

The Mityana The Mityana Charity

A small Christian charity working with the people of
Mityana Diocese in Uganda, East Africa.



“We aim to give hope to the people of Mityana, that their lives will improve through our education sponsorship scheme, building and self-help projects, health care initiatives and the training of clergy in the Mityana Diocese”

**AGM on Thursday, 21st May 2009
Annual Report 2008/2009**

UK Committee Members 2008-2009

Name	Role
Jean Ajin	Chair / Sponsorship
Sarah Birch	Secretary
Janice Knox	Treasurer
Jo Riddaway	Sponsorship/ Minute secretary
Ann Potts	New Life Projects / Mission
Nigel Birch	Publicity
Colin Rouse	St Sebastian's school link to Mityana Orphanage
Roger Holdsworth	St Sebastian's Rep
Debbie Harris	St Sebastian's Youth Rep
Helen Thompson	Youth support
Roz Chandler	Wooburn Rep
Isabel Wilson	Co-opted Committee member / fundraising
Tracy Frackelton	Co-opted Committee member / fundraising
Helen Chang	Co-opted Committee member / fundraising
Ann Noble	Co-opted Committee member
Rev. Derek Burden	Patron

Ugandan Committee Members 2008-2009

Name	Role
John Musaasizi	Director & Chairman
Benon Ssemmambo	Director
Ann Potts	Director
Stephen Bagunywa	Company Secretary
Jethro Ssebulime	Committee Secretary & Head of Nabukenya Primary School
Kassalina Kibuuka	Treasurer
Grace Musaasizi	Sponsorship Sec
Paulo Musisi	Project Leader Lwankuba Farm
Rev Moses Ssemugoma	Health projects coordinator
Michael Lubowa	Accounting assistant, Lwankuba
Sam Tusubira	A.C.U. Representative *

* David Russell (ACU Director UK)

Charity Objectives

1. The advancement of education among children in the Mityana Diocese of Uganda through
 - Funding of school buildings
 - Sponsorship of children
 - Establishment of links with schools in the UK
 - Funding of appropriate medical needs to raise standards of health
2. The relief of poverty among the people in the Mityana Diocese through the funding of self-help enterprises and the development of medical facilities.
3. The advancement of the Christian religion, especially, but not exclusively, in the Mityana Diocese through the sponsorship and training of clergy and funding of church building projects

Chair's Report

This is my first year as chair of the Mityana charity, and I am pleased to report to you that, the year as usual, has been full of developments and exciting activities.

I am delighted that new groups are supporting our work and that others have strengthened their links.

Never, would I have ever believed since my first visit to Mityana in 1996, and started the sponsorship scheme (with 6 children being sponsored), that the charity would have grown so much. I told the children, at the school I taught in, about life in Mityana and through encouraging some of them and other people to visit Mityana, so much help and goodwill has developed.

There have been several visits to Mityana this year, each giving feedback to us on the projects the Charity is supporting. I feel that this personal involvement and accountability, makes us different from other charities.

The downturn in the world economic climate has had a detrimental effect on the lives of those in Mityana. People, who had very little, have next to nothing, many surviving on only one meal of matoke, which they have grown themselves. This has also caused us a financial headache as the exchange rate has fallen considerably.

After a lot of hard work we have now managed to get the charity in Uganda registered as Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd.

We hope that you have visited our updated website, incorporating up to date information on the projects. Many thanks go to Jon Scanlan for developing this for us. [Http://www.mityanacharity.org](http://www.mityanacharity.org). There is a Blog site attached, so you can be alerted to any news.

The people in Mityana thank you all for your continual support. They appreciate the "hand up" rather than the "hand out".

I would like to thank both committees and other helpers for their dedication and the support, they freely give, to enable the charity to run smoothly.

Jean Ajin

Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd.

Personally, as Chairman of Mityana Charity Uganda, I would like to say that it has been very exciting to observe tremendous growth in every project initiated by Charity. I would like to attribute the manifested growth to two parties namely:

the Mityana UK Charity Committee as well as the Mityana Uganda Charity Committee. Both these Committees have been hands in gloves in the venture of pushing a head the ministries of our organisation. I would like to give special thanks to UK Charity Committee members for identifying areas where funds have been received for the projects. We would not have done what we have done if funds were not available. So thank you Mityana UK Committee Members and thank you for personally visiting projects and offering encouragement. In the same vain I would like to express my gratitude to Mityana Uganda Charity Committee for work well done. If money was available and the committee here failed at its implementation requirement, we would not have moved forward and it would have been a disgrace to the public. So a big thank you to all of you including all fund raisers and fund donors.

Of late, Mityana Uganda Charity was accorded with full registration status. We are very thankful to God for this status. We can now boldly and publically accomplish much in the name of the Organisation.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mityana Diocese for accepting us to work under her wings for many years until our independence. Thank you very much.

John Musaasizi
Chairman Mityana Uganda Charity

God bless you in every way.

REGISTRATION OF MITYANA (UGANDA) CHARITY Ltd.

Three Directors have been appointed by the Mityana UK Charity for a period of three years. These are: John Musaasizi, Benon Ssemambo and myself. John is of course the Chair of the Ugandan Committee, and Benon was recommended by them.

Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd., now holds a bank account in Mityana, thus avoiding the travelling and risk which was involved in banking in Kampala. In addition the money is now transferred to Mityana in Ugandan Shillings rather than in sterling. The UGS (Uganda shillings) are purchased in this country by the UK Charity's bank, and this usually results in a better rate of exchange than obtained locally.

The Ugandan Charity is now considering undertaking a fund-raising project of its own so that it can contribute more to the help that the people of Mityana so badly need.

