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Notes from the Chairman November 2004

My Dear Friends,

As I sit in my comfortable home trying to visualize daily life in Mityana, I am aware how different our lives are, and the enormous problems the Ugandans face everyday which we don't experience. In Britain, we have plenty to eat and a ready supply of clothing! Although we work hard to pay for our daily needs we are guaranteed clean water, free health care and free education. It is hard to imagine life without these basics – if a child was denied these things in the western world there would be an outcry. Unfortunately, in Uganda there is no free health care or education; many adults do not have a regular income guaranteed as we are used to in the UK.

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Over the past few years many people from St Sebastian's church and church school have

visited Mityana sparked by an enthusiasm and love for the people and interest in the work being done by the Mityana Charity, Oasis Trust and other organisations. Continuing association with Mityana Diocese / District has brought tangible results. Friendships have been made. With the use of e-mail, text and mobile phones as well as letters we can keep in touch even though we in the UK are many miles away (8 - 9 hour flight from London to Entebbe).

The Mityana Charity has been instrumental in providing much needed funds to directly help the people of this area in the education of orphan children, their health care, building school classrooms and living accommodation, providing stationary, supporting the training of the clergy in Mityana Diocese. There is so much to be done – we are planning to fund new projects over the coming year and with your continued support these will come to fruition. On behalf of the Mityana Charity I thank all our sponsors for their generosity in providing the school fees and sending gifts to their sponsored children without which these orphans would be severely disadvantaged. The hope is that all the sponsored children will have a basic education giving them a more positive future in Uganda; some children will aspire to greater things eg being teachers.

The highlights as you will read in this newsletter are many – I hope you will be stimulated by the exciting stories and snippets

written by the Ugandan committee members
and recent visitors to Mityana

- Sponsorship has expanded with more children needing sponsors
- Successful building programme at Mityana Junior School providing more space for teaching
- Orphanage School dormitories / beds installed
- Visits in Feb 2004 - opening of Primary School by Jean Ajin
- Several visits by Ann Potts - training of the clergy and preaching in the Mityana Diocese has re-energised the charity work in this area
- Derek Burden was voted in as patron of the Mityana Charity
- John and Grace Musassizi visited the UK in June 04 preaching at St Sebastian's Church.
- Donations received from interested people and organisations have continued

- New projects to progress
- Visits to Mityana planned for February and March 2005

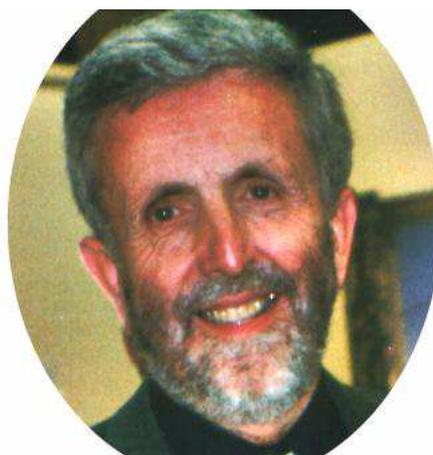
I look forward to another successful year of challenges, problems to resolve and understand the real needs of the Mityana community. I especially look forward to my first visit to Uganda - meeting the Mityana committee, the teachers and the children. Visual impressions will become a reality!

Lastly, without the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ we cannot do a great deal in our own strength - continue to pray for the people of Mityana, God will bless what we do !!

Nigel & Sarah Birch

Honorary Patron of Mityana Charity

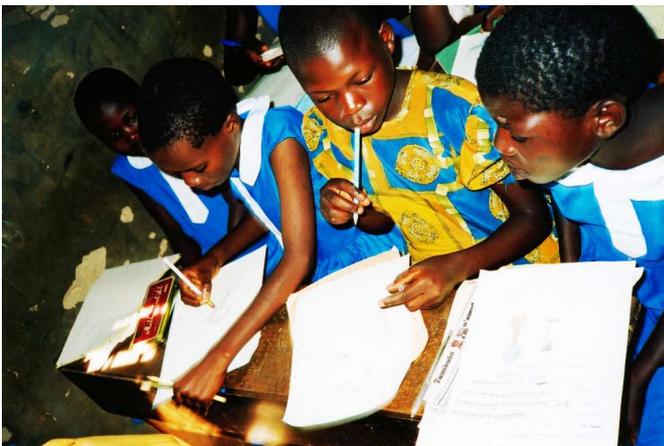
This year the charity committee decided to give Derek Burden the title of "Honorary Patron" in light of his actions which led to the founding of the charity. He was encouraged, by a friend who, working for the "Send a Cow" charity, to go to Mityana, Uganda. On his return, he was so swept away after seeing the lack of resources and money there, he organised St Sebastian's church to raise funds and the charity was founded.



