

# Mityana Charity

Registered Charity  
No. 1064825

A Christian Charity dedicated to helping the  
people of Mityana



**Annual Report 1999/2000**

**AGM 27<sup>th</sup> April 2001**

## Charity Objectives

- The advancement of education among children in the Mityana Diocese of Uganda through the funding of school building, sponsorship of children, and the establishment of links with schools in the UK
- The relief of poverty among the people in the Mityana Diocese, through the funding of self-help enterprises.
- The advancement of the Christian religion, especially, but not exclusively in the Mityana Diocese, through the sponsorship of clergy

## Charity Committee

Chairman:	Tim Gomm
Treasurer:	Lyn Green
Secretary:	Sarah Birch
Minutes Secretary:	Gill Cronin
Fundraising:	Nigel Birch
Sponsorship:	Jean Ashfield
Publicity:	Pete Beddall
Whitchurch Representative:	Ken Neeves
Wooburn Green Representative:	Derek Burden

## Chairman's Report

As I sit in my study at Theological College reflecting on different subjects, some of which we are meant to and some which are not... It is all too easy to forget the people of Mityana. Issues and situations are thrown at us through the media, and then seemingly forgotten in a week or two's time. This is most distressing as there are many different crises which still need our attention, but because they are old news they are out of the limelight.

In relative terms, the town of Mityana is quite well off compared to the surrounding Mityana District which is very poor; yet most of the charities work has so far been focused within the town. It is my hope that in the future the Charity's work will be able to encompass the needs of the surrounding countryside. Much is required in this area. Water is in short supply; the level of education is very low; there are very few hospitals, all in great need; church leaders have little or no resources. Margaret Bagley, and the rest of the Mityana Committee are actively looking for projects outside of Mityana Town in which the Mityana Charity can help and actively participate.

The past year has been quiet, with only a few people visiting Mityana for work related to the Charity, but whoever goes out experiences the delight and warmth of the local people. Visitors are welcomed with open arms and the people want to share with you what little they have.

We would love for more people to visit Mityana on the Charity's behalf, to meet with our friends out there and understand their needs. There are also some wonderful sights to see as well. The cost for a 10 day trip would be around £700, less if a good deal can be had on the flight. If you would consider going, and we have a number interested already, then please contact Jean

Ashfield who will be able to tell you more about it.

The sponsorship program, where money is sent out to Mityana for the education of children, both junior and senior, has been going well and numbers are growing. We are now able to attract sponsors via the Internet through our website at [www.mityanachairty.org.uk](http://www.mityanachairty.org.uk). Please do take a look.

Margaret Bagley is looking for a laptop computer to replace the one we sent out to her in 1997. The mouse has broken, and the keyboard is not behaving itself. If anyone would like to donate either the money for a computer or the actual machine then that would be appreciated. Margaret tells us that there will be new phone lines between Mityana and Kampala very soon, so enabling better use of electronic mail.

As I am standing down as the Charity Chairman, this will be my last report for the charity. I will still keep close links with the Charity as Karen and I sponsor a child from the Orphans school who is receiving secondary education. I also know that I will keep links with the friends I have out in Mityana. I have been out to Mityana a couple of times, and maybe one day in the future I will be able to take Karen and my children to meet those friends. Steven and Christine are very busy, but I hope that as time goes on we will see more and more happen, working in partnership with other organisations, and individuals.

Being the chair for the last couple of years has been a rewarding experience, and I wish I was able to do more, but I have to consider other things, and so I hope that I will be able to pass the mantle onto someone else who is able and willing.

