



# The Mityana Charity

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## Sponsor a Child – Change lives



Congratulations to **Musisi Edison** celebrating his graduation after completing a course in plumbing. He wishes to thank his sponsor for all the support she has given him

Edison is just one example of the impact that sponsorship makes on the lives of young people.

We thank you for your continued support in educating the needy children in Mityana. The children and guardians are always so very grateful that a stranger from a different country cares for them.

**A reminder that sponsorship renewal is due early November. Don't forget to increase your standing orders if your child is transferring to secondary school.**

When children go into the top primary P7 class they are encouraged to board so that they can have extra study lessons before and after school with electric lighting. It also means the children do not have to do the chores at home before trying to study late at night using a paraffin lamp. The extra cost for boarding is £155 on top of the primary fees of £125. Jean will have informed you if your child is going into P7 or secondary school.

**We have been able able to keep Primary fees to £125 and secondary fees to £250, the same level as previous years, due to the excellent exchange rate.**

We do have a couple of children whose primary sponsors are no longer

able to fund them so if you know of anyone who could take these children on we would be grateful. There are always new children waiting for sponsorship too so please encourage family and friends to sponsor a child.



## Children being tested for HIV

Part of our sponsorship scheme is ensuring that our sponsored children are kept healthy. Every holiday the parents/guardians and sponsored children have a meeting or workshop arranged on health issues or guidance issues.

During the last holiday workshop, parents and children were educated about the prevalence of HIV. Parents were asked to protect their children as well as themselves. At the end of the workshop all the sponsored children who were present (69 males and 81 females) were tested for HIV by qualified medical personnel. Parents and guardians who wanted to were also screened.

## Happy Christmas!

If you wish to send money via us to buy a present for your sponsored child please provide it by the beginning of November. Recently we have found that money sent for the family to have a Christmas meal is a really good idea as they rarely have money for anything above their normal subsistence meals of maize and beans. Meat is a huge treat to most of them!

Also if you order from our **Gift List**

[http://mityanacharity.org/donations\\_gifts.html](http://mityanacharity.org/donations_gifts.html)

for your child please kindly send to Jean or Jo and **not** Penny. We **do not** send cards and gifts for you but you can post them yourself to:

Name of child  
c/o Mrs G Musaasizi  
PO Box 289, Mityana, Uganda,  
East Africa

The **Gift List** can also be used to send gifts to many others for example the elderly, prisoners, schools or clinics. What a wonderful surprise it is to receive an unexpected gift!

## Good News

**Congratulations** to Irene, our Legal Aid coordinator in Mityana, and her husband on the birth of their son Abraham.



## Work in Prisons



Myanzi prisoners receiving the mattresses donated through Mityana Charity. They were so pleased to have this wonderful gift as they were sleeping on the mud floors.

## **Legal Aid Programme – Children’s Rights**



About five participants from each of the following schools in Mityana, Mityana SS, Mityana Modern Secondary School, Pride SS, Maranatha Vocational, Mityana Town SS, St. Elizabeth Girls Sch & Trinity College, were chosen to attend a 2 day workshop on child abuse issues. These are the leaders of the child rights clubs in schools and we are now going to train their club patrons/teachers.

A programme is being developed where they can participate in debating competitions on issues related to child abuse and later towards the end of the year we hope to have an Annual district debating competition.



## **Hugh Wakeling Reflects on the Work of Mityana Charity**

These days our UK news is full of reports on refugees coming into Europe from Syria and other war torn places, and there are endless accounts of people drowning in the Mediterranean Sea or walking endless miles to reach safety. One might well ask, why should we in the UK give money to help the Mityana Charity support poor people in Uganda?

The answer is that what we are doing is helping the Ugandans to stay in Uganda and to be self-sufficient, and to help them not to set out on a very long journey to Europe.

We do this through:

- **Sponsorship**
- **Help with education**

By building school buildings Mityana Charity is providing places for education to take place. There is still a long way to go. Nabukenya Primary School has some very fine buildings provided mainly by students and parents of Wellington College, and some extra buildings more recently by the Medicor Foundation. The Charity is now concentrating on improving the quality of the education that takes place inside these buildings by providing training to help the teachers to teach more effectively.

But this is only one school. In the last few years we have also been involved in providing additional classrooms at Mavuvumira (St Sebastians Youth) Patience School (Pat Osborne and her local school), but in the future we hope to provide additional classrooms elsewhere, possibly at Kasoolo Secondary School. Kasoolo is an area where there are six or seven primary schools, but this is the only secondary school for these pupils to go to.

- **Clean drinking water**

With your help we have provided clean drinking water to help people to stay alive and to be healthy. We have provided three drinking water bore holes, and over 20 water tanks to collect water off the roofs of schools, clinics and prisons. We have provided over 30 water filtration kits to schools and clinics to turn contaminated drinking water into clean water. With your support we could do much more.

- **Health Clinics**

This year we are hoping to build a Clinic at Kasoolo and then afterwards maybe one at Nabukenya Primary School. A new clinic needs a significant amount of money to get it started, but we also provide funds for medical supplies and equipment to existing clinics which have fallen on hard times.

- **Prisons and Legal Work**
- **Training of Clergy and Lay Readers**

If this work is to continue we need suitable people to go out and teach at that are willing to sponsor new potential clergy through their theological training. training conferences and Churches

## **Conclusion**

Much has been done thanks to your interest and prayers and giving. Please continue to support this work and to pray that God will use the Mityana Charity and Geoffrey Kinaalwa and his wonderful team in Mityana Uganda Charity who are based in Mityana Town.

### **Visit Mityana and see for yourself!**

Jean is visiting with a group 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Please contact her via [enquiry@mityanacharity.org](mailto:enquiry@mityanacharity.org).

### **Can you help us?**

We are always looking for new ideas and sources to raise funds for future projects. One such proposal is to find an appropriate building for our office which could also have additional rooms as offices to rent out to generate income. This building could also contain meeting/workshop rooms and a children’s library

Geoffrey has also suggested accommodation for an international volunteer programme thus bringing in skills and financial gain to the charity as well as providing a worthwhile experience for the volunteer.

We would be grateful for any ideas to generate income or suggestions for funding streams.

Are you a tax payer? If so please complete a gift aid form.

[http://mityanacharity.org/form\\_ga.doc](http://mityanacharity.org/form_ga.doc)

Interested in leaving Mityana Charity a legacy? Further info [http://mityanacharity.org/donations\\_legacy.html](http://mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html)

### **A plea from our treasurer**

#### **CAF donations**

Please email us if you donate in this way, include:

Your name

The amount

The project for which it is intended

[enquiry@mityanacharity.org](mailto:enquiry@mityanacharity.org)

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