

The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

Registered Charity no.: 1064825



Issue: Feb 2018

Happy New Year and thank you for your support last year



Kasoolo Health Clinic

WASH projects

Kasoolo Health Clinic:

I am very glad to report that, since the Kasoolo Health Clinic was officially opened in February, it has been going well and they helped 425 patients in the first four months of operation.

New Clinic at Rwamashengyero:

Some very generous people have already raised £ 30,000 towards the new Health Clinic at Rwamashengyero, which is located in a very needy area about 9 km south of the road that goes west from Mityana to Mbende. At the moment there is currently no medical provision at all! Rwamashengyero is a place that was visited some years ago by a group of people from St Sebastian's Church, on their way back from a visit to the then new Maternity Unit at Buwaata Clinic. On that occasion these kind people paid for the pump at the bore hole at Rwamashengyero to be repaired.

In this issue:

- WASH projects update
- Sponsorship
- Child Rights
- Fundraising efforts
- DOTS Foundation

The Mityana Charity Committee met in December and decided that, in view of the money already given, we would go ahead with at least a minimum Clinic Building and some latrines. We really need £ 40,000 to complete the initial phase of this clinic, by providing some staff accommodation, and so we would be glad to receive donations towards this new clinic, which we plan to build during 2018.

Report on WASH Projects:

During 2017, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to provide four new water tanks at Myanzi Prison, Hillside Primary School, Naama Primary School, and Township Secondary school. And as reported in our last Newsletter we have also provided four-door latrines at Patience Primary School, Kalangaalo Secondary School, Nakaseeta Primary School and Kiryokya Primary School.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the WASH Fund in 2017 and made these four water tanks and four sets of latrines possible. The number of additional latrines and water tanks that we will be able to complete during 2018 will depend on the amount of money we receive. If you want to contribute to these projects please state that you wish your donation to go to WASH (Water and Sanitation

Hygiene) Fund, or if you prefer state “water tanks” or “latrines”, when you send in your donation. For about £ 2,200 you can sponsor a four-door latrine for a school or a health centre.

The final water tank for 2017 was at Township Secondary School and has now been completed, and we have a picture below:



Hugh Wakeling

News about Hugh

Since writing his report, our dear friend Hugh was taken seriously ill he has now been in hospital for over 5 weeks.

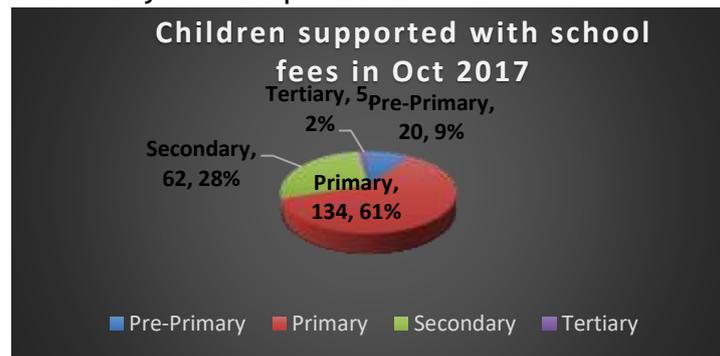
He has had pneumonia, sepsis and is being treated for myeloma. His memory was affected but is improving. His legs are still seriously bent - especially his right one, but he can walk and is working hard at it, trying to get to the point when he can manage without sticks.

This has been devastating for Hugh and for Joan. We would be grateful for your prayers for his healing and for strength for them both.

Sponsorship

Thank you to those sponsors who have renewed their sponsorship. There are still a few outstanding payments. If the fees are not paid unfortunately the children have to drop out of the school. If you have a problem with paying, please contact us or try to find

someone else to share the costs. As you can imagine, if their sponsorship stops, they and the family feel despondent.



Following on from our sponsorship programme our Ugandan team has developed a course called Economic Empowerment

The Work for Life team has continued supporting the former MUC graduates with business empowerment skills in order to develop their understanding of the economy of Uganda and how to do business, market and sustain it. 2 sessions were held in October and 15 children attended.



Children’s Rights Debate Competitions

This year’s debate commenced in July and 8 schools participated. Mityana Secondary School and Royal Giant High School made it to the finals. The debates aimed at sensitizing students on their rights and at empowering them to effectively express their views concerning human and children’s rights, to instil self-esteem, self-confidence and presentation skills. Two judges came from FIDA and the Human Rights Commission. The topic for the debate was “Do the demerits of Women’s emancipation override its merits on

our developing society.” Both schools participated well and Royal Giant High School emerged the best in the competition and both schools were given trophies for the first and second position. Students who participated in the debate were awarded with certificates and each school received a goat. Many



officials came to the debate including the Mityana District police commander, the family and children’s protection unit, and Hon. Namabidde amongst others. Over 168 children attended the debate.