Sponsorship Programme

This is one of the greatest projects we have and was started some time ago. Many people in our community are interested in the sponsorship programme. Great care has to be taken so that those who are more needy such as orphans benefit from it, but also children of poor families are assisted. Some of the pupils here and students in secondary schools have encouraged us by studying well and behaving themselves although we have had some naughty boys and a few girls. Fortunately these sponsored students and pupils have been quite healthy and have not registered any serious illnesses yet. Praise to the Lord !!

Our greatest problem here, in the sponsorship programme, is to continue supporting a child from Primary School up to Secondary School, when the sponsor does not manage to continue sponsoring the child. In some cases we are just blessed that the schools where such a child is, take on the student free of charge as a special case. We pray for the continuation of this sponsorship programme.



[Mityana Charity UK has recently set up a special fund to enable students to continue their education when sponsors are unable to continue with sponsorship programme]

It should be noted especially for secondary students that when they reach senior four and senior six, they are required to pay extra money as registration for examinations at the Uganda National Examinations Board. These students require between £30 - £40 extra to enable them to go through the exercise in their final year. Luckily, we have had very few this year but quite a number next year (2005)

Reminder from Jean Ajin - You may have already transferred or sent me your sponsorship gifts. If not, it is now time to renew your sponsorship for next year, I would like all monies to me as soon as possible so that the children have their fees paid on time.

Primary children P1-P7 £70 and Secondary children £130

It would really help me if you could set up a standing order for each November:

*HSBC - sort code 40-47-09 (1-3 Market Place, Wokingham RG40 1AL)
account 41515667 Mityana Charity*

If you want to send a Christmas card to your child the address is:

Send a Child to School, PO Box 386, Mityana Uganda

Thank you for all your support.

Jean Ajin, Heather Marsh and Ann Potts

Visit to Uganda (Feb 4-11, 2004)

The aims of the visit:

- to open the new classroom block at Mityana Junior School which the charity had funded.
- work on behalf of the Mityana Charity to collect information on projects started.
- to take photographs of sponsored children and visit some homes.

Mityana Charity Committee.

- I met with the Mityana Charity: Stephen B, Victoria and Margaret Sserunkuma at the Enro hotel. Apologies received from Canon John Musaasizi.
 - Grateful thanks were given to UK charity and their sponsors for all the hard work they have done to help. I expressed thanks for the better communication re excellent minutes via email.
 - We discussed the information we needed to collect by the end of our visit.
 - List of sponsored children given also to Canon John, Stephen B & Margaret S.
 - I asked that better communication re gifts sent to children were received back to their sponsors. Children were photographed and letters of thanks written to their sponsors. I managed to see most of the sponsored children.
 - Don Cribbs (an American Baptist Missionary) asked to be co-opted onto committee.
 - 26 cases of clothes really appreciated. Try to send more when people travel (thanks to British Airways).
- Bank statements given by Mityana Charity, Uganda. They seem to be withdrawing money in US \$ to gain better exchange at Forex but bank charges them for this. Our treasurer/ secretary to send email followed by paper copy of details of money transferred as this didn't happen in December transfer.

Projects seen:

Orphanage

- Cow project at the Orphanage sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wokingham. Cows are providing milk for children and teachers.
- A new cow (young £200- £250) will be purchased (Oct) once more Elephant grass is grown (sow Feb ready June) and a herdsman employed. (£10 a month). Herdsman needs small room – if paid £12 month could act as night watchman too to insecure site.



- Porridge is being provided providing the children with nourishment.
 - Bakery project needs resurrecting as there was an outlet for the bread. Needs millet, flour, wheat £150
 - Dormitory at orphanage for children divided into boys and girls. Beds ordered and paid for.
- 2004 children now sleeping here Grateful thanks to individual sponsors and also the Hilden Charity for sponsoring teachers' salaries for a year.



- 3 teachers salaries paid for year
- £1000 for other teacher's salaries
 - Class sizes very large – two classes back to back in main hall / classroom now have thin rush partition
 - Water drainage problem solved.

Glenburnie Butega School:

Visit with Victoria Lwanga-Lukwago.



The block (sponsored by Henny from an Oasis group) of 3 classrooms is built with roof. All classrooms are fully functional, nursery, P& and girls dormitory for P7.

- Beds for dormitory for P7 children at Glenburnie Butega ordered.
- Cows are providing milk for children and teachers.
- Porridge is being provided, providing the children with nourishment.
- Chicken project
- 2 piglets ready to start breeding
- Goats, doing very well. Many families have bred

goats from the Billy.

- Women's Shop. Women are making produce and selling essentials. We gave them other goods to sell such as toothbrushes, toys etc. and need to see if there is a market for this.



- **Women's project.** Women had made lots of different crafts. An outlet needs to be found to sell these.

Kuteesa Health clinic at Butega, built near school paid for by Hettie and Charles from OASIS. Slowly becoming operational – injections, Dr visits once a week.

Mityana Junior School

- Meeting with Wilberforce, the headmaster.
- Class sizes very large, smallest class 65 children = 1 teacher, largest 120! Government not paying enough to staff. Gives lunch for staff so they don't go home at lunchtime and not return!
- Facilities for children to have porridge at lunchtime but parents cannot afford to pay for the lunches.
- The two new classrooms and head teacher's study have been completed to the best standard of work yet seen in the area. The rest of the L-shaped structure, walls and roof, are yet to be completed subject to further funding. It has been used for examinations. Floor, plastering and painting and windows and doors need funding.



Future Visits to Mityana 2005

February - Ann Potts and four others are planning to go to Mityana in February to further the training initiated in August 2004.

March - Sue Williams and a party of 9 others are planning a trip to Mityana commencing March 15. If anyone is interested in joining them please contact Sue on 01344 774414.

The trip itself is in early planning stages but is likely to include visits to the schools in Mityana, the completed and ongoing projects funded by the charity, and possibly a visit to a game reserve.

Nigel Birch, the charity's chairman, is hoping to join them too following an invitation from the Bishop.

Visit of Vicky Archer

When I arrived at Entebbe airport (very nervous!) I was greeted with a very excited welcome by Victoria, Stephen and their son Ananias. We were soon on our way, and yes, the road to Mityana is still very bad, but apparently has got a lot better!

As you may know, I was staying with Victoria and her family and over the next couple of weeks I met the rest of the family - Gertrude (who after a warm welcome, her second question was 'so why did you not bring over a laptop!'), Tom, Joshua and Erina - plus all the extended family that Victoria and her family look after.

Staying with the family was an amazing experience. I got to see first hand how the money was helping the people of Mityana, from pens and pencils to the solar panels that enable the children to do their homework at night. The children were all so grateful and happy and although they have very little it was a joy to be able to bring an extra bit of happiness into their lives. They are very shy though and it took into the second week for them to come up to me and carefully examine the blue veins in my arms!



I taught arts and crafts classes at the schools which was fun. I had glitter, gold stars, coloured shapes, pens, crayons etc, but when I gave them to them, they didn't seem to know what to do with it! It took quite a bit of encouragement, but once they got started I couldn't get them to stop!

I also spent some time in the orphanage school and helped paint a water tank that 3 girls from old Oasis projects and come back to build. A few days before I left we had a massive thunderstorm and they were thrilled with their water on tap!

My idea before I went out was that I would go out there and help in whatever way possible, though looking back this may have been rather naive. There was a difference in understanding and they saw me as being on holiday rather than being there to help. Minor difficulties arose out of doing more, but was unable to. was staying with the family, Mityana town and I had to rely take me anywhere which was



I had long chats with Victoria people in Mityana. They coming in from the charity to immediate family have enough

than being there to help. this as I felt I should be It was also difficult as I which is quite a way out of on a family member to rather isolating.

about the needs of the desperately rely on money survive. Although the to eat, the children they



look after do not. Not only do they have around 16 borders but they have other children that they have taken in as their mothers cannot look after them (see the 2 cute little boys with the cars - Jackson and Tom - I fell in love with them!). Food costs around £35 a month to feed them all, though while I was there the price rose by about £20 due to the dry season. I gave them as much as I could but I know this is one thing they are worried about. The teachers (about 10 of them) all survive on one person salary divided between them - I don't know how they do it.