The registration in Uganda marks another milestone in the growth of the Charity and establishes a sound foundation for its future. Please remember the Ugandan Committee in your prayers.

Ann Potts
Director, Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd.

Thankful hearts from Mityana

Message to Ann Potts (Nabukenya) from the new Bishop of Mityana Diocese

"Please send my appreciation to all churches and individuals who have been so supportive. Yesterday I had a chance to fellowship with Charity Uganda Team and got to know what Charity does here is tremendous. I realised that God has used you a lot in Uganda especially Mityana."

Moses Ssemugooma (Uganda Charity committee)

I feel obliged to express my sincere and profound gratitude to all members of Mityana Charity for being a good audience and for your unwavering interest in the advancement of Charity work.

As one of the beneficiaries of Mityana Charity programmes, I am in my 1st year Second Semester at Uganda Christian University doing a Bachelor of Divinity. I am doing well and thank God that I passed Greek1 paper " it was my first time to do Greek"

I hope to complete this course in April 2011 so I still need your prayers and support.

*God in all his creations made a special species of a FRIEND!!
Someone who is always there for you, to lend a helping hand.
A friend tends to understand you and believes in you,
and never lets you down,*

And of all the friends God sent me, I thank him for sending me an extra special one called "Mityana UK Charity" friends who are sponsoring my dear husband Moses at Uganda Christian University -Mukono and for the material support to my daughter Ann Phebe and I.

LONG LIVE CHARITY LONG LIVE CHARITY TEAM

Jackie Ssemugooma

Treasurer's Report [year ended 28th February 2009]

The activities of the Charity have again grown during this year, and this is reflected in the increase of expenditure in the year 2008-09 from £83,907 to £103,269. Virtually all of this money was sent to Mityana for education sponsorship and other projects. The figure for Expenses includes funds that are sent out to the Uganda Committee to cover their administration costs and meeting expenses. Expenses in the U.K only amounted to £758 for the year, which is less than 1 % of the total expenditure.

The major financial activities during the year related to sponsorship and to the "New Life" project at Lwankuba Farm, which includes Nabukenya Primary School.

The balances in hand at the end of this financial year include sponsorship contributions, a donation from Wokingham Baptist Church of £3,500 received for the Orphanage, and £2,000 in the Lwankuba Farm Account donated towards construction of farm accommodation.

During the year the procedure for transferring money to Mityana has been changed. Ugandan shillings are now purchased in the U.K. by our bank and then transferred to Uganda, which has enabled the Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd., to bank in Mityana rather than in distant Kampala. This has resulted in cost savings and greater convenience.

I would like to mention with thanks the considerable financial support that was again given during the year by both Blucher and Orange Boarding Houses from Wellington College. We are also extremely grateful to Frindsbury with Upnor Parish Church, St. Michael's Church, Tilehurst, Wokingham Baptist Church, St. John the Baptist Church, Windlesham and our other friends from different churches and corporate organisations.

Sponsorship and donations continue to grow, and the Charity is always grateful for all individual donations and for the great support that is received.

Janice Knox (Treasurer)

[See yearly Accounts and Independent Examiner's Report as an appendix to the Annual Report 08/09]

Uganda Treasurer report Mityana

I am pleased to report that transfers of monies have been made easier this year due to the opening of an account at the Stanbic Bank in Mityana town. This has saved us journeys into Kampala (50 miles away). The current climate today means that monies sent from UK are now worth a lot less than previously as the exchange rate keeps changing.

By Jan, the UK treasurer, transferring the money in Ugandan shillings we both now understand the money sent. This money is allocated to specific projects. We are now opening subsidiary accounts for the different projects.

I thank everyone both in Mityana and UK for their help.

Kasalina Kibbkuuka (Mityana Charity Uganda Treasurer).

Sponsorship Report

UK Co-ordinators

First of all we would like to thank you for your support in paying the increased fees for the children. The exchange rate fell considerably alongside the increase in school fees making it impossible for us to cover all the costs.

The scheme is working well and this is due to the personal contact we have with Grace, our sponsorship coordinator, in Mityana. She works tirelessly with the children there, counselling and guiding the children in their education. We thank her for all her hard work. Alongside this, people from UK regularly visit and feedback information to us. The use of email contact has helped us enormously.

Jo Riddaway & Jean Ajin (UK sponsorship coordinators)

Uganda Co-ordinator

There are 80 primary pupils and 81 students in secondary and tertiary education. Of these seven are at university level. Two students completed university last year and three are finishing university this year. Many have completed training in different skills at different levels. The sponsorship programme caters for fees, scholastic school materials, food for some students, accommodation for some at higher institutions and medical care for all through our special medical fund.

Beneficiaries are very grateful for the help in the lives of their children.

Grace Musaasizi (Mityana sponsorship coordinator)

“New Life Projects” & Mission

Report 2008/09 - Ann Potts

As usual I have been to Mityana several times since the last A.G.M., and I have now spent about one year of my life there! It has certainly become my second home. The work I have been doing falls under two main headings “New Life” Projects and “Mission”.

1. “NEW LIFE” PROJECTS

(The aim of the “New Life” ventures is to help to bring new life in all its forms to Mityana through projects incorporating mission, education, training, farming, self-help etc.)

(a) “New Life” at Lwankuba Farm

Lwankuba Farm is a 500-acre site about 18 miles from Mityana town. It was virtually undeveloped before the Charity became involved but is now beginning to flourish. The aim is that it will be self-

sustaining, support the school, and help both the local community and the Diocese. The Charity has a 20 year Lease of the Farm.