General School sensitization on Child Rights

Students from St. Anne Primary School and St Peter’s Busuubizi Secondary School, all in Mityana district, were sensitized on their rights. The department thought it now worthwhile to increase awareness of human rights and advocacy to a wider school community, other than focusing on just Mityana municipality. The district head of family and child protection unity from Mityana central police led the sensitization of 157 students.

St Mary’s School for the Deaf

Although this school isn’t one of our projects, many of our visitors like to join in activities there. Many families lock their disabled children away and don’t send them to school. The children here are well cared for and are happy and smiling.

Recently Starkey, a hearing foundation, have tested their hearing and provided the

children with hearing aids. They were so excited to be able to hear.



A Fundraising Triumph for Ben Wayman

On 15th December, when the temperature was 4 degrees the matron at school shaved his head



Ben Writes:

Happy new year! I can’t thank you enough for all the amazing donations to the Education Centre in Mityana, Uganda, you have put through. The total (with gift aid) is:

£1602.75!

I was in the top 3% of fundraisers with Justgiving in December! I never thought I would have got this far, I’m sure it’s really helped the charity on many fronts. This was so kind for everyone to do and meant so much to me.

Here is a picture to prove it! This was with a week’s hair growth too. Thank you to Gerry for shaving it all off!

Well done, Ben! Thank you for making such a difference to the children in Mityana.

Daughter of the Soil (DOTS Foundation)

We are so excited to be supporting rural women farmers in Mityana, Uganda through the work of the DOTS Foundation



What is the DOTS Foundation?

Our story began in the 1950s on the fertile landscape of Eastern Uganda with a daughter of the Soil, Onyang. A strong and influential lady in her community, driven to do good

Maria became inspired to build a large-scale ethical skin care business that honours her great-grandmother who believed in the benefits of nature. Her intention is to sustain her legacy of creating effective skin care products using local botanical ingredients.

Hellen's ambition is to create amazing products using this as a key enabler to promote the community agenda through 'Connect The DOTS'

We are motivated by the simple yet powerful goals of celebration, of women backing women, showcasing natural treasures from Africa.

Fundraising

Maria Thompson will be running in the Bracknell Half Marathon.

To support her go to her fundraising page at:

www.everyclick.com/mariabracknellhalf

Congratulations

- to **Maurice**, Jean Ajin's sponsored boy for becoming deputy head boy at Mityana Secondary School. What an achievement. 'I am very proud of you' said Jean



- To **Richard Yetchel Mayende** on his BSc degree in Education. He is the first person in his family to get a degree. He said: 'For real let me enjoy for what was embedded in my grandfather's will (RIP) for me to take home a degree from specifically Makerere University'



Have you ever wondered how the charity started?

Find out about this amazing and inspiring story by watching an interview with **Jean Ajin**

You can see it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=LWEqnExFZr0

Mityana Charity AGM

To find out more about the Charity and to understand how it is run come along to the AGM on

15th May at 7.30pm

St Sebastian's Church, Parish Centre, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, RG40 3AT

- Secondary fees are £250. First year secondary need an extra £70 to help set them up with the equipment they need for secondary school.

Finally, a few financial reminders.....

Are you a **tax payer**? If so, please consider completing a Gift Aid form downloadable at:

mityanacharity.org/form_ga.doc

Are you Interested in leaving a **legacy** to The Mityana Charity?

For further information please see: mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html

A plea from our Treasurer

CAF donations

Please email enquiry@mityanacharity.org if you donate in this way, include:

Your name

The amount

The project for which it is intended Thank you.

Bob Riddaway

Lent and Easter Giving

Do something different for Lent this year - if you are giving up something donate the money to Mityana Charity or send an Easter card with the money you saved.

Contact: enquiry@mityanacharity.org



Wishing you a very Happy Easter!

Through the purchase of this card money will go towards our hen scheme to help alleviate poverty in Mityana.

Sponsors Needed

We still have many children needing sponsorship. We would be grateful if you could raise this with friends/groups.

Fees are still the same for 2017 (as long as the exchange rate doesn't drop any further!).

- £125 a year for primary fees from Nursery to P7
- Plus £150 for boarding for those going into P7 so they can concentrate on their final end of primary exams.

CONTACT US

The Mityana Charity,
The Secretary,
6 Tangley Drive, Wokingham,
Berks
RG41 2NY

enquiry@mityanacharity.org

Follow us:

