

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

Thank you so much for continuing to stand alongside vulnerable families in Uganda, you are such a blessing. Every one of your faithful gifts and prayers has enabled us to continue supporting hundreds of children. The following news items are just a taster of the incredible difference you are making.

Vocational training changes lives

We were so thankful to receive a photo of Beatrice a BOHCM Vocational student proudly holding her "Primary Teacher" certificate. Qualifying as a teacher will not only transform her life but also those of her grandmother and other dependents. We first met this young woman when she was ten years old and as an orphan living with her grandmother and separated from her siblings, life was exceedingly difficult.

We are also in the process of seeking good Vocational placements for twelve more students now that the colleges have opened again.



Child sponsorship

Thanks to dedicated BOHCM staff and despite the challenges that Covid has presented all the sponsored children have continued to receive monthly support. In September they also received additional food and soap which was received with great joy. Currently we are planning for them to celebrate Christmas with extra food gifts in December along with the regular monthly support.

We also managed to extend the food support to another fifteen families in need and plan to continue doing this into the New Year.





Bridge of Hope children's village

We are delighted to report that all 22 children, the House Mothers and Aunts remain well. The children are continuing their education with three of our teachers who visit them daily in the safety of the BOHCM homes. It was a very special moment when Saffra, one of the girls, asked if they could go to the local church and give thanks that God has protected them from Covid and also kept us all safe. We were very touched that she instigated this "Thanks Giving" and they all enjoyed a very special and Joyful occasion.

Clean water saves lives

It is a shocking fact that every two minutes a child under the age of five dies because of dirty water or poor sanitation. Seeing children collecting water from muddy ponds is so heart breaking and we thank God that generous donors have made it possible for BOHCM to commence construction of another Protected Spring.



News

Bridge of Hope nursery and primary school – Good news: the Ugandan government are planning for all schools to reopen in January 2022. This not only means that education will be resumed but all children at our school will receive a free lunch and the Teachers will be back on full salaries.



Building projects – BOHCM has provided four more families with a latrine. Without this basic facility people are forced to use fields, plastic bags or

disease spreading containers. The provision of latrines not only improves sanitation but ensures the dignity and safety of these families. Furthermore we are urgently constructing a house for an elderly grandmother and the two orphans she cares for.

Clothing Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to our September collection, we have many items to take to Uganda and raised over £500 on the remaining clothes.



Craft Fair – This was a very special event, many thanks to everyone who made the afternoon so successful. You raised an amazing £1,674.

Alternative Gift Cards – Make Christmas special and buy your loved one a gift card that will support a child in Uganda. A range of cards are available to provide school lunches, school bursaries or a bag of essential food to feed a family during the Pandemic. For a full range of available cards or more information please email info@bohcm.org or ring **Monica Wood** on 020 8363 4555.

Online Shopping Supports Charities – "Give as You Live" is another great way to support BOHCM whilst shopping online. Simply use the link below and set up a simple account and each time you shop you can choose to donate to BOHCM at no extra cost to yourself. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3s73m99y>

Prayer points

- Give thanks that to date our children and staff are well
- Pray for more Covid vaccine to be available across the country
- Pray that we can safely resume our mission trips in 2022

1 Corinthians 13:13
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