Development of the farm has continued, using our teams of oxen to plough the land. We have now reached the stage where we cannot expand further without some mechanical assistance, and we are hoping and praying that we can raise funds to get a tractor so that we can get much more of this land under production.

Although we are still growing maize, cabbages, cassava etc., we have decided to specialise in fruit trees, as we are more able to water these during draughts, and fruit fetches a very good price in Uganda. We have already planted an acre of orange trees, and hope to plant a further four acres, followed by five acres of mangoes, pineapples etc. We are still building up the herd of cows, and also the pigs and goats, some of which are passed on to the local community.

We are very grateful to the Hilden Charity for helping us to purchase a lorry during the year. Letting this out is proving profitable, in addition to the great help it provides on the farm.

It is our hope that we can soon improve the accommodation on the farm. Some of the men are living in very poor conditions, and the Farm Manager, his wife, child and a relative are still living in one room. These men are employed by us, and this is our responsibility.

There is no power or water supply at the farm or at the school, and Hugh Wakeling is kindly putting in a lot of time and effort to explore the possible provision of a bore-hole and either electric power or solar panels at Lwankuba.

There is an urgent need to press ahead with the development of the farm, so that it can provide for the upkeep of Nabukenya Primary School and a clinic for the community in this area.

Once again we wish to give a huge vote of thanks to the Ugandan Project Leader, Paulo Masisi, who has achieved great things during the past year. Our appreciation also goes to the Farm Manager and the farm workers for all their efforts.

(b) Nabukenya Primary School

Nabukenya Primary School is situated at Lwankuba Farm and was given the name "Nabukenya" because that is the name I am known by in Uganda. It provides free education for the local children and is completely funded by Mityana Charity. The aim is that it will eventually be supported by the farm profits.

- **The School** There are approximately 207 children on the roll, divided between five classes, P1a, P1b, P2 and P3 and P4. The school is thriving thanks to the wonderful work of the Head Teacher, Canon Jethro Ssebulime, and his teachers who are doing an excellent job there.
- **Blucher Block and Orange Block**, were paid for by funds raised by two of the Boarding Houses at Wellington College (of the same name). These blocks are now fully utilised and are a great asset to the school. **Waterloo Block** is now almost complete (thanks again to the efforts of Blucher House) and is already in use. This then completes our complement of classrooms.
- **Teachers' accommodation.** One of the highest priorities we have now is for more teachers' accommodation on the site. Linda Raabe Marjot and the girls of Orange House, Wellington College, have raised the money for this important project, and construction will begin as soon as Waterloo Block is completed.

- **Compound.** At an inspection last year an Inspector highlighted the need for the bush to be cleared away from the environs of the school because of the danger from snakes and insects. It is hoped that we can raise funds to do this, and provide a playing field. We also badly need a kitchen to provide porridge etc., for the children. Several items of play equipment have recently been provided and are much enjoyed by the children.
- **Power and Water.** There is no power or light at the farm or at the school, and the only water we have is from roof harvesting and a muddy water hole on one of our boundaries. As mentioned above, Hugh Wakeling is kindly investigating schemes for this provision and we will then need to raise adequate funds to complete these projects.
- **Thanks** are particularly due to Blucher House and Orange House Wellington College for their magnificent support, but also to the many people who have contributed towards teachers' salaries, school books, furniture, water tank etc., during the year. (If anybody else would like to assist us it would be a great help if they could sponsor a teacher.)

(c) New Life Gift Scheme

The Gift Scheme has been very successful. The people of Mityana can now be helped by purchasing items varying from a cow or hen, to mattresses and fruit trees. In return we give presentation Certificates that can be given as a present to a friend or relative. Very many thanks go to Eileen Rhodes for her hard work on this scheme over the past year, If you want to give a gift that's different and at the same time help somebody in Mityana please contact Eileen. eileen.rhodes@btinternet.com

To give you examples of how some pig schemes are flourishing:

- 1) *It has been reported from Kabule Parish that over 500 households have now benefited from the one pig scheme that was started with their Home Groups.*
- 2) *At Nabukenya Primary School the pigs are being given to the parents and also reared on the farm. Approximately 150 families have so far benefited.*
- 3) *The clergy at Makonzi Archdeaconry have recently been given pigs to start a scheme, and to facilitate this they have formed themselves into a self-help registered company. What a difference sending money for a pig can make!*

(d) Possible "New Life" Vocational School

A lot of time was spent exploring the possibility of starting a Vocational School on the site of a former College at Namutamba, which is about twelve miles from Mityana Town. Although we have the costing, and much of the planning completed, I decided to defer this for the time being, because I felt it really needed somebody else to join us here in the U.K. as Project Leader for the School. There is a great need for this provision and your prayers about this would be appreciated.

(e) Consultant on Special Needs Education visits Mityana

A big event of the year was the visit by Christine Asiko (a consultant in Special Needs Education,) who gave her time free to visit Mityana and help teachers to understand and cope with this important aspect of education. A very successful Seminar was held at the Enro Hotel for Head Teachers and representatives from the schools. Our grateful thanks go to Christine and also to Cathy Boobbyer who worked with her throughout.

(f) Miscellaneous

Many individual donations have been sent to Mityana including funding for Sound Equipment for Busimbi Church, regular upkeep for an impoverished widow, costs of urgently needed surgery and money for the Orphanage to have a big feast at Christmas etc

We came across St. Mary's School for the Deaf when they attended the opening of the "Child Unheard" Centre and helped to entertain the guests in spite of their disabilities. We now keep in touch and have given them footballs, sacks of flour and a triple-decker iron bunk bed for their dormitories.