Tim Gomm

## Charity Accounts

Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1 December 1999 to 30 November 2000

Balance as at 1.12.99 £5,397.23

### Income

Sponsorship of children	£9,117.27	
Transfer from Miriam Dean Fund	£2,650.00	
Tax rebate	£1,763.36	
General donations	£1,135.55	
Donations for Orphan school	£1,115.30	
Donations from Whitchurch	£1,050.00	
Wooburn Projects	£450.00	
Other donations	£154.70	
Interest received	£56.05	
Membership fees	£30.00	
Donation for Pigs	£25.00	
Shop shutter donation	£25.00	
Vicky Chapel donation	£10.00	
Total income		£17,582.23

### Expenditure

Sponsorship	£5,491.00	
Transfer to Uganda for Miriam Dean Fund	£2,650.00	
Travel expenses to Mityana	£1,163.00	
Whitchurch Projects	£650.00	
Wooburn	£470.00	
Other transfer to Mityana	£445.00	
Donation for temporary shelters	£436.00	
Donation for orphanage	£330.00	
Donation for Vicky Chapel	£210.00	
Administration	£204.24	
Donation for orphanage loos	£125.00	
Travel expenses	£103.20	
Bank charges for transfers	£96.00	
Donation for pigs	£95.00	
Printing of brochures and newsletter	£86.39	
Admin expenses for Mityana	£49.00	
Donation for shop shutter	£25.00	
Donation for workaid	£25.00	
Expenses for Matthew Fairclough in Mityana	£25.00	
Total expenditure		£12,678.83

Net income £4,903.40

Balance as at 30.11.00

£10,300.63

## Thanks to the Salvation Army



Many thanks are due to the people of the Wokingham Corps of the Salvation Army who have been a tremendous help in raising funds for the Mityana Charity.

In November 2000 the Mityana Charity was allowed to use the hall in Sturges Road free of charge to hold a jumble sale. This event raised £128 for Mityana.

During the very busy month of December 2000 the Wokingham Corps used two of their events to further help the people of Mityana. The first of these was a wonderful Christmas Concert, with band and songsters, held at Ranelagh School. Our Chair, Tim Gomm, was invited to introduce the Mityana Charity and explain the aims and objectives to the audience. We were also able to set up an information table, so we took along a Power Point presentation, some leaflets, photographs and crafts.

The second event was a Gift Day held during morning worship. In the past, members of the Wokingham Corps have been asked to provide a wrapped toy, which was then given to children in the area at Christmas time.

For Christmas 2000 the congregation was invited to bring a

gift of money which was to help both local children and the children of Mityana.



These two events raised the sum of £445 for the Mityana Charity.

In consultation with the Salvation Army it has been decided to use some of the money to sponsor the education of a child and the remainder will be used for health care projects for the children at the Mityana Orphans Primary and Vocational School.

Many, many thanks go to all at the Wokingham Corps of the Salvation Army who made this possible. The support shown to us has meant a great deal and the money generated by these events will make a real difference to the lives of children in Mityana.

Gill Cronin

## Fund Raising report (Nigel Birch)

Last year a new role of Fund raising officer for the Charity was created. Not quite knowing what I was letting myself in for I took on this role with trepidation. It has, however, been a “learning” year from knowing very little about the charity and its achievements to understanding what needs to be done and trying out new ideas for raising funds.

My role this year was to understand what projects we are already committed to support in the short term, then, to plan for future projects as they arise and hopefully target our fund raising initiatives. Several people have requested that specific funds are donated for particular projects so it seems sensible to ensure we have a good idea why we are raising money.

The following list of projects is continuing to be sponsored by the charity although the priority areas for financial and material support may change as need dictates.

1. Mityana Orphanage school
  - Completing toilet block (£125 sent)
  - Temporary shelters at the school (£436 sent)
  - Support Chigongo Medical Centre, Mityana re. Donation for HIV/AIDS pupils in Mityana Orphans school
2. Mityana Junior school.
  - Continuing the building work at this school (future consideration)
3. Glenburnie Butega school.
  - Donation of £25 for the Shop (£15 for shutter, £10 for general use)
4. Hospital Project – Future consideration by Whitchurch Deanery Committee
  - Administration and Dispensary block – repair of 2 water tanks (£506)
  - OPD Block – repair of 3 water tanks (£735)
  - Male ward and Theatre block – repair of 3 water tanks (£814)
  - Paediatric ward block – repair of 2 water tanks (£508)
  - Kitchen block – repair of 1 water tank (£250)

Various fund raising events were successfully accomplished during the year with some monies raised and some donated. No further initiatives were planned for the first quarter of this current year.