There are also children in the secondary schools that cannot afford to do their exams and many children that do not have school uniform, or if they do, it is the only piece of clothing that they own. They also have lots of plans for the clinic down the road. They would like to employ a full time doctor as at the moment it is only open 3 times a week for the morning. They would also like accommodation for the doctor and solar power for the building.

My time in Mityana was an amazing, if not daunting experience. I really felt I was part of the family and was even adopted as a daughter! I couldn't have been made to feel more welcome and, although at times did get rather homesick, I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet Victoria and her family. It really made me realise how lucky we are here in England.

From Stephen Bagunywa - Mityana Chairman (Visit 5th February 2004)

You are most welcome Jean to Uganda maybe it's your 6th time here. How many times in Mityana? We also welcome the team you came with namely Ann Potts and Heather. Congratulations on your wedding and congratulations to your son.

We members are very happy of having you here now and we feel things are moving positively and will continue to move. We are so grateful for all this time you have sacrificed for the good of our country especially the needy, friends and orphans and many other children and people. The community in Mityana are really grateful for this dedication and work that you are carrying out. May God continue to bless you all who are involved in this.

On a sad note I would like to inform you that we lost one of our members of the Charity Committee here by the name of Godfrey Kikomeko. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Many people continue to pass away for all sorts of illnesses and this includes our friends in UK like Ken Neeves and others. I have forgotten that Margaret Serunkumma lost her mother not long ago. May the Risen Lord be with them all.

Our apologies for the delay in our communication but there is hope and light for the future. We are in the process of learning the computers and luckily we have the mobile phones whereby we can reach you by SMS messages. We praise God for that development because no one could imagine some

decades back whether we could communicate so fast. It is a miracle!

So much assistance has been given to the community in Mityana here and we hope that this will grow more and more so that we can reach out to even the distant villages. We do realise there are a lot of areas to cater for and a need to identify projects that can sustain these areas and we need to work fast. The number of children in need of assistance as well as students is continuing to grow so there is a need to establish projects to supplement the donors who at one time find it difficult to continue whereas life must go on.

We have written letters of thanks to quite a number of donors and also thank these many donors for their collective assistance. The list now is quite long and for purposes of records we shall come out with an official list of all those who have assisted, and advised us in our community and this will be worthwhile as a record to look at.

The work of OASIS Trust Fund Group is a wonderful one and our people are so positive about it. The Orphanage school and Butega Gelburnie of Victoria have a lot to say here. The OASIS work is so visible especially in terms of buildings in these two schools. Thank you Jean for lobbying for funds for Mityana Junior School which has benefited in getting two classrooms complete with an additional store room. If it had not been for your contribution in this school (Mityana Junior) we could still be at that foundation

level of the building where the two classrooms you are going to hand over are standing. Thank you so much.

Many thank you's go to the individual donors who have come out and contributed to the school fees of many children, some of them are now grown up and heading for jobs. We shall work tirelessly to see that this project produces fruit so that we get some people to assist us from these boys and girls who have been assisted. From these boys and girls who have been assisted we have had very good performance and as a result of this good performance they have been picked to continue their education by the Singo (Saza) County Education Committee which has extended to scholarships in different secondary schools. All this shows that credit goes to you who started off and have supported the sponsorship programme. Thank you very much.

Even though you are here only for a short time we shall make sure we solve as many issues with you and more so especially that of the £800 which was said to have been sent but in actual fact was never sent. It is only spoken of in your minutes of UK Charity Meetings (this wasn't sent until January).

I would like to close off here and say I wish you all a wonderful time in Uganda and may God always bless you.

Stephen Bagunywa
Chairman Mityana Charity
Committee Coordinator

Mityana Junior School (9/02/2004)

On behalf of the School Management Committee, the Staff, Parents, Pupils and my own behalf, allow me to send warm greetings to you.

On behalf of all the above mentioned categories of people, accept our sincere thanks for a great job done at our school. It is out of brotherly love that you have done this. We don't have anything to

pay back, the only thing to give, are the whole heartedly prayers to you so that our brotherly friendship and love continues for ever. We are very grateful to Jean who is our link between you and the people of Mityana Diocese and the pupils of my school and everybody are sending their appreciations through her.



Rosette my wife and the whole of my family remember with great joy the time we have spent with all the visitors Jean has brought to our home namely Sarah, Gill, Wendy and others, my children love you very much.