2. MISSION IN MITYANA DIOCESE

During the past year I have helped with mission activities in Mityana Diocese including training Lay Readers in Makonzi Archdeaconry, and preaching and visiting rural parishes. We also arranged Retreats for a new Franciscan Group in the Diocese and for the Ugandan Committee.

(a) Bishop of Mityana

It was a privilege to be able to attend the enthronement of the new Bishop of Mityana, Bishop Stephen Kaziiba. Several of our donors have kindly given money towards the provision of a guest wing being constructed at his home where he will be offering accommodation for use by visitors from the U.K. who are helping in the Diocese. Our prayers are with Bishop Stephen.

(b) Bicycles for Lay Readers

A number of people purchased bicycles for Lay Readers in Mityana Diocese during the year. These will make a great difference to Lay Readers who are often working alone in huge rural parishes and usually have to cover many miles on foot to undertake their ministry.

(c) Provision of Bibles

There is a huge shortage of bibles in Mityana, and when I go to Uganda I always hope to have the funding to go to Bible House in Kampala and fill the boot of the car with bibles in the Lugandan language. Many thanks to the people who have enabled me to do this in the last year.

(d) Prison Ministry

The conditions in which prisoners are kept in Uganda are very harsh. During prison visits in the Diocese I have found that many sleep crowded together on the cold floor with no covering, and they usually have one meal a day, mainly of "posho" (maize). I have paid unscheduled visits to check that the blankets previously presented were still in use, and found that they are very much appreciated. Prisoners are taken out on digging gangs to earn money for their food and some get nasty foot injuries through digging barefoot. This year we have managed to buy simple sandals manufactured from old motor tyres, and these have been a great success.

(e) Clergy Training

Mityana Charity is sponsoring the training of Revd. Moses Sserangooma, and our thanks go to St. Sebastian's Church which is sponsoring the training of another clergy candidate, Wilberforce Sseguya.

A huge "thank you" goes to all the wonderful donors who have made all this possible, and to churches such as St. Michael's Tilehurst, St. John the Baptist Windlesham, All Saints Frindsbury, Holy Trinity Bracknell, etc

Ann Potts

FUTURE PROJECTS

“New Life Restaurant,”

A great new Project for Mityana

The Committee of the Mityana (Uganda) Charity Ltd. are very keen to start a fund-raising project of their own in Mityana, in order to do what they can themselves to help their people.

They now propose to open the “New Life Restaurant”, and premises are already available for this. It will cost about £1700 to buy the equipment they need, and any help you can give towards this worthwhile scheme would be very much appreciated. Even if they can't completely equip this proposed Christian restaurant from the beginning, they will start in a small way and develop it further as funds become available.

*(for more information or to make a donation contact ann.potts@virgin.net.
Tel: 01344 773549)*

BRINGING WATER TO CHILDREN, CROPS AND COMMUNITY

Through the kind offices of Hugh Wakeling, who is a Chartered Engineer, we have developed and costed a scheme to bring water to Lwankuba, the 500-acre farm leased by the Charity. We now have a good quotation to drill two boreholes. One will bring much needed water to the school and community, and the second will be sited out on the farm where we need water to help develop our orange orchards. Our plan is to have a viable farming enterprise here, which will pay for the costs of the school, a clinic and other community facilities. We now need to raise £4600 in order to fund this important project.

Will you please help us to bring water to the CHILDREN, CROPS AND COMMUNITY?

For more information or to help us to raise funds for this project please contact Hugh Wakeling hugh.wakeling@tiscali.co.uk
or Ann Potts ann.potts@virgin.net

Uganda Report

NABUKENYA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rev. Canon Jethro B. Wasswa- Ssebulime

NABUKENYA IS GROWING TREMENDOUSLY.

Background

Writing about Nabukenya Primary School, one cannot forget to tell when it was born and its steady growth. I have been narrating a story of miraculous birth of the school that took place in March 2005 when Bishop Dunstan Bukunya- former Bishop of Mityana Diocese requested Ann Potts Nabukenya to start a school at Lwankuba farm to teach the children of the community. I usually tell the visitors to the school that, Ann Potts Nabukenya instantly accepted the request with great enthusiasm. The Farm manager then was instructed to start enrolling children for the school. He enrolled children from Nursery to Primary six without qualified teachers. When Ann Potts went to see the school at the end of the year 2005, she was overwhelmed about the number of children that had been enrolled – it was not a good beginning. The manager as well as Headteacher was asked to advise the enrolled children for primary three to six to go back to the schools where they had come from. Ann Potts Nabukenya and Mityana Uganda Charity started to look for qualified teachers to take over the school. At the end of it, I was appointed a Headteacher and commenced in April 2006. I then looked for qualified teachers and a serious teaching was started. By the end of 2006, the school had been put in a proper shape with three classes: Nursery, Primary one and two.

Growth

The growth of the school is in terms of classes and the number of children in each class, infrastructures including a decent Headteacher's house, three classroom blocks: Blucher block(of two classrooms, Headteacher's office, staffroom and a store room), Orange block (of three classrooms), and Waterloo block(of 4 classrooms). Waterloo block was roofed and now being used as it is. Finishing work is in progress.

Enrolment

The enrolment of pupils this term which began on 2nd Feb, is

CLASS	TOTAL	BOYS	GIRLS
P.1 A	41	19	22
P.1B	34	17	17
P.2	40	19	21
P.3	43	18	25
P.4	37	14	23
P.5	14	05	09
TOTAL	209	92	117

We have phased out the Nursery class this year to comply with the Government's policy of not operating Pre-primary and Primary schools at the same site; That is why we have doubled P.1. Parents are yearning for their children's admission to the school which is becoming very popular.

