

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM, it would be so easy to assume that we can do very little to change the lives of children living in poverty. However, whether you are sponsoring one of our 85 sponsored children, supporting "Give a Child a Home", building a Protected Spring or providing funds to develop BOHCM so we can reach more children, your gifts are making a very positive difference.

All children of school age supported by BOHCM attend school and two girls and a boy have successfully progressed to Secondary School. These children would not have achieved this without such support. In May we sponsored our first child with Special Needs and plan to include other children with disabilities as we develop our work.

The team of nine who visited Uganda in May enthusiastically tackled a variety of tasks, painting the nursery, distributing clothing, gardening, visiting homes, interacting with the children and arranging medical care for urgent cases. A new house was built from felling the first tree to completion. A wonderful celebration followed as the children in this "Child Headed Home" were reunited and moved in to live together again. We also successfully employed Naome, a part time Support Officer who will assist BOHCM Manager Ben. Naome has special responsibility to work with



the girls empowering them to know their rights and to encourage them in their education.

Recruiting two qualified Nursery Teachers to run the recently built BOHCM Pre-School Nursery was also high on our agenda and we are delighted to announce that the nursery officially opened on the 11th June with 60 children enrolling. Our aim is to give many children the opportunity for an early educational start and English will be taught alongside the local language. We are also able to monitor the health and development of these young children and will seek to identify and address any urgent needs.

Our visit to the local maternity unit was timed well with baby number eight having been born a few minutes earlier. It was wonderful to see both mother and baby in a clean and safe environment.

We celebrated the opening of two more Protected Springs provided by "No More Dirty Water" and "Marianne and Friends". We also commenced building No.7 Spring funded by "H2Octave", students at South Downs College, knowing that hundreds of children and adults will benefit from this clean water.

Many children survive on one meal a day, are malnourished, struggle to learn at school, have little energy and poor health. BOHCM remains committed to support as many children as possible and with your support we can achieve so much.

Proverb 16:3
"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed"