- July:- Sponsored shave of Nigel Birch’s beard (£90)
- September:- African meal at St. Sebastian’s School with performance of African music / songs – arranged by Sandra Bridgewater and Catie Smith (£1500)
- November:- Jumble sale held at Wokingham branch of the Salvation Army (£128)
- December:- Salvation Army Christmas concert at Ranelagh School and Christmas Service donations (£445)



*Water tanks at hospital in need of repair (Left)*

*Temporary shelters for Mityana Orphanage School (Above)*

Due to various constraints and other commitments fund raising has been fairly low key. The main issue was to ensure the Mityana Web Site was fully functional and accessible supported by updated publicity leaflets to complement serious fund raising activities.

For fund raising to be successful we do need as many ideas as possible (at least 3 - 6 months in advance) to allow sufficient time for planning events. Please feel free to send your ideas to the fund raising officer or any committee member so that suggestions / proposals can be fully discussed and taken forward.

Please Contact Nigel Birch at 0118 9790097  
or E mail : [mrnigelbirch@hotmail.com](mailto:mrnigelbirch@hotmail.com)

## **Sponsorship Report 2001**

The parents and guardians of all the sponsored children wish to thank all the sponsors for their generosity in enabling their children to have the wonderful opportunity of being educated. For them it is such a privilege.

This January we have sent over almost £7000 in sponsorship money. We have had 79 children within Mityana being educated and one teacher has been sponsored enabling another 30 children to have vital primary school education. Many now have progressed into secondary education from primary. It is with thanks to the sponsors, who have so generously doubled their sponsorship money, that these children have the opportunity to progress their education even further. The children themselves have achieved high standards to even be allowed to enter secondary education.

With the advent of the Internet we are now receiving sponsorship from a family in America.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Jean Ashfield



## **A Report from the Ugandan Committee**

*The following fax was recently received from the Ugandan side of the Charity committee...*

Mityana Charity Committee

Mityana

Uganda

Fax

To Jean Ashfield

From: Stephen Bagunywa

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Date: 28/2/2001

Dear Jean

Greeting in the name of our Lord.

We have quite a lot of work to do but are so grateful for all that you have done for us

I would like to send a summary of our report from Mityana concerning the projects we have this end.

### VICTORIA LWANCA'S REPORT

Goats have been successful especially the bull which serves the communities in production. So breed is multiplying. The rabbits have been temporarily halted and only two left for Science lessons and children's love to care for animals. Chicken rearing seems to be more successful and silk project can be temporarily set aside. Chicken rearing has been tried out twice and is promising.

Details of this to be sent by post.

Sponsorship programme has gone on well and there are other areas of support which the sponsorship programme is given. Details will be sent in full report.

### MITYANA ORPHANS REPORT

Mityana Orphans is very grateful for the money, so far sent by Rev. Trevor and Volley Dole of Dean Miriam Fund which has assisted in running school. Details of this will be sent

The school is enlarging as a result of assistance from local people and U.K. especially that of Mityana Charitee Committee U.K.

Temporarily shelters have been put up so as to vacate Bishop Mukasa's premises (whom we are very blessed to have had). The school has vacated the premises but the Bishop would wish us to give him an appreciation fund of shs. 2,000,000/- (Two millions Uganda Shillings) which is approximately £850 Sterling. This to us is reasonable as a token of thanks considering the four years the school has been there occupying his premises.

The Piggery project has picked trend with a production of 10 piglets. Let us hope this will take off by selling the piglets - Bakery Unit has been

completed and hope we shall begin with some little capital.

#### HOSPITAL

We have been visiting the Hospital through Oasis Trust Team and have continually promised to work on the water system and gutters but nothing has been done yet the Medical Superintendent expects those promises to be met since he worked on estimates for the hospital that we sent to you.

#### OTHER PROJECTS IN MIND

Already there is a project In Mityana town of making a sweaters and this is managed by school drop outs. Assistance In Knitting materials, and needles are wanted. This project is using knitting and sewing machines from WORKAID(UK).