Teachers.

We have five qualified teachers namely: Irene, Christine, Eron, Loi, David and Christopher.

Teachers' and class text books

We buy new text books every year to add to the old ones in a class and for a new class opened that year. I am happy to report that we had 377 text books for both teachers and the pupils last year and this year we have bought 65. The number therefore has accumulated to 442 text books. The ratio in each class is 1:2 (i.e one text book between 2 pupils)

Class desks

We had 63 class desks last year and we have bought 20 more desks this year. Children are seated in a conducive manner to good learning.

Water

We have 2 Polly fibre plastic water tanks at school of 10,000 litres each – one on Headteacher's house and another one on Orange block. There is water all the time for teachers' and children's use.

Water filtering system

Our "mother" Ann Potts Nabukenya, with a help of technicians from Makerere university introduced a water filtering system at the school last year for children to drink clean water. We have two water filters and can supply children with enough drinking water in their respective classes. Children are not allowed to drink unfiltered water; This water is equally good compared to boiled water.

Funds

Ever since the school started, we have been receiving money earmarked for various items in big sums and many things have been put in place. In addition to what I mentioned earlier, these include: teachers' tables and chairs, cupboards, swings for the children in the compound, fencing the school compound and tree planting in the compound, teachers' salaries paid regularly and scholastic materials. **We are not lacking anything at all as far as scholastic materials are concerned.** In this regard therefore we are very grateful to Ann Potts Nabukenya, Mityana – UK charity and many other friends whom Ann has made to join hands with her to build up the school.

Something very interesting and miraculous, Ann Potts Nabukenya was able to raise all the money required for this first term budget unlike the other past terms. This is a clear sign that Nabukenya Primary school is a friend of many people in the UK, who have been called to support it. These friends include the following: Wellington college boys and girls with the help of Mark Boobbyer and Linda Raabe–Marjot just to mention a few.

We are very grateful to all the people who are involved in supporting the school.

Ann Potts Nabukenya's vision

The original vision of Ann Potts Nabukenya was to see New Life at Lwankuba, spiritually and physically (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). I am happy to report that the new life at Lwankuba has been already realised – things are getting better and better.

We have started receiving visitors from within and outside the country to come and see by themselves what is happening at Nabukenya Primary school. The school's reputation is escalating and we praise God for the steady growth of the school.

Nabukenya Primary School is a small fraction of the big picture according to the plans of Ann Potts Nabukenya. The original intention of starting that school was to give free education to the children and I am happy to report that she has maintained the same.

Challenges

We have discussed all the challenges with Ann Potts when she was here and solutions are in pipe line. Some of these challenges include:

- ❖ Teachers' accommodation
- ❖ School kitchen
- ❖ Play ground
- ❖ Another toilet and
- ❖ Licence/registration of the school

Thanks

Our great thanks go to Ann Potts Nabukenya, Mityana charity UK and Uganda committee members and all our supporters here and abroad. May our good and merciful Lord protect and bless you all.

Rev. Canon Jethro B. Wasswa- Ssebulime
Headteacher
25th February, 2009.

Mityana Orphanage Report (08/09)

I revisited the Mityana Orphanage and Vocational School in February of this year to provide a water supply. Parents and children of Saint Sebastian's Church of England (aided) Primary School had provided sufficient funds, through non-uniform days, to pay for this. I found the orphanage to be newly decorated with new mattresses and blankets in the dormitories. A new veranda and seating area was in the process of being constructed. A chicken project had been started and new water tanks added. Quite a change from the run down building I saw last April. The school was also much tidier with a library area now developing, more resources available, maize planted and the new latrines nearly finished.

While I was there I managed to get a trench dug and a water pipe laid from the road to the school. A water tap and meter was installed and sand, cement and bricks purchased and delivered. A brick and concrete housing to protect the water supply was built by two of the teachers which had a metal door on the roof for security. Also constructed was a trench to carry away waste water. The staff and pupils were overjoyed at this development which means they now don't have to miss lessons and keep safe. While at the orphanage I was also able to replenish the medicine cabinet purchased last time, deliver toothpaste and toothbrushes, provide pens and pencils and provide some food.

This visit proved to be highly enjoyable, especially being driven around on the back of a motor-bike without a safety helmet, as well as being fruitful. I would like to thank those people who made it possible.

(Colin Rouse – Headmaster of St. Sebastian's Church of England Primary School, February 2009)

“A Child Unheard Centre” (2008/09)

Easter 2008 brought to life the vision David has for ACU centres to be opened around the world catering for those youngsters who are experiencing similar childhood problems. Counselling emotionally damaged children is already taking place there, and there are plans for many more activities such as art therapy, music, parenting classes etc. The way that the Centre will be developed will be a specific response to the particular needs of the local community. The Mityana ACU centre under the stewardship of Rev Sam Tusubira and his team, is to become the model for further centres in the future.

2008/9 has been a true test of patience and FAITH for all concerned with the development of the ACU centre. 2008 saw an amazing outpouring from our local community and businesses across the UK, in donating such a various array of materials, books computers, furniture etc for the ACU centre, and the projects already set up by the Mityana Charity. The task was to fill 1 x 20 ft container, the flood of donations resulted in enough for 2 x 40ft containers.

However, to this very day, we are still awaiting the release of an import duty free waiver certificate by the Finance dept in Kampala, so that shipment from the UK, can take place.

I really appreciate the help, support and guidance from so many, as we await the certificate to be released.

