

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

Thanks to your faithfulness in prayer and your generous giving, BOHCM has been able to continue to support all our children and their families. Life for the poorest people remains very difficult in Uganda as food prices, fuel and medical requirements have soared. Your support has enabled us to feed many hungry children and we sincerely thank you for all you do in Jesus' name.

Bridge of Hope Children's Village

At the children's village there have been a few changes. Dinah, one of the House Mothers who joined BOHCM four years ago, requested to retire. Dinah will be very sadly missed by the children and other staff members but she has promised to keep in touch with the children. We will certainly miss her warm welcome and big smile when next visiting Uganda.

The children were very eager to give Dinah a leaving gift and it was decided that a goat would be a really special gift for her. Ben our Manager in Uganda reported that the



afternoon went well and the children all enjoyed a soda and some snacks. Dinah was thrilled with her gift and couldn't believe the generosity of BOHCM.

After several interviews a new House Mother has now been appointed and we pray that she will settle well and really love the children.



Alice, who has worked at the Children's Village (CV) since the day it opened in 2011 celebrated a very special day with her daughter. Alice was thrilled to arrange and attend her daughters "Give Away" ceremony which is a Ugandan tradition whereby the groom and his family are formally introduced to the Bride's family. The wedding then takes place on another day. Alice said she could never have been able to provide this day for her daughter if it was not for the regular salary and support she receives from BOHCM.

Our youngest child Elijah at the CV recently fell whilst running and fractured a bone in his leg. He was rushed to hospital and his leg was x-rayed and then put in plaster. We suspect that as he came to us as a very malnourished abandoned child that his bones will improve now that he is receiving appropriate nutrition.

Child Sponsorship

Whilst in Uganda in 2015 we were asked to visit a homeless woman called Scovia who was struggling to care for her twin baby girls. Both babies required immediate medical attention and the next day we had found her a small clean place to live. Scovia has been amazing over the past seven years and has used every opportunity to work hard and bring up her baby daughters. Her sponsor has been faithful in providing monthly support and more recently another donor agreed to build for Scovia and the girls a small house of their own. This family are now happily living in their new home and are just one example of how sponsorship can work.



Gifts & letters for Sponsored Children

We are hoping to return to Uganda in November and every sponsor will have the opportunity to send a letter and small gift to their sponsored child. We will let you know when to prepare these items.

News

Vocational Students – Five more students have successfully graduated from their chosen Vocational Course and have written their final letter to their sponsor expressing their sincere thanks for giving them the opportunity to receive education and Vocational skills.

Building Projects – It's hard to imagine not having a toilet at home but this is the reality for many of the poorest people in Uganda. We thank God that we have been able to build a latrine for an elderly

widow who is caring for several orphaned children, her old latrine had collapsed. This provision of proper sanitation will promote their health and reduce infections as families



Date for your diary

Saturday 15th October – 10.30^{am} to 12.30^{pm}

Bridge of Hope Autumn Fayre and clothing collection. *More information to follow soon.*



without latrines are often forced to use the surrounding land. This can cause contamination of their environment, their food chain and water source increasing risk of infection to themselves and their neighbours.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and prayers, we are very aware that food and fuel prices are also rising here at home and really appreciate everything you do for the children in Uganda.

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the very successful and enjoyable Afternoon Tea held in August
- Give thanks that the children have a sponsor
- Pray that baby Elijah's leg heals well
- Pray that the new House Mother settles in well

Psalm 16:8
I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

