

Bridging the Gap



Dear Friends, 2011 promises to be a very busy year for Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry (BOHCM). Despite several excavation set backs due to rock on the land and the increase in the price of raw materials our 10-day visit in January confirmed that work is progressing well and is of good quality in the Bridge of Hope Children's Village.

Two bungalows are already under construction and should be completed by the end of May.

Each bungalow will offer 12 children a home with a live in house mother and we are ready to launch our "Give a Child a Home" project. Each home will require a minimum of 12 sponsors each paying £12 per month to cover the housemother's wages and food, school fees and basic medical needs for the children. Sponsors will receive a twice-yearly update and photos of the children they are supporting. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the children from day one, so please contact us if you would like to become a sponsor.

The nearby Maternity Unit at the Health Centre will open later this year as construction of the staff house for two nurses is progressing well. With the nurses living on site, women will finally be able to give birth in a clean, safe environment and receive appropriate postnatal care.

In January we registered several more children for sponsorship in the community, making a total of sixty-seven children receiving support. All the school age children now attend school and the first of our sponsored children, Anna, has passed her exams and

moved into Secondary Education. Anna said, "Before BOHCM supported me I struggled to attend school regularly, now I can attend Secondary School and believe I have a great future".

Whilst visiting several children in their homes we were encouraged to hear how much the Guardians and children had enjoyed their Christmas Celebrations and the special food they were able to purchase. A very big Thank you to all who contributed to the "Make Christmas Special Fund". It was a resounding success.

Now with Easter fast approaching we see our shops filling up with Chocolate Easter Eggs. At BOHCM we are planning a different way to celebrate Easter, whilst also improving the diet of our children. Easter Gift Cards are now available and cost £5 each which will buy a family an egg-laying chicken. Cards are also available for larger orders of chickens. As most children do not receive enough protein this "Give a Child a Chicken" initiative will help to improve their diet. Please contact us at BOHCM to order your Easter Gift Cards.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and financial donations that has made it possible for BOHCM to support so many children. Together we are making a huge difference and offering children a chance to have a brighter future and the life that God intended for them.



Isaiah 58:10-11

...and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.



Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry is a registered community-based organisation operating in the Rukungiri district of Uganda aiming at socio-economic improvement of the district's members and community.

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