



Hands of Love UK

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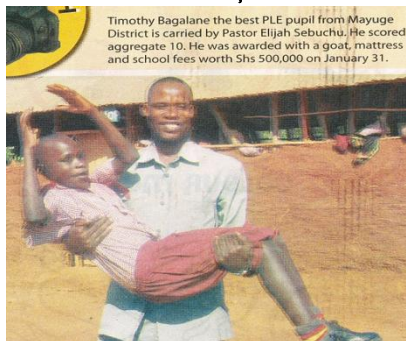
Mission Statement

Providing relief, hope and a future for some of the most vulnerable children on Earth

Dear Friends

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. We look back on the past few months with thankfulness, as we have been able to send increasing sums to support the orphanage because of your generosity and through some great fundraising initiatives.

We are Proud to Report that ...



Timothy Bagalane the best PLE pupil from Mayuge District is carried by Pastor Elijah Sebuchu. He scored aggregate 10. He was awarded with a goat, mattress and school fees worth Shs 500,000 on January 31.

Timothy Bagalane, aged 14, from Namadhi Orphanage, passed the Primary 7 National Exam as top student in Mayuge region and 21st in the whole country!

19 of our children sat Primary 7 and 17 passed. Timothy's success is all the more remarkable because he competed nationally against wealthy children from top private schools. We send sincere thanks and congratulations to our wonderful Headmistress and all the teachers at the orphanage. The Senior 1 Class in the Secondary School now has about 40 children.

Proper support for our dedicated teachers is our goal this year. If any could give a monthly sum (of any size) towards the 'Education Fund' which pays teachers, buys books and pays exam fees, we would be very grateful.

Uplifting rural education with hands of love

(as reported in the Uganda Observer 19.3.2011)

"When Elijah Sebuchu opened a grass thatched feeding centre for the hungry and vulnerable children in Namadhi village, Malongo sub county, Mayuge district in 2005, he didn't envisage that his plan would grow into Hands of Love Orphanage and Primary School a year later.

By 2006 numbers had soared to 365 children, from 188. Sebuchu's efforts are an indication that a rural school can make a difference...It is rare to have a primary school located in such a remote area have all its pupils in first and second division, it shows great improvement for a school that has only had 3 PLE sittings. Under tough conditions of attracting good teachers to such a rural area...but with support from partners in Europe, the school acquired permanent structures in 2008. Today they are constructing the secondary section."

Treasurer's Report

During her short visit to Uganda in February Sally Walker was able to spend three days in the office of Hands of Love in Kampala. She reports that the accounting system is working well and ties up with the funds we have sent...

"There is a good system of control, the bookkeeper Alex Sendi, maintains the records well. Elijah is very pedantic about obtaining receipts and passing them on. Alex spends a lot of time researching the best prices and, from the work I have carried out, which was not an audit, it would appear that our donations are being properly spent according to our instructions."

What Support and Love can do...



Lazia Kikuseza



Jacob Osiro

Just two of our happy children who received gifts and letters from sponsors in February.

The Water Problem

Because of the long drought life has been very difficult. The three water tanks are all set up to catch the rain which has just come! Although some good rain is expected in March, the Ministry of Water & Environment said it was likely to be insufficient. Please pray.

Uganda...
Estimated
1.3M child
orphans

4 Classroom/Dormitory Block

The building work is progressing well and the girls now have concrete floor in their dormitory. Work is underway in the boys' dormitory. Children whose

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sponsors have sent extra gifts now have a metal box (£20) to keep their personal belongings in so this is a great blessing.

Security Fencing...We're delighted to be able to report that work is already in hand to make the orphanage more secure at a cost of approximately £6000. A barbed wire fence and metal gates will protect from robbery and intruders and will enable the staff to keep track of the children more effectively. Four large donations were received in Feb/March which cover the whole cost of the fence.

Creating an accurate database...is an important goal because keeping the children of Namadhi safe and accounted for has been an ongoing challenge. Plans are now in hand to employ one of our school-leavers to act as a Registrar. Once the security fence is in place, the register will be able to be taken twice a day.

Gifts and Fundraising News...

Grand Ceilidh Success

Scottish dancing, entertainment and a ploughman's supper were enjoyed by over 70 people on Saturday, 19th March at Lovedean Hall. The grand sum of £679 was raised for Hands of Love. Many thanks to all those who supported Sally Walker in putting on such a successful and enjoyable event.



Continuing faithful support for the orphanage by Red House School, Stockton-on-Tees has meant a generous gift of £1,118.27 raised last year through a Talent Show, an Easter Egg Hunt and through selling roses on Valentine's Day, as well as a Jogathon by Yrs 5 and 6.

Fundraising at the Stage Coach Theatre Arts School, Darlington provided the charity with a gift of £267.38.

Three generous anonymous gifts...the first for £3000 was received in February. A further two donations of £1000 each arrived in March completing the amount needed for the security fencing at the orphanage.

Two large cooking pots were wanted...so that food could be cooked quickly and all at the same time. The pots cost £250 and we now have pledges for both of them

(one is in the bank and the other is coming after 5th April for gift aid reasons).

Please partnership with us for future fund-raising events...your ideas and enthusiasm make all the difference!

Guidance for Sponsors

If sponsors want ideas for gifts, Pastor Elijah has told us that they are trying to equip all children with...



- Senior Text Books - £15 Ugandan curriculum
- Junior Text Books - £10 " "
- An Oxford English Dictionary
- A solar powered calculator (a scientific calculator for the older children)
 - A watch so they can teach time-keeping

Donations for the Education Fund are also needed towards the Primary 7 Exam training costs. (Only about 20% of the candidates are sponsored). About 40 children will need to be transported to Kampala for additional tuition when they are entered for the exams later on in the year...

Perhaps a school would like to fundraise to help the children of Namadhi prepare for this vital exam, as without it pupils cannot go on to secondary education?

Child Sponsorship Still Needed!

Even though we have been blessed with some new sponsors the majority of the children are unsponsored. For £15 a month a child receives daily food, a change of clothes, basic health needs, and school books.

General donations help us progress building projects, pay the staff and support the unsponsored. No amount is too small.

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