

# The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

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Patience Primary School

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## WASH Projects

- **New Clinic at Kasoolo Secondary School is now open for Business**

The new Clinic at Kasoolo has been made possible by a generous donation from a couple in the USA, and a grant from the Medicor Foundation. Here is a picture of the clinic on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the day it was opened by Jean Ajin and blessed by the Bishop of Mityana:



Jean at Kasoolo Clinic

Following the success of this project Mityana Charity is hoping to build a second Clinic at Rwamashengyero, where there is a desperate

need. The architect has drawn up some plans but we will probably need to raise about £ 30,000 to build it. Do pray that before long the money will become available.

## Report on WASH Projects:

As mentioned in the Mityana Charity Annual Report we were able to provide five sets of four-door latrines and five water tanks in 2016. I am glad to report that in 2017 we have started well and have already completed four-door latrines at:

- Patience Primary School (Picture on the left, when Jean Ajin visited the school)
- Kalangaalo Secondary School (Picture on the right)

We have now received money to construct two more four-door latrines which are under construction.



Four door latrine

In terms of Water tanks we have completed two at:



Myanzi Prison



Hillside Primary School

We have now received money to construct a third tank, and nearly enough money to construct a fourth. The number of additional latrines and water tanks that we will be able to complete during 2017 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 state "water tanks" or "latrines", when you send in your donation.

**Hugh Wakeling**

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### How Sponsorship Changes Lives

Hello everyone, I greet you all in the name of our Lord. My name is **Kasibante Charles**, I am a beneficiary of the charity from 2002-2015. I am glad to be among the pioneer beneficiaries. When I joined Mityana Orphanage in primary school I met a British friend called Henny Saunders, she was a young lady then and she had just completed her college. She had come to Africa in a missionary group called Oasis. With my little English and sometimes sign language we used to hold conversations. She came to understand that I had both parents but I go to the orphanage school and she later discovered my parents couldn't afford to pay for my school fees in any of the private schools. She got in touch

with my primary school headmistress Mrs Mildred who connected her to Mityana Charity, and from then she decided to shoulder my academic needs and from then I have never missed class because of school fees. She has been a big foundation for my future, I have been able to go to a good school up to 2016 when I graduated as a medical clinical officer. My future is seeming bright and I happen to be a small fish in a huge lake. Really God works in ways we cannot see because my parents took all 7 children to the orphanage school just to achieve education. Through different ways we all graduated with 3 of us being supported by Mityana Charity. My brother Mike graduated in laboratory technology and Prossy is a graduate Nurse. They are all working with Mityana local government hospitals.

My mum is proud of us I think our Dad would be proud of us too. Unfortunately, he couldn't withstand looking at his children sleeping on hungry stomachs, probably he was broken and opted for suicide in 2005, but our spiritual father didn't let go of us and His mercy remained up to date. We the seven children, our mother and her grandchildren are living a happy life.

**WE CURRENTLY SUPPORT:**

**20 PUPILS AT PRE-PRIMARY**

**134 PUPILS AT PRIMARY LEVEL**

**66 STUDENTS AT SECONDARY LEVEL**

**39 STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY LEVEL**

Allow me to send my sincere appreciation to the Charity Board in the UK and Mityana Uganda Charity, especially Mr and Mrs Musaasizi, you have been good parents for us all. Geoffrey Kinaalwa has made a huge difference to us.

Lastly but mostly I thank my good friend, my sponsor, my mentor Miss Henny Saunders, what you have done for me is indescribable, may God bless you always.

## Healthcare in Rural Uganda

### Kasoolo Clinic



During my last visit to Mityana I was able to help commission the new health centre in Kasoolo funded by Medicor Foundation and Herb Wacker. In spite of Uganda's significant progress in poverty reduction and improvements in healthcare, healthcare remains inadequate in most areas in the face of increasing need. Access to primary health care is difficult for many Ugandans, and the quality of care is inconsistent.

The lack of transport infrastructure means that access to distant clinics is exceptionally difficult - there are no ambulances, or other patient transport services, in areas such as that surrounding Kasoolo.

The building was completed in January 2017 to serve both the school and the community. It is expected to support other villages with the estimated population of 7-8,000. The population varies somewhat because 3 villages are refugee villages. The villagers were overjoyed to have such a wonderful resource and the children provided dancing and singing to thank us.