On a broader scale, the A Child Unheard mission concept is based on developing a business model to fund the growth of centres across the world, by raising funding through the creative energy of the Author and founder David Russell.

In Mityana, the ACU boy band has been formed, with 6 music tracks being produced in Kampala, one track 'Child Victim No More' has already been air played on Uganda Radio, and will be released on a Gospel Album in the UK, this spring.

A music album is being developed in the US, Christian market place, by New York based, Creative Entertainment Group.

A stage show musical concept, already considered and reviewed by Andrew Lloyd Webber's company The Really Useful Group, is now due for its debut show casing in Australia Sept/Oct this year.

As ever I wish to express my deepest heart felt thanks to you all at the Mityana Charity both in the UK and Uganda, for helping me, in making the Lord's Global vision come alive.

I promise FAITHFULLY, to keep an eye on Young Annie, when we travel to Mityana, just in case she takes on anymore little projects.
(David Russell, “A Child Unheard Charity”)

St Sebastian's Church Youth Trip Visit (February 2009)

The aims of 'Mityana Youth Trip and Projects' remain improvements in 'Health, Education and Water' and to this end the money raised by the Youth Team was used during the visit to support a health conference and resources for the schools and the remaining money will be spent on supporting Kyato Clinic, Mavuvumira Primary School, St Mary's School for the Deaf and Brilliant Vision Primary School including the provision of water purification units.

The Youth Team consisted of 6 young people supported by parents and youth leaders from St Sebastian's Church and also a group of 4 medical professionals who were looking at clinics, elderly care and participating in a health conference for nurses and health assistants from across the district.

On our first full day the Youth Team decorated the classrooms at Brilliant Vision Primary School and painted the outside doors and shutters. This was achieved with much help and enthusiasm from the staff and pupils and involved a great deal of paint being spread not only on the walls and doors but also on the decorating team! We have visited Brilliant Vision on each of our visits and although the school classrooms are too small for the numbers and they lack many resources for teaching, the school continues to thrive with numbers increasing and some particularly able and well motivated staff.

The next day, we attended the Sunday morning service at beautiful Butega Church and received a very warm welcome from the congregation which has grown from 3 to an almost full church since Moses became the minister. It was a real privilege to be asked to take an active part in the service.

Despite visiting the orphanage on a Sunday the school children were there to meet and welcome us. We walked to the water source from the orphanage with many of the children accompanying us so that we could try filling and carrying the large jerry cans of water.

During our visit to the school and clinic at Kyato (3 hrs from Mityana Town) on Monday the pupils as well as dancing and singing performed a play about domestic violence. Clearly, this is an important issue, but we found it quite difficult to follow as the drama was long with no interpretation! Kyato primary school has 325 pupils. Most do not go on to secondary school. Apart from the problems of financing and the distance there are also problems associated with early marriages and alcoholism. We played games with the children on the field and all our young people were keen to spend as much time as possible interacting with the children from the school by playing football, catch, frisbee, and chasing games.

The clinic was in use but short on drugs and resources. It is wonderful to see the building, which has been supported by donations to Mityana Youth Projects, up and running as a functional clinic and Karla Weir was able to announce that money had been donated for solar energy to be installed.

The key Youth Project in Mityana is Mavuvumira Primary School which is about 2 ½ hours outside Mityana Town. Since 2006 Youth Teams have been contributing to the cost of building and resourcing this school and it was marvellous to see the two classrooms and the latrines in good condition. The children were very enthusiastic about the crafts and games that we had prepared and some of the team were virtually mobbed by them as they tried to distribute the materials!!

The head teacher of the school travels 15 miles by bicycle everyday but is considering staying at the school in the store room in order to be on site to look after the resources and save time and

money. The teachers are paid for by the parents and the fees are P1 - P3 = UGX 5,000 per term; P4 – P7 = UGX 8,000, but many parents do not pay due to financial hardship. The Head teacher's salary is UGX 70,000, and a teacher's salary is UGX 50,000 per month. The total number of pupils is approximately 250 which is amazing growth from the 40 in 2006 but reflects the thirst for education and the need for schools in these rural areas.

We spent an inspiring and moving Tuesday morning at St Mary's School for the Deaf where once again we made bracelets and masks with the children and played a variety of games. They were very keen to engage with us even though communication was difficult. The teachers and matron are very dedicated and we were full of admiration for their work. The children taught our young people from England some simple words and phrases in international sign language which they then tried out as much as possible. It is hoped that something can be done in terms of hearing aids for those children who are not profoundly deaf. As we left, the food which we had ordered for the children and staff arrived. To see small children with huge plates of food smiling and laughing as they tucked into a feast of meat, vegetables and fruit was a real joy.

In the afternoon we visited Mityana Secondary School which is clearly the best school in the area. The six young people were paired up with students from the school to interview each other about their way of life, their difficulties and their hopes and dreams for the future. In this way they were able to gain an insight into each other's lives and the many differences but also similarities that there are between the two cultures.

On the final 'working' day of the visit we spent the morning at Lwankuba Farm and Nabukenya Primary School. These are projects for which The Mityana Charity is responsible and we had a fascinating time looking at the crops and progress made by the farm and seeing the wonderful buildings that have been erected due to funding from Blucher House and Orange House at Wellington College. We also went into classrooms to do some crafts and teaching as well as playing games with the children during their break time.

In the afternoon we returned to Brilliant Vision to say goodbye and to spend some more time playing with the children. The staff were very grateful for the improvement that had been made to the decoration of the school and assured us that any other groups would be very welcome to visit them.

