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**CHARLES OWOR FOUNDATION Becomes an official NGO**

It is official! Charles Owor Foundation has been granted a Canadian Federal Government status as a non-governmental organization. (NGO) This grants the foundation the right to operate throughout Canada and elsewhere. The letter Patent was given under the seal of office of the Canadian Minister of Industry on February 18th 2002. The first directors of the non-profit Corporation are Shannon Owor Tito of Langley, British Columbia, Mrs. Allyce Mutungi, a Barrister from Ajax, Ontario and Pastor Silas Mubanda of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

The objectives of the foundation are:

- To continue with supporting the late Charles Owor's humanitarian, Christian leadership and Educational work among Ugandan community in Canada, Uganda and else.
- Strive to maintain the heroic efforts and integrity that Charles himself embodied.

Mission and Vision:

- To model and continue with the legacy of Charles Owor in order to achieve social, educational, economical and civic development of Ugandan people.
- Develop committed Ugandan leaders and enhance Christian, social, economical, and civic lives of all Ugandan people.

**THE FOUNDATION Donates Money to Medical work In Uganda**

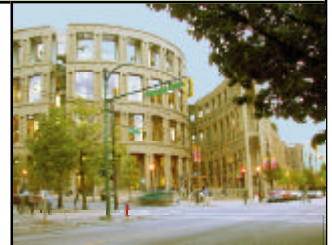
The Charles Owor Foundation made a donation of \$ 500.00 CND to Canadian Net work for International Surgery (CNIS) in June 2002 during CNIS African Market fundraiser in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Shannon Owor Tito, the foundation founder and Executive Director presented the cheque to Mr. Doug Wallis the new CNIS accountant and Board of Director who received it on behalf of the CNIS. Two from the Charles Owor Foundation board of directors, Carol Magambo and Margaret Mubanda, were on hand to witness the contribution.

**THE FOUNDATION Goes on the Web**

It is with great delight and excitement that we announce the official Charles Owor Foundation website. Charged Multi Media, a Vancouver, Canada website development company created the site for the foundation. Please check out our site at [www.charlesowor.org](http://www.charlesowor.org) and our website developers at [www.chargedmultimedia.com](http://www.chargedmultimedia.com)

The new website will allow us to reach more people world-wide. We hope that exposing the foundation to the global community will also aid us in reaching our goals, objectives and vision. It is our hope that this site will enable us to bring to light the significant social economical problems hampering Uganda development today. We wish therefore, to attract like-minded individuals and groups to join with us in furthering our work. Please forward this website to as many of your friends, relatives and colleagues as you can. Do visit us on the web often to learn more about our work and read our frequent news updates. Also visit and learn more about the man called Charles William Owor and his extraordinary and heroic achievements, his passion, positive and lasting influence on his society. We call on you all to donate money to the cause. Any amount will go along way. We would like to encourage you to partner with us in the challenging work of Ugandan development.



*Above:  
Vancouver Public Library.  
Located on Georgia St.  
Vancouver, BC, Canada.*



*The city of Kampala,  
Uganda, situated in the Valley  
of Seven Hills.*

For more information about the Charles Owor Foundation, please visit our website at:

[www.charlesowor.org](http://www.charlesowor.org)

Our website is updated regularly with news so visit often. To reach one or our board members, you will find their contact information on our website, or e-mail us at: [info@charlesowor.org](mailto:info@charlesowor.org)



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**OUR GRANT RECIPIENT gets CIDA grant for Gulu schools**

Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS) has been awarded a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Peace building grant totalling \$ 120,000.00 CND for a peace building pilot project for Gulu District schools.

The project was developed by CNIS as an extension of CNIS previous work in Gulu and two board members of the Charles Owor Foundation, Shannon Owor Tito and Carol Magambo. The two were a part of the team that conceived the project in Vancouver about a year and half ago. They are currently involved in the Gulu project as research associates. Carol Magambo will be involved in conducting ethnographic study of the school culture while Shannon Tito will be developing a non-violent curriculum to be piloted in Gulu schools in 2003 and eventually implemented throughout Uganda public school system. The project focuses on one segment of the population, elementary school children who have been identified as at risk in Gulu district. The interpersonal violence according to CNIS study in the district is the leading cause of death in Gulu and firearms are the major cause of these deaths. The people of Gulu along with other North Ugandan districts have experienced war for the last 17 years. According to Dr. Ron Lett international Director of CNIS, 80% of the district is less than 35 years of age so the vast majority of the population has known war for their entire lifetime.