Jean Ajin

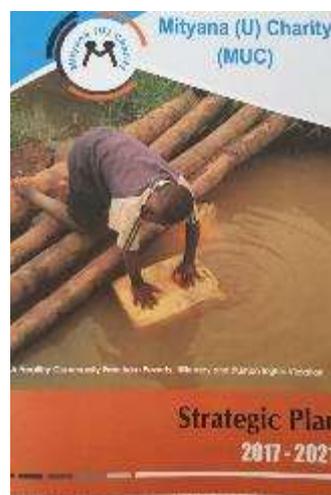
MITYANA CHARITY HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE BUILDING OF CLINICS IN RURAL AREAS, UPDATING FACILITIES AND SUPPLYING WATER TANKS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Nabukennya Primary school was handed over to the Diocese of Mityana as it is now a fully functioning school. Boarding facilities and a pig project and pork joint have been put in place to provide some funding for the running of the school. It is so rewarding to provide development and then hand it to those who it belongs to.



### Mityana (U) Charity - Strategic Plan

We were delighted to host Geoffrey Kinaalwa in May. He attended our AGM and visited many of our donors to thank them for their continued



support to the lives of many people in Mityana.

We had a trustees meeting where he presented their strategic plan for 2017-2021. It is good to see planning for the future and new partnerships aligning to these programmes.

The main areas of focus are:

1. Education and sponsorship
2. Human Rights Advocacy and Awareness
  - Human Rights and Prison
  - Human Rights programmes for school children
  - Land conflicts management
3. Economic empowerment through sustainable agricultural activities
4. WASH Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
5. Health system strengthening

## Geoffrey Kinaalwa's visit to Wellington College

The Orange, Wellington College, welcomed back Geoffrey Kinaalwa from the Mityana Charity

Geoffrey spoke to the house and expressed gratitude for the Orange's role in developing Nabukenya Primary School, the importance of human rights in this rural region of Uganda, and for the visit Orange girls and other sixth formers last autumn.

The visit coincided with a large number of parents taking the opportunity to sponsor a child through their schooling. Separately from this generosity, the Orange raised over £11,000 this year for the human rights project through their house entertainment evening and a £5 entrepreneurship challenge. Geoffrey gave a gift of thanks to the whole house and then specifically to Claudia de la Hey whose incredible fundraising efforts earned over £1500 through the £5 challenge.



In the Orange, a large number of junior girls raised their hands when asked if they would like to visit in future years, whilst Geoffrey spent the afternoon with the Raglan House, who are also looking to build a relationship with Mityana, so Wellington's impact on this part of rural Mityana will continue to grow. We are indeed looking forward to returning to Mityana in 2018, to see the progress that has been made.

**Report by Jo Wayman,  
Housemistress of The Orange**

## Our grateful thanks to...

### Canon John Musaasizi

At the Mityana Uganda Charity AGM we said thank you to Canon John Musaasizi for his dedication and hard work with the charity. John has been involved for over 15 years and during that time served as chairman of the charity for several years. Thank you, John.



We wish you a very happy retirement!

A big thank you to **Yasmin Jenkins**, who completed the London Marathon and raised **£6,300** for us.



### To Christ Church Woodley

#### Beryl Wootton writes:

During 2015 Hugh Wakeling came to Christ Church Woodley, to talk to our Wednesday afternoon group about his work for Mityana Charity.

What he said so impressed the members, that

when it came to September and we started to think which charity we would support for 2016, Mityana received the highest vote. So, on January 2016 we set in motion our fundraising. Hugh gave us access to some pictures to show on our display board, (your web site was also useful for this).

It was also a great joy that Hugh accepted an invitation to lead one of our Sunday Morning Services. He asked me to help him and so together we prepared a service, which was very well received by all the congregation. Another supporter came to speak to our Girls Brigade in July.

Our Fundraising consisted of a Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening; a May Fair; A concert to which a few Mityana members came to - and Hugh said a few words as to what the concert was in aid of.

We have coffee after church each Sunday and donations from this go to that year's project. We have a post box at Christmas where we put cards to church members and donate the postage saved to the Project too.

My biggest disappointment was not being able to take up Hugh's invitation to join him, and another couple, on a trip to Mityana. I really did think seriously about this but decided against it on many counts.