After six hectic and very full days in Mityana most of the team moved on to Queen Elizabeth National Park for a two day stay at the Mweya Safari Lodge. This year the highlight was definitely the Chimp Trek along the gorge when the intrepid adventurers finally managed to get close to some chimps!

There is no doubt that visiting Mityana makes an enormous impact on the world view of those young people who take part. It is an amazing opportunity to meet people in very different circumstances and inspires in them a desire for justice for those in poverty. It also makes the issue of poverty, not just a concept, but a real situation which affects people they know personally. Each visit is building on the experiences of previous visits and we are seeing developments in the provision of education, health care and resources.

(Debbie Harris – St Sebastian's Youth worker / Mityana Charity committee)

Mityana Diocesan Health Clinics (2009 visit)

Karla and Gordon Weir

General

- Malcolm and Olwen McNeil joined for this visit which took place in parallel with the Youth Trip. A number of clinics were visited and their status is summarised below. The visit also featured a training day for Diocesan nurses.
- A national shortage of gloves has led to significant problems over the past few months. Patients have been called on to supply gloves for staff use when required. This issue was raised with the District Health Officer at the Conference.
- Bishop Stephen has made a commitment to ensure transparency and accountability for use of funds across the Diocese and to involve external auditors.

In-house Training for Diocesan Nurses

- The programme was based on responses to a questionnaire sent to staff to identify their training needs.
- The day was well attended – at least 11 clinics were represented and staff travelled considerable distances to attend.
- The main topics included
 - A briefing from the District Health Inspector. (The ratio of qualified doctors remains low (one per 75,000 of the population) and maternal and infant mortality is disturbingly high.)
 - Drug Store processes
 - PTMCT and STD transmission.
 - Patient handling and communication
 - Preparation of proposals (For funding, equipment)
 - Health and Safety and infection control.
 - Staff and Human Resource Management.

Clinics

- **Kyanamugera Health Clinic**
 - Numbers of patients have been low but are now on the increase. A commitment has been made to provide a binocular microscope (concerns about the security of the laboratory area having been addressed) and the feeling at the clinic is that the addition of this equipment will improve services and hence lead to a further increase in patient numbers.
- **Butawata (formerly Buwaata) Health Clinic**
 - The maternity unit, built with support from UCB Pharma is developing well and is generally busy. The vaccination programme is progressing and, given some additional work for which funding is to be raided locally, the Ugandan Government will assist with funding for further equipment and staff salaries. There is a need to install ceilings in the Health Unit and the Maternity Unit. UCB will be approached to see whether additional funding for this and for a solar panel could be provided.

- **Kasambya Government Health Clinic**
 - A well-organised clinic from which advice and support is provided to staff of the Diocesan clinics.
 - **Maama Norah Health Clinic**
 - This clinic is quiet but staff are involved in a number of projects to generate income.
 - **Lulagala Health Clinic**
 - This busy clinic is well supported by the local community through energetic fundraising which supported the purchase of materials for a building project - the community also provided the labour. There are issues with the roofs of both the clinic and the maternity unit.
 - **Kyato Health Clinic**
 - There has been a significant improvement in the health of local children since the clinic was first visited in 2005 as a result of vaccination and health advice programmes. A solar panel has been donated to the clinic by Jan Brogan.
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Communications Notes

1. Mityana Charity Web Site

[Web Site address: www.mityanacharity.org]

Over the past year the Web site has been redesigned and is now “live” with the main purpose of informing the wider public of the work of the charity. You will find past newsletters, annual reports, project news and a “blog”. We hope to develop the new web site to keep you informed and help you to contact the charity via e mail.

I would like to give a “Big Thank you” to Jon Scanlon who kindly gave his time to redesigning the site for which the Charity is most grateful. He has now handed back the responsibility for maintaining the site to the charity. Jean Ajin is currently looking after this important area until we can find someone who would be willing to take this on in the future. Any queries or help please contact Jean Ajin (jean.ajin@ntlworld.com)

2. Newsletters

Introducing better ways of informing sponsors, donors and interested people has been an important issue when trying to balance what we are able to do with resources we have. During this past year we introduced 2 or 3 mini broadsheets of topical news from Mityana followed by the annual Newsletter at the end of the year (Oct/Nov 08). From the limited feedback I have had it has proved to be reasonably successful. Production of newsletters in the future will continue with more emphasis to encourage others to contribute to the stories. If anyone has a story to tell then let me know be it about your sponsored child, your pet project or experiences visiting Mityana.

3. Publicity material

This year the charity has attempted to make improvements in Charity publicity material such as leaflets, flyers and various posters to use at church presentations and other occasions. Display boards have also been updated according to need – thanks go to Debbie Harris, Ann Potts and Helen Thompson for their help. Artistic help is always needed!

Nigel Birch (Publicity / Newsletters)



Registered Charity No. 1064825

GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM

I am a UK tax payer and want the Mityana Charity to treat all donations I have made since 6th April 2005, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

Please complete your details here as the information is part of your declaration.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Signature:

Date:

You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us, it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation.

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year (the basic rate currently being 28p for each £1 you give).

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your self assessment tax return.

Please return this completed form to:

Janice Knox

47 Penn Road, Datchet, Slough, Berkshire SL3 9HS

Email: janice.knox@virgin.net

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Our bank: HSBC, 1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 1AL.

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Beneficiary Sort Code: **40-47-09**

Beneficiary Account Number: **41515667**

Beneficiary Name: **Mityana Charity**

Amount: _____

Date of first payment: _____

Amount of subsequent payments: _____ (if different from the first payment)

Date of final payment or Until Further Notice
(UFN): _____

Due Date and frequency of
payments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send the above completed form to your bank and a copy to us.