The objective of the project will include the following:

- ethnographic evaluation of violence and injury in elementary schools
- injury surveillance in elementary schools
- first aid training of teachers in these schools
- the development and testing of a curriculum in non-violent conflict resolution.



above:  
*A new horizon is coming for these Owor children playing at Lake Victoria.*



above:  
*The Rwenzory Mountains in Uganda.*



above: *SPEAK OUT Sebutinde (right) and the President of Advocacy International, Ericsson (left) at the Conference Centre (Gilbert Awekofua)*

The project pilot will be implemented in 2003 depending on the situation in Northern Uganda. The situation does not look good in Gulu at this time. Please check news on Uganda on the web at [www.newvision.co.ug](http://www.newvision.co.ug) and [www.monitor.co.ug](http://www.monitor.co.ug) for more details.

**MEMORIAL LECTURE & Memorial Tea 2002**

Two memorials were planned this year. In Uganda the annual Charles Owor memorial lecture was to take place in August 2002. Although many people were looking forward to the memorial in Uganda, sadly to say the organisers were not able to put together the event. It is the hope of the foundation that this memorial lecture not be forgotten. The work that Charles was able to achieve for the Ugandan society, is too important and must remain as a reminder to all that much work still needs to be done in order to achieve a just society in Uganda. The Charles Owor Foundation would love to work with the Charles Owor Memorial Lecture to this end.

In Canada, the memorial tea was rescheduled because one of our board's members was in South Africa in July and August. Pastor Silas Mubanda was in South Africa to defend his doctoral thesis at the University of South Africa. Congratulation Silas!

The Vancouver fall memorial tea was combined with the official launch of the foundation and its website. On September 20th 2002 in Langley, British Columbia.

In 2001 Charles Owor memorial inaugural lecture took place at the Kampala International Conference Centre: Here is the New Vision paper article about the 2001 lecture titled:

**Sebutinde Advises Christians On Injustices**  
SPEAK OUT: HIGH Court Judge Julia Sebutinde has challenged Christians to rise and speak out against injustice and bad governance, reports Richard Mutumba.

She said Christianity was still the leading breeding-ground for good character and integrity.



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Ssebutinde was presiding at the Charles Owor memorial inaugural lecture at the Kampala International Conference Centre, yesterday.

The lecture was on Justice, Democracy and Good Governance organised by the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fellowship, the African Christian Lawyers Network and Advocates International.

"As Christians, we should stand up and speak out against any wrong doing in society. If we fear to speak out, we shall eventually pay the price," Ssebutinde told participants from Kenya, South Africa, Togo, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, USA and Zimbabwe.

Ssebutinde, who chaired the junk helicopter probe, said government bureaucrats were busy messing up things because there is no accountability.

"They don't feel accountable to the people who put them in positions of responsibility. We should hold them accountable," she said.



*Shannon with niece Brenda from the UK and the late Charles' children, Lagum (boy) Lara (little girl) During a family outing to Lake Victoria.*

**INTO AFRICA** After twenty-five years, Shannon Owor Tito returned to Uganda on the 21st of December of 2001. The return was to introduce the newly founded foundation to the Owor family, pay respects to Charles and other family members who had passed on during Shannon's absence from Uganda. Shannon who founded the Charles Owor foundation along with the members of the Owor family was also able to share the vision of the foundation with a small gathering of people in Gulu, Latenge during a informal private family memorial service at the Owor family cemetery. Other family members, Silver Ocitti Owor of Kampala, Margaret Nganwa of South Africa, Michael Owor of Malawi and Susan Owor from the UK also spoke to the intimate gathering. Other members of the families and neighbours also attended

**Honesty**

*I would give no thought of what the world might say of me, if I could only transmit to posterity the reputation of an honest man.*

*Sam Houston*