I have a lot of hope receiving more visitors, we have more than enough room for you!!! Maybe one day we may meet over there God willing if I get a chance of coming over there to study.

With LOVE
Wilberforce SSeguya
Head teacher

[Mityana Junior School have had a completely new image as a result of charity work by Mityana Charity UK. There had been no extension or development in the structures of the school for more than 20 years until the Charity came in 2 years ago. John and Grace can bear witness to this. This work has been praised a lot by the Bishop of Mityana, Dr. Dunstan Bukunya and the community of Mityana. - Stephen Bagunywa]

Glenburnie Butega School

Projects -

- Goats: Very good project and is easy to look after. We want more goats to give sponsored children for sustainability at secondary school. The members with goats will always bring their goats for mounting.
- Chickens: We are trying to continue with a chicken project because we want to generate more income for food and teachers salaries. If we get assistance we could buy 300 birds for a start we would then have some profit.

We need £200 to buy birds, £150 to buy feeds, £50 for medication/ vaccines

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- Pigs: Is a new project. We have been advised that it also fetches some money. This will keep more children in future especially those staying here who have no other people to help them as they are not yet sponsored. We have started with 2 piglets. We need assistance for 8 more. We have planted food for the pigs.

We need about 180,000 Ug S = £60

- Cows: Have been doing well, but two years back we lost 2. We now have only 2 which supply some good litres of milk and we share some with the school children and sell some too. We still look for an increase or addition to teacher's lunch.

We are now potential project managers – we need more help so that by the year 2007 we are able to run most of the things ourselves.

We thank Stephen for the big assistance in training and management of these animals. He looks for grass and water, most especially in the dry seasons, and also in the management of the day to day activities of all the projects. He has been a very good manager and we ask him to continue with this good work.

Thanks,
Victoria Lwanga-Lukwago (Mrs) Co-ordinator

[The Mityana Charity together with participation of the OASIS Trust girls have brought about a great change in all areas of the School. Jean herself is a witness to this and Victoria's reports confirm the progress and development of the whole site which now includes a Health Clinic. Christine, my wife, has helped in training some women as community health workers here – although she has little time because of her job as Senior Nursing Officer at a hospital in Kampala]

Some observations from Stephen Bagunywa Orphanage School

There is a lot to say here! I would like to start by saying "Praise to the Lord". The school is a great success in so many ways and the charity UK is the author of all this. The development of the school is now taking real shape in that many successes are now being recognised. The buildings are now enough for the students and they look more healthy than ever before. Teachers' salaries have been very much welcomed and there is little left for them to grumble about. The teachers are getting a little bit like Oliver Twist!! A Big thank-you to Mityana Charity UK and long live everyone of you.

Contributions by Lis Hayes to buying blankets, mattresses and triple-decker beds have been a success at the hostel (dormitory) although some of these have not been completed yet at the workshop but will be delivered soon without fail.

The school has benefited much by the funds sent by Emily Spanner which the school needed most for administration and solving daily problems. Also we now have a good First Aid Box for the school to cater for many ailments at the school and hostel.

Kikumbi Church of Uganda

Welcoming speech to our visitors 8/2/04 - Nathaniel Matuvi

Our guests of today, chief guests and others.

On behalf of this congregation sitting before you, I have the honour to welcome you to Kikumbi Church. We have been informed about your coming in our area. Hence we praise the Lord who has fulfilled you coming to this place. Also towards you I would like to thank these people whom have done the intensive work of building this church. My special thanks go to the coordinator of programmes, church wardens.

We thank you for having graced us of your donation after you bless, we also thank our friend who donated us 40 iron sheets. That shows you're blessed by God. May the Almighty reward you in abundance. But to do good and communicate do not forget Heb:13:16.

Let me take this opportunity also to inform you that we have the section which is still a challenge to us, as you see hoping that any more assistance delivering a good work will be done together with you. Thank you very much for sharing this joy with us. It has been a blessing to us. We shall always be grateful for your precious time, material and spiritual support. Your presence and participation has made us a success. May Almighty God bless and keep you under His mighty wing. Thank you once again.

With these few words I would like a better stay while you're with us. Let me take this opportunity welcoming the team leader to introduce his team. Feel at home..... You are welcome...

