

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends

Welcome to the July edition of our BOHCM Newsletter. Thank you so much for your support, it continues to make a life-changing difference to the lives of some of the poorest children in Uganda.

Sponsorship blesses 150 children

The month of May brought explosions of excitement as the children supported by the **BOHCM Child Sponsorship Scheme** waited patiently to hear from their sponsor and have their photo taken receiving their annual gift. Each gift carries a visual message to the child that they are loved and valued and receiving even a brief message confirms that someone on the other side of the world cares about them.

It took three days to meet all the children with their guardians and every gift was opened with care and explored in detail. Interpreters helped to translate the letters received and the children and their guardians had the opportunity to write to their sponsors. It was like Aladdin's cave as the children enjoyed showing each other their new item of clothing and the toys they had received. Balls were bouncing everywhere, little cars zoomed around and lots of colouring books and stickers were eagerly explored. The teenagers were equally impressed with their more adult parcels and were able to write their own letter to their sponsors.



Classroom construction – the final phase

Thanks to your help, in May we were able to commence construction of the last three Primary classrooms at the Bridge of Hope School. Work has started well and the classrooms are almost completed. We aim to open a "Primary Five" class in February 2017 which is the start of the new school year, as well as registering more children for the Nursery Class. God is clearly blessing the work of BOHCM and each year we see more children fulfil their dream of attending school and taking steps towards a future free from poverty.



Bridge of Hope Children's Village

Although the two BOHCM bungalows are built as homes for twenty-four children we currently have twenty-five happy children living there. Finding space to welcome one extra little girl into the family was a blessing for us all and another opportunity to teach the children how to share and care for others. The children



were delighted to each receive a storage box provided by the fundraising efforts of one of our visiting team and excited when we joined them for a special lunch with plenty of time for fun and games afterwards.

News

An abandoned child – we are pleased to report that a three-year-old abandoned boy called Amanyaa now has a home with a BOHCM Foster Carer. Unlike most young children Amanyaa is not afraid of strangers as he is used to approaching people to beg for food



and a place to sleep. Thank God that Amanyaa is now living with a loving family and attending the Bridge of Hope Nursery School.

Clean water saves lives – currently we are constructing the 28th Protected Spring which will provide water to a community, a church and a school.

Community projects – since April this year six more families have received a latrine, two families had their roofs replaced and a new house was built for a family, whilst another family received windows and doors to complete their home.

Prayer points

- Pray for good relationships to continue as new staff join our Ugandan team
- Pray for the young people attending their Vocational Training
- Give thanks for the construction of the new classrooms
- Give thanks for the many faithful supporters

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th August – Afternoon Tea, 3pm at St. John's Church Clay Hill, Enfield EN2 9JH. Tickets £8, children under 8yrs £5, Contact BOHCM to secure a ticket

Saturday 26th November – Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy and Clothing Collection. 10am–12pm at Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG

Hebrews: 6 verse 10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

