



Hands of Love UK

Newsletter July 2011

Mission Statement

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Dear Friends

Greetings from the Hands of Love UK Team.

Main news this month is the new HOL Website is now up and running. Take a look at www.handsoflove.org.uk

We hope to keep it up-to-date to encourage and inspire us all.

Security Fence for the Orphanage

The new Security Fence at Namadhi from an early picture. The Fence, of barbed wire on stout posts, is reported as finished but



the gates, which have had to be specially ordered and made, are not yet in place. Even with the uncompleted fence in place it already means there is a greater feeling of security and oneness, especially for the girls.

Focus on Education

Thank you for joining hands with the Headmistress, Betty Nabisaalu, and teachers of Namadhi in support of the education of our dear children. There are many gifted ones who face big difficulties in reaching their full potential, so our thanks to those who



support teachers as well as pupils by standing in the gap with them. We hope the high standards already reached will continue as one more pupil group approach their Primary 7 exams. The Secondary School is fully in operation with

about 95 children, something quite unique in the rural areas of Uganda, where most do not even receive primary education and illiteracy level is at 89%. The photo of the rapt attention of pupils in a Biology lesson will, we hope, encourage you to invite friends to sponsor our teachers and other needy ones.

Supporting Our Teachers

We are delighted to announce that the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn, has pledged £500 towards proper accommodation for teachers at the orphanage. They have also pledged £500 to buy food for the unsponsored children. We want to show our respect and admiration for the teachers at Namadhi by providing study/bedrooms where they can rest in their very limited time off. A bungalow just outside the orphanage is being considered as accommodation for our Headmistress plus four other teachers. We need to raise £2000 to buy it before the opportunity is lost.

Gifts

Grateful thanks to all our sponsors for your faithful giving. A few sponsors have sent birthday gifts for their children, with an extra amount for an unsponsored friend. This is such a kind thought and brings great encouragement and delight to unsponsored children. Carol Bunn and Scottish friends have sent £192 for Bibles in Luganda (the local language) for the children and some small gifts for Pastors. This will mean so much to hardworking church leaders.

Open Day at Cheybassa Lodge, Hayling Island

Friends and residents of Cheybassa retirement home worked hard at their Open Day to raise the amazing sum of £430 specifically to provide sandals or shoes for unsponsored children at Namadhi. There will soon be some very thankful and happy children!

Other Gifts

Unsponsored children received a gift of £320 from the BG group who have been so generous in the past...thank you Helen Moon for representing our needs. £250 arrived in time for the July bank transfer from friends in York and Sally sold more tortoises to add to the funds. Six unsponsored girls



were made very happy by a new dress each by one of our faithful donor families. £275 to cover the cost of the Primary 7 exam for 6 of the unsponsored children has been gratefully received. A gift of £175 was also given so that the children could enjoy a Royal Wedding celebration meal as well!

The Red House School, Stockton-on-Tees

Sally Walker received a very warm welcome at Infant, Preparatory and Senior school assemblies on 10th June. Staff and pupils showed much interest and continue to give great support. The younger children have just completed another Jogathon for Hands of Love... many thanks to Lara Roberts for arranging this.

The School also provided a classroom for a meeting with supporters in the area that was much enjoyed, with up-to-date photos and news given by Sally. The meeting agreed that receiving the HOL newsletter by post was preferred.

Sally told supporters that orphanage staff do make a record of parcels received and, when the camera works, try to take a photo but don't always manage to send it on. A PowerPoint presentation or film is available...let us know if you're interested.

Life in Uganda

New challenges are being faced at the orphanage.



'Lightning struck a primary school in a rural area killing 20 pupils and injuring almost 100 more on Tuesday...

Schoolchildren who survived after lightning struck their classroom received treatment at a local hospital. Uganda has one of the highest rates of lightning strike deaths in the world and its capital Kampala has more days of

lightning per year than any other city, according to the World Meteorological Organization.'

Pastor Elijah reports that the Ministry of Education & Sports has decreed that every school or centre for children should have Lightning Conductors in place not later than July 2011. We're investigating the best solution and this new need can be covered by monies transferred in July...but at the cost of secondary school building work.

SUMMER PARTY

in aid of Hands of Love UK



6th August 2011

at El Villa 3 Ladybridge Rd

Purbrook PO7 5RP

BARBEQUE 12 to 2pm

Tickets £7.50 (children £5)

Followed by an Afternoon of dancing and entertainment...tea, cakes and ice cream!

Ending 6 pm

Come to either OR both!

Weekly update on UK sponsored children and all unsponsored children on the priority list

The staff at Namadhi orphanage plan to let us know on a weekly basis if any sponsored or priority children are absent. The children on the sponsorship priority list are those who have shown that they are settled at the

orphanage. Communication with Uganda is steadily improving. When we get reports we will try to send news of your child straightaway.

One teenager, Lilian Mutesi was recently saved by one of the staff from being taken away by a 50 year old man. The incident was reported to Police and the man taken to court. The new security fence does not provide 100% security of course, but it is clearly important for a number of reasons.

July transfer of Funds

Gift Aid money of £5000 arrived in time to be sent with the July transfer to Uganda. Another Gift Aid claim is pending for a smaller amount but then no more gift aid credits for another year. Gift Aid is now reduced from 28p in the £ to 25p. The severe famines being experienced by countries at the Horn of Africa increases food prices in Uganda.

Thank you for the vital Mosquito Nets!



Warmest thanks to Derek Kent for the life-saving gift of mosquito nets...we all share the children's joy.

Our thanks to Everyone for your Concern.

For more information please visit www.handsoflove.org.uk or phone 02392 382061 or 07788 548 450 or email info@handsoflove.org.uk



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