[Mityana Charity UK donated some money to complete the roof last year. Now the Health Authority are stating that two toilets must be erected for the congregation or they will close the church. The UK committee will be considering this project shortly. – Stephen Bagunywa]

Sale at St Sebastian's - 8th October 2004

Once more it was time for the afternoon sale in the gymnasium at St Sebastian's school; it seems only yesterday that the tables were set up and our wares set out to tempt the children and their mothers at the end of school time. Margaret and I, John, managed two tables with craft items on them that had been lovingly made and supplied free of charge by gifted people. We had a pair of chickens, no a

chicken and a cockerel which had been made by Lyn Green, and we hoped to raffle them for 50p a ticket but failed to sell even one ticket - are there any ideas out there?)

There were a few pounds made but we felt it was a bit disappointing. On the morning of the 8th Margaret and I collected conkers from around the trees in Cantley Recreation grounds and even they didn't go down as well as last year!

Fortunately Sue and her merry band of sellers did well so the time wasn't completely wasted.

John & Margaret Stainsby

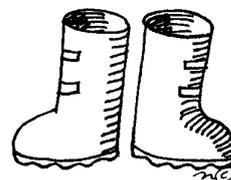
Sunshine

Earlier this year when I read that there was to be a visit to Mityana, I asked if it would be possible for me to send money (£15) so that it could be taken by the group. The little boy who I am putting through school could then be bought a useful item. To my delight, immediately the answer came back "yes"!



I am sure, like most of you, I sent paper pens etc for his schoolwork, also a Manchester United T shirt and football. Nevertheless, I was so touched to see the pictures of him buying his first pair of shoes with the money that I had sent.

It was a Bata shop, (remember them?), and the poor lad had to put polythene bags on his feet to try the shoes on as he had never owned any socks. Well there was enough money over so that he could have a pair of socks to go with the shoes and also for a pair of flip-flops as well. I expect that he has now found out about Manchester United Rooney's hat trick and I guess the lovely black leather school shoes make great football boots but who cares as long as he is happy.



He is an orphan like so many in that part of the World and by giving that little extra I am sure it put some real sunshine into his life. It has for me.

Peter Randall

**Ann Potts and
the People of
St
Sebastian's
Church**

We have finally been delivered the Lugandan bibles (200 books) which were a donation from the people of St Sebastian's Church, Wokingham to Bishop Dunstan Bukenya. He was very thankful and we had a prayer together with Stephen and Victoria Lukwago. The bishop says he could do with some more because the youths are many in his diocese. He sends his blessings. The photos will be sent as soon as possible since it has not been easy to get to the bishop in time. He is extremely mobile and

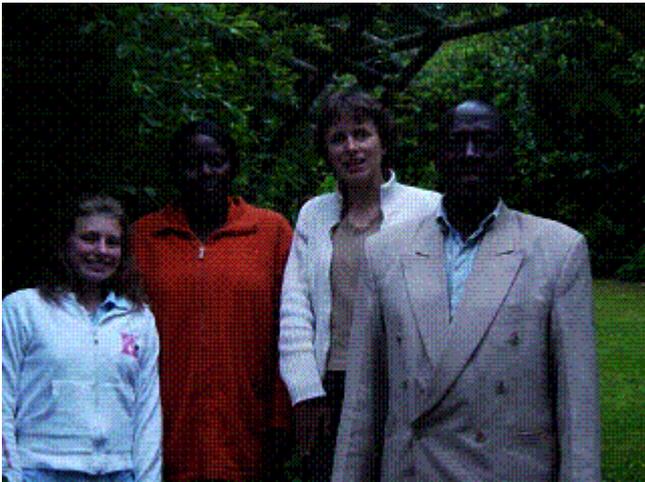
busy.

Meeting sponsored child's parents

When I decided to sponsor a child in Mityana - Alice, I never imagined I would ever have the opportunity to actually meet Alice's parents. I am not as intrepid as some of my countrymen and am therefore unlikely to travel to Mityana myself, but I needn't have worried - for John and Grace came to me! Their schedule was very busy but Jocelyn and I were given a choice of "slots" and went to meet John and Grace at Jean's house on 21st June, carrying with us a fish and chip supper. The roads were clear as England were playing Croatia at Euro 2004!

