



The Mityana Charity



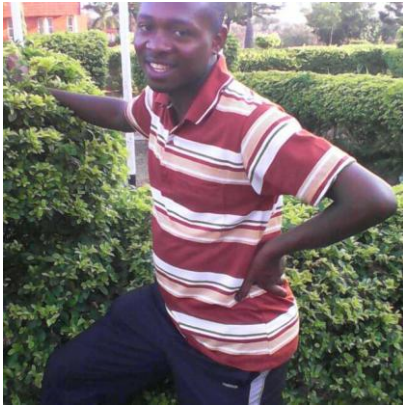
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What does sponsorship mean to the children in the scheme?

Here, two young people reflect on the difference it has made to their lives.



Edison writes I am proud of Mityana Charity because of what they have done for me. I joined the sponsorship scheme in 2008 when I was still in my primary seven and continued up to 2014 after I completed my plumbing course. I am now employed and working with a big company the Jinja Nile plywood company in Ninja, Uganda dealing with plywood. All this is because of MITYANA CHARITY. I really thank you all for supporting those of us who cannot make our future bright, due to being orphans. I pray that the Almighty God may bless you all, most especially Kim Spooner my sponsor, because you deserve it. I admire you all and would like you also to join the organisation and help the needy. Thank you a lot.

Edison Musisi, Plumber

Fridah writes: am a sponsored child through Mityana Charity. I lost my mother in 1994 and one year later I lost my father. The 5 of us went to live with my grandma, 70 years old and a peasant farmer. She had no income yet tried her best to try to educate us. Fortunately my brother and I were helped by Mityana Charity who provided fees, books and other necessities. We studied and worked hard and I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Education. If it wasn't for Mityana Charity I wouldn't have succeeded in life. The work done here by Mityana Charity has made a great

difference to the lives of hundreds of people. We thank you and encourage others to sponsor children.

Report by Hugh Wakeling on his Visit to Uganda Oct/Nov 2015

1. Things Going Well in Mityana

We do want to say thank you to all of you for your ongoing support and prayers. Without your help the Mityana Charity would not exist. All the good things that are happening, like the sponsorship of over 200 children and young people, happen because good people like you are actively supporting us. It was a privilege for me to go and see it all happening. When I was out in Uganda it was good to see Nabukenya Primary School going well with Richard, the new Head Teacher, leading the way. The overall school now has 258 pupils, 137 boys and 121 girls. The pupils are now required to pay very small school fees, as their contribution towards paying for the teachers. The book keeper has a record of what each pupil has contributed on a spreadsheet. The new dormitories now house 21 girls and 15 boys. The new Nursery Building houses three classes attended by 37 boys and 31 girls.



The Pig Unit which was started in February 2015 is a local attempt raise money towards the cost of running the school. Money was donated from the UK to get it started, and it is now up and running, and the new pig enclosures look very good. At the time of my visit they had 10 sows and 21 piglets. They have a university lecturer providing them with advice, and a local vet visits regularly and inoculates each batch of piglets within

week or two of birth.

The Coffee Farm at Lwankuba continues to do well. It has 76 acres under cultivation and has already produced 5 tons of coffee beans. The coffee trees are growing well, now with some automated irrigation. The farm should be able to deliver a lot more coffee in the future.



No 1 Borehole just outside the school, provided by the Charity some years ago, had been repaired partly using money collected from the local Water Users Committee. The local management of this borehole is a great step forward towards self-sufficiency!

2. Thanks for Gifts Received

I need to pass on the warm thanks expressed to me especially by:

Gladys the Head Teacher at the St Mary's School for the Deaf was very grateful indeed that this year the school has, through the Mityana Charity, been connected to the electricity supply, and they are now able to have electric lights. The school has also received a water tank from us to collect water from their roof.

Canon Michael, the Archdeacon of Mityana, was very grateful for the large water tank provided by the Charity to AFINNET Vocational School.

Mityana Town Prison was very grateful for 12 mattresses provided for the women prisoners to sleep on. Since then we have been able to send out money to provide mattresses for the women prisoners at Magala Prison.



(**Sophie Crowther** adds: The new prison governor is making lots of changes for the better at Mityana Prison. The women's cell floor has been cemented and finished to a good standard. He is keen on teaching prisoners, including women, a variety of skills e.g. gardening and making bricks, to help them manage on their release.)

At each Clinic we visited, Sophie Crowther gave out up to date reference books for the staff to use including the book "Where there is no Doctor". Books were also left for distribution to the other Clinics which we were unable to visit.

Many others have been helped in many ways, I cannot mention them all, but these recipients were particularly vocal in their thanks!

3. Some Plans for Water Projects in 2016

About 10 application forms had been filled in by schools and clinics who would like Mityana Charity to provide them with water tanks to collect water off their roofs. One in fact had been filled in by the Governor of Mityana Town Prison, where we have already provided two water tanks, and the Governor has persuaded the Uganda Government to provide a third. I managed to visit a number of these schools and prisons and clinics, and agreed with Geoffrey that the priority for the next two tanks should be:

Kasaana Clinic, about 100 km west of Mityana Town. Money was available for this and was sent out in December 2015.

Miseebe Clinic, only about 14 km west of Mityana Town. This will be done next when sufficient money has been received.

Kasoolo Secondary School needs another set of latrines and Impirigwa Primary School urgently needs a bore hole. These two projects will be done once there are sufficient funds to do them.

As well as providing water tanks we would like to do projects to protect water springs from contamination and provide more latrines and bore holes.

4. Changes in Mityana Town

The congregation of All Saints Church Busimbi have been fund raising and building for about four years, and a huge cathedral of a church has now been constructed. The walls are two stories high and the roof is now complete. There are still no actual doors and windows – these are still just holes in the bricks. But their congregation of several hundred is bringing in the money, and the building is looking very impressive in the middle of Mityana Town.

For many years the Mityana Hospital has been in a sorry state. However this year the Uganda Government (maybe with Chinese money) has put up a very large new hospital building in which to re-house the hospital. The new building looks very good on the outside, and was due to open in November 2015. We hope that there will be adequate numbers of doctors and nurses, as well as suitable equipment, to enable this hospital to serve the town well.



Lulagala Clinic, for which we provided a new roof, a couple of years back, is now putting up a new building of its own. The new building should enable them to have inpatients and be upgraded so that they qualify to have a resident doctor. (Nearly all Clinics in this part of Uganda are staffed by nurses, midwives and laboratory technicians, but have no actual doctors!) So far the new building at Lulagala Clinic has walls have reached roof level, but there is a long way to go before this building will be operational.

Mityana Charity believes that we are called to help the very poor, by sponsoring children who would otherwise not go to school, stand providing water tanks and bore holes to provide clean drinking water, and championing the Human Rights of those unable to up for themselves, etc. We are very pleased to see the Ugandans doing these things to help themselves, but we feel that our mission is to help those still in great need, and not to put our limited funds into big projects that seem to be doing very well without our support. Do let us know if you have any comments on the policy we are pursuing.

Thank you again for all the help and support you are giving through the Mityana Charity.

Condolences

It with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Rev Paulo Musisi who died on 31st December after a long illness. Paulo was our first farm manager at Lwankuba Farm. Our condolences go to his family

Bracknell Half Marathon

Will you support Jane Critchlow in aid of Mityana Charity? Jane's fundraising page can be accessed from the following link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/janecritchlow1>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our AGM is Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm in St Sebastian's Parish Centre

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