



The Mityana Charity

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Mityana Charity wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas

New Life Gifts –

It's not too late to order your gift for someone who has everything!

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Can you spare some time to help run the scheme?

When people buy a New Life Gift we give them a Presentation Certificate that can be given to friends or relatives saying that this gift has been sent to Uganda on their behalf.

We are looking for someone to take on organisation of the Gift Scheme from January. (You will need access to photocopying facilities.) This is an opportunity to help make a real impact on the lives of people in Mityana. Please contact jean.ajin1@ntlworld.com

A comment from Uganda re our email Christmas cards

"Praise the Lord, thanks for the Christmas card. I support the idea of instead of spending money to buy the cards. Let us save the life of people of Mityana" Christopher Katongole.

Please remember to renew your sponsorship which was due in November. It is helpful for the children to know that they have funding for schooling next year before they take their exams.

If you would like to send a Christmas card to your child then put it c/o PO 289, Mityana, Uganda, East Africa. If you would like to send a Christmas present you can donate some money for your child, choose something from our gift list (the solar panels and lights at £13 were very successful last year) or send a gift by post (no guarantee it will get through the postal system or get there by Christmas!).

Congratulations



I'm here to tell you that I did well and completed my studies well thank you so much for you contribution in this situation. Let me take this opportunity to tell you that, after the my graduation, am looking for a job of my qualification and am still trying in every clearing and forwarding company and at our airport of Uganda and I haven't got any response from the employers. But things there not easy I only need your prayers in this situation. God Blessed me with a stationary where I work to earn a survival a day they give me 1000shillings (25p!) plus lunch a day. I would like to enjoy my field internationally because it is an international course. I believe that God who has brought me from far he will fulfil his promises towards me as his child. Thank you,

Wilson Kawooya.



This is Charles (working at Mbarara University). Charles is a sponsored undergraduate, studying pharmacy

Thank you

We would like to thank the 13 children from St Sebastian's Primary school in Wokingham for raising £286.60 for books for the Orphanage. They took part in a Sponsored Read over the summer. Well done to you all.

Thank you for the Mosquito nets

200 mosquito nets were delivered in November in a 4WD pick up truck (due to the slippery roads) to all the children at Mavuvumira school. They were delighted to have such a wonderful gift. This school is a long way out in the bush. Parents of the children were there too to give their appreciation. There was a question and answer session in which a parent asked why the children needed nets as they would be immune from malaria. Such poor education in the bush areas is frightening.



Our new minibus



We have purchased a minibus which will be a commercial project. It has already been in use for the two groups who have visited recently. Ronald is our driver.

Sponsorship by Jo Riddaway

On my recent trip to Mityana many young people came to the hotel to meet me to give their thanks for what has been done for them through the charity. Three lovely young women came, Viola, Saana and Joyce. They are all orphans who would never have had a chance in life if they had not been sponsored. They are waiting for their final university exam grades but all know from their exam marks that they have done very well.

They will graduate in January and then hopefully will be able to find work as a journalist, a social worker and an AIDs counsellor.

A young man called Dan arrived to show his sponsor his driving licence. He told her that he has finished his garage training successfully and has set himself up as a panel beater. It's great to see such good outcomes from so much generous support from sponsors

Grace [our wonderful coordinator in Mityana] took me to Mityana Secondary school where we met the students who were going to be taking their A level exams the next week. This is a photo of them all looking extraordinarily smart compared to British sixth formers! It was good to talk to them and listen to their hopes for the future.

We also visited some of the younger children at home. This is always a very moving experience. The children that I met were mostly living with a grandmother, a cousin, an aunt or in one case even a generous neighbour. It is very humbling to see how these good people manage to share what very little they have with our children.



If Father Christmas buys you a new laptop, mobile phone or camera we would be grateful for your old ones to take to Mityana.

Mityana Visit 23rd October – 4th November – a brief update by Debbie Harris

During our time in Mityana we visited a number of schools, the orphanage, A Child Unheard Centre, clinics and prisons. Our focus was particularly on health education as the group included a school nurse and a dentist. They were able to give advice on hand washing and cleaning teeth which will have an impact on the health of the communities we visited. In this respect the visit was very effective and will really make a difference. It was encouraging to see the progress made at the orphanage which Julia Webb-Harvey wrote about previously and to see the changes at Nabukenya Primary School and Lwankuba Farm where they are now planting coffee.



