

# Bridging the Gap

## Dear Friends

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our kind supporters a joyful and blessed 2014.**

February 3rd miraculously saw the opening of our newly built Primary 1 & 2 classrooms and the addition of a classroom to expand our thriving pre-school nursery. Having stood on a barren piece of land last October we could only marvel at how God has blessed the expansion of the school.

Teaching staff, a cook and cleaner were all interviewed and appointed, furniture ordered from a local carpenter, curriculum books and teaching aids purchased and sacks of posho and beans delivered along with pans, cups and plates to ensure a cooked lunch for the Primary School children. All the wonderful school staff gave up their own time and dedicated themselves to clean and organise the classrooms, clear up the last of the building rubble and tackle the layers of dust, ready to welcome the children to the start of the term.



children attend for half a day and receive porridge during the morning whilst the primary children receive a free lunch each day.

All this has only been possible because of the generosity of you, our supporters, combined with the hard work of the Ugandan staff and UK volunteers.

We have also seen a growth in the *Community Child Sponsorship Scheme* and one hundred and twenty children are receiving support. The UK Team were pleased to meet all the children and also attend the official handover of the sixteenth Protected Spring to a community in need of clean water. Work has already commenced on another site.

It is a joy to spend time at the Bridge of Hope Children's Village where twenty-two children live in a safe and happy environment. Siven, one of the older children, has passed his exams with good results and graduated to Secondary school.

The school holidays also saw an expansion in the *Bible Based Holiday Club* with over five hundred children attending on the final day and many of them are already asking when the next club will run.

We are now looking forward to the year ahead with all the joys, developments and challenges it will bring. Thank you for helping to change the lives of some of the poorest children in Uganda.



One hundred and twenty children attend the pre-school nursery which is now full and the primary section teaches seventy children with places to enrol ten more pupils.

The children were delighted to receive a visit from the UK Team and eager to present us with welcome songs and huge smiles. In order to provide so many children with good quality education, BOHCM has taken the innovative approach to reaching them by offering the poorest children a bursary. The nursery

*Proverbs 3 vs 5,6  
5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
6 in all your ways acknowledge him and  
he will make your paths straight.*