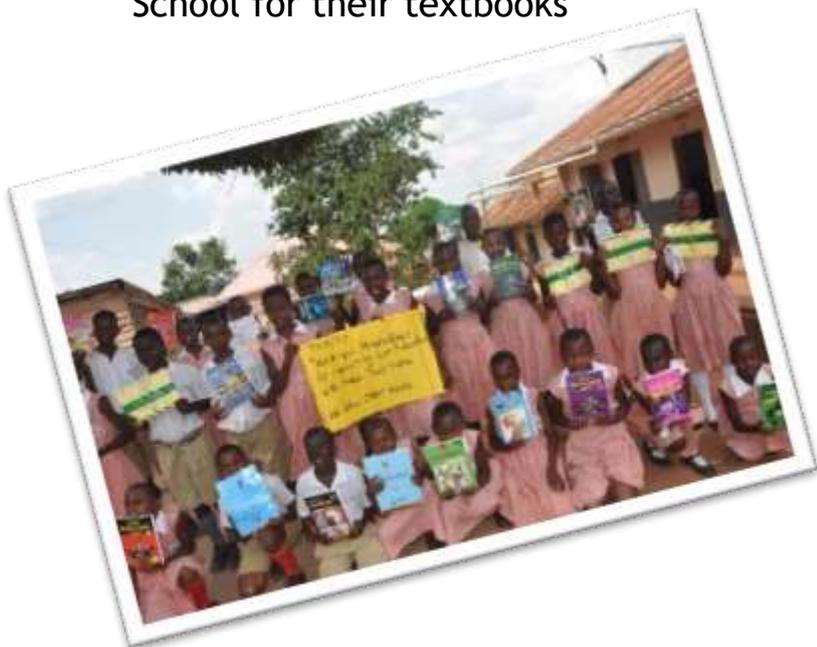
But I was so pleased we were able to raise the wonderful sum of over **£4,400** and know that the first instalment was well used as Hugh sent, and then showed us, pictures of the Latrines built at Mpirigwa Primary School, and the 'plaque' mounted on the wall. We were really pleased that the money was used for such a worthwhile project - something we all take for granted and cannot imagine living without.

I understand that the remainder of the donation was going to replace the water tank at Myanzi Prison. Another worthwhile installation. We know the need of water even in our temperate climate, but in the heat of Africa, clean water must be essential.

Thank you to all the supporters of Mityana Charity for the good work you do - physically and spiritually for the people of this region. It was a privilege to work with you for a year.

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## Trio school thank Mitcheldean Primary School for their textbooks



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## Sponsorship

*TUMWEBAZA Joel aged 17 lost his father in 2014 and his mother deserted him and his brother when he was 2 years old.*

*He was struggling to find the fees for his schooling but recently he has found a sponsor.*

*He wrote 'The only way out of my poverty is through education. I want to be a doctor. Only education can rescue my life but I don't have money to continue with it. I am in senior 5 and studying sciences. I then have 1 more year at secondary school to then take my A levels at the end of senior 6.'*

**Sponsorship has helped this young man to get back into education and given him a chance to realise his dream.**

**There are many others just like Joel who need our help. Perhaps you have friends or colleagues who may like to join the sponsorship programme. Why not consider asking them?**



## Sponsorship Fees

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.
- SECONDARY FEES ARE £250. FIRST YEAR SECONDARY NEED AN EXTRA £70 TO HELP SET THEM UP WITH THE EQUIPMENT THEY NEED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL.

### Please note:

If you like to send gifts to your sponsored child we have been asked by the committee in Mityana that they are no larger than the recommended 15x23 cm (6x9 in.) This is because they incur high custom fees which cause a financial hardship to Mityana Charity. Also, disposable cameras are not allowed to be sent as a gift to a child.

### A New Office

We would like to raise funds to build a hub for the charity within Mityana. This would comprise of office accommodation and a business/conference centre with rooms to let as a means of generating income so that our team in Mityana can become self-sufficient.

*If you can help us to start raising money for this project please contact us. It is urgent that we start raising funds for this as soon as possible.*

### Are you looking for an exciting challenge?

- GAP year students
- interns
- retirees
- volunteers

We could arrange placements for any length of time. Some of the projects you could be involved in include accounting, human rights, law, teaching, the school for the deaf, agriculture, coffee farming, IT skills, medical, water projects, office administration.

## 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](http://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](http://mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html)

## A plea from our Treasurer

### CAF donations

Please email [enquiry@mityanacharity.org](mailto: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

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