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* SOLAR PANELS, BATTERIES & GENERATOR WILL PROVIDE ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHTS & REFRIGERATION & FREEZER FOR STORING DAIRY PRODUCTS

* RETAIL STORES WILL BE USED TO SELL ONLY THOSE PRODUCTS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL VILLAGERS



We are overjoyed to share that Henry, one of the very first children of Tender Mercies and a consummate farmer, will be graduating from university this October! Even more exciting, he will be returning home to manage our new permaculture farm.

He won't be doing it alone. Edward, who is studying to become a veterinarian, and Enoch, who is specializing in plant biology and permaculture farming, will be joining him in a couple of years after they complete their studies.

It's truly inspiring to see things come full circle.

These young men, once cared for by Tender Mercies, are now stepping into leadership roles to give back to the organization that changed their lives.

This is a conceptual illustration of the permaculture cycle

EVERY PENNY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TOWARDS THOSE IN NEED.

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PHASE 1 PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2024

- Purchased and cleared the land of all trees, and bushes.
- Cleared and prepared the fields for planting.
- Planted sweet corn, maize, tomatoes, cabbage etc.
- Planted a living fence around the perimeter of the property.
- Planted 50 banana trees.
- Acquired our first milk cow!

PHASE 2 WE ESTIMATE THAT WE WILL REQUIRE \$68,500 TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN 2025

- Drill a well, purchase and install solar system, pump and 10000 liter tank.
- Construct a home for Henry, Enoch and Edward (each will have separate homes as they start families).
- Purchase and install a drip irrigation system.
- Purchase and plant 100 coffee bushes and additional bananas.
- Construct worm and maggot beds and enclosures for soldier flies, (vermiculture).
- Build foundations for livestock barns.
- Build chicken tractors (chicken coop on wheels).
- Build a security fence around homes and buildings.

PHASE 3 COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN 2026

- Complete construction on Pig and milk cow barns.
- Install a system for aerating the fishponds.
- Purchase 200 chickens, three milk cows, and the pigs.
- Purchase a small hammer mill corn (very common in Uganda).

Since 2009 The work of AIDSPIRIT and the Tender Mercies Home is constantly evolving and adapting.

- ☒ Purchase land and build a new home for the children.
- ☒ Build a security fence around our entire compound to protect our children.
- ☒ Drill eight new water wells (including one at Tender Mercies).
- ☒ Restore abandoned wells in seven villages providing clean water to thousands.
- ☒ Conduct multiple medical clinics for children with sickle cell disease.
- ☒ Provide ongoing medicine to over 400 sickle cell children,
- ☒ Provide an education for over 100 children.
- ☒ Provide an education for 80 adults in the Magala Village (oldest student 75 yrs old)
- ☒ Provide reading glasses to over 2,000 people.
- ☒ Secure an agreement with Charles' family to use their land for planting
- ☒ Plant thousands of pineapples, hundreds of banana trees and coffee plants.
- ☒ Provide the funds needed to send Mary to India for life-saving, open heart surgery.



Our permaculture farm is designed to be self-sustaining, using nature inspired methods to grow diverse crops and raise livestock.

Thanks to your generosity, we've secured 3.5 acres just 2 kilometers from our home, making it easily accessible.

This farm will feed our children and staff with fresh produce, eggs, milk, meat, and fish while also generating income through the sale of excess products to support clothing, medical care, and other needs.