It was a wonderful opportunity to hear at first hand all the latest news about Alice and her siblings, and to learn a little more about life in a very different part of the world. I shared in John and Grace's obvious pride in their daughter's achievements - it's a privilege to think we have

contributed even a little bit to Alice's successes. Inevitably, and as anticipated, we also felt humbled - we had so much in comparison with our new friends. All too soon it was time to say goodbye, and even though we must admit to turning the radio on and whooping loudly at England's success in Portugal, the real highlight of our day was meeting John and Grace!



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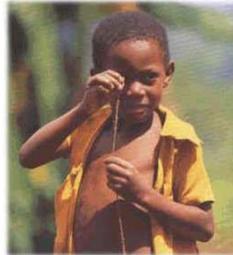


The Mityana Charity

A Christian charity dedicated to helping the people of Mityana

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The Mityana Charity is a small Christian charity based mainly in the south of England and which is dedicated to helping the people of Mityana in Uganda.



Please take the time to browse our web site and if you are able, to help the people of Mityana. This may be by sponsoring a child through their school life, by attending one of our fund raising events or by your support for the work of the charity and the people in Mityana in prayer.

When you have a moment, take a look at our web site.

www.Mityanacharity.org.uk

Comments and suggestions are always welcome and can be sent to:

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Please visit the site to download a copy of this newsletter in colour!

Updated Leaflets are available either from the Web Site or Sarah Birch on 0118 9790097

*John and Grace's visit
to
St Sebastian's School*

We were delighted to welcome Canon John and his wife Grace to share our school assembly. Below you can see John speaking to the children.

time, studying Mityana they were information from them.



As the school, were at that able to learn more first hand



The children classroom to enjoyed their visit to us.

sang to them and then they visited each answer more questions. We thoroughly

John and Grace visit St Sebastian's fete 19th June 2004.



John and Grace arrived in England the day before the joint school and church fete. It was an experience for them to see all the stalls, especially the Mityana one, where they could see the information we use to promote the charity

John and Grace met many of the committee who were helping man the stall.

Left to right
Grace, Sarah Birch (secretary), Nigel Birch (chairman), Ann Potts, Heather Marsh, Jean Ajin and John.



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A Home for Diana



Diana was a child victim of the war and violence that took place in Uganda. She is pictured above with her six children and another boy (the smallest,) who she is trying to help. It is very much on the hearts of my friends Canon John & Grace Mussaasizi to provide a home for her. They have a small piece of land and are willing to give this if £1000 can be raised to build a small house for this family.

THE AREA TEAM HAS PROPOSED THAT THIS SHOULD BE OUR FIRST PROJECT FOR MITYANA, UGANDA WHERE I AM WORKING THIS YEAR. I WILL BE MEETING DIANA

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AND WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR THE PROJECT THROUGH THE MITYANA UK CHARITY.

If you would be willing to help please make cheques payable to "MITYANA UK CHARITY".

When Diana was 8 years old war broke out in Uganda, and her family was caught up in the turmoil and fighting. One day she was traveling with her father in the bush to get medicines when her father was captured by the rebel militia. I think the horror of this must stay with her always, because he was then beaten and burnt to death. After wandering in the bush the little girl was found by an older woman who took care of her for five years. However, by the time Diana was 14, conditions in the bush were even more difficult, and the woman handed her over to a man.

Diana had two children by this man, and then when the war was over he took her to his own area, and there they had another two children. Then one day he left and she was alone with her four little ones. She tried to make her way to her former home area, but met another man and agreed to live with him. She had two more children before he in turn left her. She made her way to Mityana and has become a Christian.

My friends Canon John and Grace Mussaasizi have befriended her and have been trying to help. John has a small piece of spare land near to his house and they would dearly love for Diana to be able to have a little home there. She very much wants to bring up her children with stability and security in their lives.

For £1000 a small house could be built to provide them with a home.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Ann Potts. Cheques should be made payable to "Mityana UK Charity." The project will be monitored by Ann and by the Charity.

PRAYER POINTS:

Praise God for all that we have achieved together; we know, that without him, we could do little. We thank God for all the help that has come from so many people.

Please pray for the following:

- The committee in Mityana - pray that they may work together in promoting the education and welfare of the young people and clergy in Mityana
- The committee in the UK- pray that we might support the Ugandan committee as we strive together to the same aim.
- Ann Potts as she prepares for her trip back again to help the ministry of the Lord in Mityana
- Margaret Bagley who has returned to work with a pastor in Mityana with a ministry to prisoners



- The William's family who are returning for their third visit

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