Telling the story of Noah's Ark at A Child Unheard Centre

News from Ann in Mityana

We have been out to Makonzi teaching Lay Readers. When Hugh was talking a cow with huge horns walked into the church! Not something we normally experience in the U.K. The Readers here have huge areas to look after and virtually no resources. They used to get an allowance, but now their income is virtually nil! The Pentecostal churches are taking all their young people because they have musical instruments etc., and the Anglicans can't compete. However, they are always delighted to get together when I come and to have the opportunity of some new input and a time of sharing.

The new hall/church at Nabukenya Primary School is looking very good and we are hoping to have a big opening ceremony in February.

Conditions in the prisons still touch my heart! The men get one meal of posho and beans each day. It is mainly a terrible looking block of posho which is often sour, and which we would not feed to the pigs.

Their big worry is for their families who will have no support of any sort when the men are imprisoned. A lot of their "crimes" are very small things, debts etc. The blankets we gave to the two prisons I have visited are horrible! I don't think they have ever been washed. The men themselves have virtually no way of keeping themselves clean. I would love to be able to do more for this project. Yesterday we went to Kyankwanzi, such a long way to the north. It was a very beautiful area with mountains and wonderful trees and vegetation. It is quite green now, but this was an area that was badly hit by the recent drought, and the earth and grass was baked brown at that time.

We went to visit Borehole No. 3 which is working well. It is difficult to express how great the happiness of the people is now that they have water. Before we put it in gangs would wander round during the droughts, desperately trying to find water for their families and their animals. The borehole has made a huge difference to the lives of people in this area. Thank you.

After this visit we drove some distance to Cranmer's School, (St.Paul's Secondary School). A forestry company came to work in this area and drove all the children out of a school on the land they were planting. The Bishop took up the case, taking along the church land documents, but at first the company was quite intransigent about this. Eventually the New Forest Company agreed to build a new Secondary School. Although the building is fairly new, they have absolutely no resources. I think there are about 150 pupils, but only one pit latrine for them and for the teachers. When Cranmer arrived there were not even chairs for the teachers to sit on. Fortunately the Charity was able to provide some from elsewhere, and we also bought him a desk. Can you believe that with all these secondary school children they have no text books? How can they learn? The Government has not paid the teachers wages for the last six months, and I just don't know how they keep going. Life is not easy here. The Government likes all the children to wear school uniform, so as we are driving along the roads we keep seeing little flocks of them like bright birds in every colour of the rainbow.

Trip to Mityana October 2011

By Jon Boulding

I joined a group of 16 people, including my 17 year old daughter Francesca for my first ever visit to Mityana. Arriving at Entebbe airport, I wondered what I was letting myself in for as a very heavy tropical storm greeted the group. This meant suitcases of wet clothes as well as the ones we were wearing.

Luckily the rain stopped later after lunch, so we made a visit to the African Friends in Need Network, where training is available for older students who have missed out on education. There we saw carpentry, needlework and cooking and met the irrepressible bishop George, who had set it up.



The next day was spent at St. Mary's School for the deaf. I did a talk (with a signing interpreter) about diet, dental decay and tooth brushing. Alison Goddard, who is a nurse, did a demonstration on hand washing.



We repeated our presentations at a number of schools and clinics during our visit. These included : Nabukenya Primary; Brilliant Vision Primary; Buwaata Maternity Clinic; Mityana Orphanage & Mityana Junior School.



I started with classes of about 40 children, but worked up to a whole school talk of about 400. Everywhere we were welcomed and encouraged to fill in the all important visitors book. The children & teachers were keen to learn and appreciated our efforts. I haven't heard so much clapping in a long time!

Our greatest joy however was meeting Vivian (our sponsored child) and her aunt Annet. She was quite shy at first, but soon started to chat merrily with Francesca once the conversation got round to proper girl's interests.



Overall my memories are of a warm welcome with many smiling children.



Sad news

Many of you may have seen that Ugandan children are being used as human sacrifice by witchdoctors. This is a link to a documentary about trafficking of children in Uganda. It was on BBC in November. It is quite disturbing but worth watching. Below is the link.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b016c23d/Our_World_The_Witchdoctors_Children/

Med-Aid

Thank you Tim and Med-Aid for the wonderful medical equipment you kindly donated to Mityana Charity. The latest group took it to Mityana where it was warmly welcomed by the clinics.



Kinaalwa Geoffrey has been appointed as our new project coordinator from Jan 2012.

Help our Treasurer

Please can we ask that when you make a direct transfer to our account you please put a reference on it e.g sponsorship, Ann Potts, orphanage, Nabukenya Primary School (NPS), water, bibles, bikes etc.

We are also having direct payments with no surname just the first two names appearing. This is very difficult to fathom out who they are from!

Can we please urge you to make bank transfers or standing orders

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