There is a staff house project at Bukomero Primary School which was halfway done by Charity U.K. (under Tim Gomm's Management) we kindly request you to complete this and needs approximately 3.5 Millions Uganda Shilling (equivalent to £1,460 Sterling).

Another project to help the Mityana Orphans Primary school which we have in mind is to have rentable plastic chairs {about 100 of them) a. thing which seemed to be raising money quickly in our Town Council without too much effort investment.

God bless

Stephen Bagunywa  
CHAIRMAN MITYANA

*Notes: The UK Committee are unable to support the Bishop's Appreciation Fund as it is not within the Charity's constitution to do so. Neither will we be supporting the project to rent plastic chairs. The Staff House project has never been part of our programme.*

## A Report from Vicky Capel

*This is the second report from Vicky who is currently working in Mityana with the Project Trust and is teaching in the Mityana Standard Secondary School.*

### School Life

The first term of the New Year has now started and I am pleased to have a lot more lessons and more responsibility. I am teaching senior One and Two Biology and Chemistry and have also taken senior One PE. In addition I am now Senior Two's form tutor which means taking the register every morning and afternoon. I feel that I know the Senior Two students better this year because I taught them last year and I know most of them by name. I have become more adventurous in my lessons, trying out new experiments with any and all resources I can gather. For example, we have made chemical indicators from local plants. I also feel more confident in my teaching abilities and consequently both my students and I enjoy the lessons much more.



Mityana Secondary School

The new Senior One students are enrolling and the intake is apparently higher than last year. However because they are not used to having English teachers I find making myself understood extremely difficult. Mityana Secondary School

At Zigoti Primary School, my secondary project, the teaching experience has become much better. Last year I taught one lesson in

the morning and one lesson in the afternoon. However, this year all of my lessons are in the morning which means less waiting around. For part of my lesson I teach English grammar and the take all of the class outside to read them a story - last week it was a Mr. Men story! They really enjoy listening to the story which gives them a well-earned break from the tiny packed classrooms.

I feel more settled this term and so feel that I can be more ambitious with what I want to achieve with the students. I am determined to improve their confidence in themselves and use more resources than just chalk and a black board.

Fellow teachers and me



## Home Life



Our House

After the initial shock of the bare concrete walls of our house had worn off and we were bored with just having posters and drapes on the walls. Jo and I decided to redecorate! We bought green and blue paint from a local shop in Mityana and achieved a "Changing Rooms" style makeover! Our house is so much brighter now and much more homely.

The electricity supply has been disconnected since November last year so we are living as true Africans, as our Headmaster, Edward frequently tells us! This involves reading by paraffin lamp in the evenings and using a charcoal iron for our clothes. It is surprising how much longer everything takes and living requires a completely different routine.

I feel much more part of the community here now. The local shop keepers have become our friends and we were invited to a wedding introduction ceremony. The photo of the cow shows the type of present that Ugandans like to give on these occasions. However, the lack of privacy is what I still find difficult. In Uganda your personal life is everyone's business, which is when people want to watch you hand washing your clothes. However, I know its just curiosity.

I am venturing further afield and have even started a tertiary project at an orphaned children's home half an hour away. It's extremely well run and each child lives in a cottage with an adoptive mother and up to 8 other children. The cottages are well maintained and when Jo and I go we give the mothers an afternoon "off duty" by babysitting their children.

Regards



Vickey Capel

**Ugandan Engagement Presents!**

## Prayer Points

- ✝ Please pray for the Ugandan committee
- ✝ Please pray for the guidance of the Mityana Board of Reference, that they will identify the needs of the people and projects that the charity can support.
- ✝ Please pray for the children and families in Mityana, many of whom are in desperate need
- ✝ Please pray for the clergy in Mityana
- ✝ Please pray for the teachers and those who look after the orphaned children
- ✝ Please give thanks for the work of Tim Gomm as he leaves his role of chairman and continues his studies at theological college.
- ✝ Please pray for all those sent with Project Trust and the Oasis Trust to work with and help the people in Mityana