6 Tangley Drive
Wokingham
Berks
RG41 2NY
England

Prayer Points

- *We give thanks for all the great work that the Charity has been enabled to do in Mityana over the last year, for the faithfulness and hard work of the Committee in Uganda and for all the support and help that we have received.*
- *Thank you for everybody who is involved in the Mityana Charity, both in Uganda and in the UK. We ask for your continued blessing and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we make decisions and plan the way ahead for the charity.*
- *We give you thanks for all those who sponsor the education of children in Mityana, and pray that you will bless them, as they bring blessing to the children. We pray that there will be more sponsors to help the needy children, and to help when existing sponsors cannot continue to support a child in school.*
- *We commend to your love the new Bishop, Stephen Kaziimba and his wife Margaret, and pray that their ministry will bring blessing and hope to the people of Mityana.*
- *Trusting in your great love, we bring before you all those who are suffering through poverty, malnutrition and disease, we remember especially the dying, the orphans and the bereaved, and ask that you will give to them your comfort, healing and peace.*
- *Thank you for all our friends in Mityana, and for the warmth, hospitality and care that they always show to us. We pray that in their hopes and sorrows, their difficulties and their joys, they will always know your blessing and your love. AMEN*

APPENDIX

THE MITYANA CHARITY
(registered charity no. 1064825)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2009

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2009	TOTAL FUNDS 2008
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations			4,391	4,391	2,686
Pupil Sponsorship			33,874	33,874	29,709
Lwankuba Farm Project			4,880	4,880	8,402
Lwankuba Primary School			17,101	17,101	26,872
Lwankuba Animal & Gift Schemes			10,136	10,136	9,302
"A Child Unheard"			3,565	3,565	21,977
Health Clinics			1,563	1,563	314
Orphanage & other projects			4,149	4,149	1,119
Gift-Aid Refund receivable	2.2		12,462	12,462	11,000
Bank & other interest received		709		709	295
			-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		709	92,121	92,830	111,676
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Donations			4,494	4,494	1,990
Pupil Sponsorship			34,145	34,145	27,029
Lwankuba Farm Project			14,623	14,623	3,145
Lwankuba Primary School			29,041	29,041	16,634
Lwankuba Animal & Gift Schemes			11,369	11,369	7,705
"A Child Unheard"			3,294	3,294	22,204
Health Clinics			2,168	2,168	-
Orphanage & other projects			331	331	1,856
Administrative expenses		3,491		3,491	3,092
Bank charges		313		313	252
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		3,804	99,465	103,269	83,907
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES		-	3,095	-	7,344
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		3,474	-	3,474	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		379	-	10,818	-
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		637	59,557	60,194	32,425
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 28 FEBRUARY 2009 (2008)		1,016	48,739	49,755	60,194

THE MITYANA CHARITY
(registered charity no. 1064825)
BALANCE SHEET as at 28 FEBRUARY 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS			
None		0	0
CURRENT ASSETS			
Gift-Aid Refunds receivable	2.2	28,700	20,600
Prepayments		-	700
Bank balances		21,055	38,894
		49,755	60,194
LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - None		0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		49,755	60,194
		49,755	60,194
LIABILITIES : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR			
None		0	0
NET ASSETS		49,755	60,194
<i>representing :</i>			
GENERAL UNRESTRICTED FUND		1,016	637
RESTRICTED FUNDS		48,739	59,557
		49,755	60,194

Approved by the Trustees on 29 APRIL 2009 and signed on their behalf by :

JEAN AJIN	Jean Ajin, Chairman
JANICE KNOX	Janice Knox, Treasurer

THE MITYANA CHARITY
(registered charity no. 1064825)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2009

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Overall basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with :

** Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005)

** applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 1993

1.2 Specific basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Accruals [matching of income and expenditure] basis in respect of Funds that are Unrestricted. The Receipts and Payments basis has been used for both years in respect of the projects contained in the Restricted Funds caption, with the exception of the accruals basis for Gift-Aid refunds receivable.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Funds

The General Fund represents the funds of the Charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use. The balance on Restricted Funds represents donations and funds received which have not yet been applied to the intended projects in Uganda. The payments shown in these accounts relate to the transfers made to the local trustees in Uganda.

2.2 Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been received.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the resources and expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to those resources

Gift-Aid Refunds receivable

The amounts shown in the SOFA is an estimate of the Receivable in respect of the donations for the year augmented by the difference in amounts received compared with accruals in earlier years.

Volunteer help

The value of the voluntary help received is not included in these accounts, but is described in the trustees' report

2.3 Resources Expended

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised in these accounts as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. The balance on the Restricted Funds represents amounts donated and collected awaiting disbursement.

3 STAFF COSTS & EXPENSES

United Kingdom

The Charity did not have any employees in 2008 and 2009 for its functions in the United Kingdom. Some reimbursement of petty cash expenditure was made to those trustees who incurred such expenses.

Overseas

Teachers' salaries, sponsorship coordinator's remuneration and farm workers' wages are included in some payments

During the year an honorarium of £575 [2008 £500] was paid to a secretarial assistant in Uganda and contributions have been made towards the increasing administrative burden.

4 GRANTS

The grants made by the charity to causes in Uganda are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities

MITYANA CHARITY

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2009

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 [the Act] as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- ** examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended)
- ** to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission [under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended]
- ** to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts set out on Pages 1 to 3

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - ** proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993
 - ** accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
- (2) and to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed : **R H NELSON**

Date : 29 APRIL 2009

Robert H Nelson
Independent Examiner
Chartered Accountant
Wokingham