

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends

Welcome to the extended edition of your BOHCM Newsletter. We are really grateful for the generosity of faithful supporters like you. As we fast approach the end of 2014 it is a good time to update you on all that God has achieved through BOHCM.



September saw a team of ten arriving in Uganda. Their enthusiasm, ability to adapt to dust, potholes, bathing in a bowl, their love shown to the children and coping with a very flexible timetable was really appreciated.

It is always good to see the projects through the eyes of visitors, taking the time to reflect on how healthy and energetic the children are and how many have survived because of your support.

Education offers a bright future

We believe that good education is vital for a bright future and are providing a happy and secure environment where children learn, share and play together regardless of gender, religion, physical or mental ability. A lively and fun time was had visiting the teachers and 192 children at the BOHCM Primary & Nursery school.

In addition to their own language, the children are also taught English and we encourage our staff to develop friendly and supportive relationships with the children's caregivers and local community. Caregivers are encouraged to understand and be involved in their



child's education and also support teaching in the school by reinforcing good behaviour and a desire to learn. The first group of children will graduate from Primary Two in December and in order for them to continue education of this quality we are planning to construct a Primary Three classroom.

Apart from teaching the children the Hokey Cokey, our enthusiastic team set about painting classrooms, delivering teaching materials, installing display boards and ensuring every child received a clothing item, a simple gift that brought such joy.



Sporting start

A weekend was dedicated to a BOHCM Youth Football & Netball Tournament with one thousand people attending these exciting events. The

football pitch was strimmed by hand, the lines painted with old engine oil and the teams were ready to kick off, while the girls excitedly started their netball matches in a nearby school. The winners and runners up were presented with a goat and happily planned to celebrate together.



In January 2015 we plan to employ two part-time youth workers to work with the most disadvantaged children. We believe that structured sports can help shape children into healthy, social and active people. They will be encouraged to form friendships and learn about important issues such as HIV/Aids while having fun in a safe and relaxed setting.

Clean water saves lives



2009 saw the first Protected Spring opened and ready for use by the local community. In September 2014 we opened the nineteenth Protected Spring, built with funds raised by students at South Downs College. Another pond used by many children was also identified and work to create our twentieth spring will begin soon. UNICEF state that 1 in 5 children do not have access to clean water, a statistic which only strengthens our vision to provide this facility for as many families as possible.

Changing the lives of children together

In 2009 twenty-five children were registered for child sponsorship – five years later this programme supports 138 children including seven with disabilities. Sponsorship works. These children are able to attend school regularly, their diets have improved and they can seek medical help when required.



Take a moment to imagine the life of a child going to bed curled up on a few rags, hungry and often in pain. Then please prayerfully consider "Sponsoring a Child". For further details contact BOHCM at the address below.

Babies are surviving, older children are graduating to secondary school and this opens up opportunities for obtaining salaried employment in the future. Grandmothers burdened with caring for orphaned grandchildren now feel supported.

The team enjoyed meeting the children and their guardians, all of whom posed for photos and the children happily wrote letters to their sponsors.

Children belong in families



Arriving at the BOHCM Children's Village is always special, excited children running to greet the visitors, squeals of delight and hugs all round followed by singing and dancing. During our stay we attended church with the children, shared a lunch, celebrated two birthdays with a large cake and played numerous energetic games.

In between all the excitement the team painted the living rooms, fixed swings and gates, glazed windows and built a stand for a mangle brought from the UK.

Gift cards

With Christmas fast approaching, our Alternative Gift Cards are now on sale. Contact BOHCM for details – these gifts

really help transform the lives of Ugandan children.

2014 has been another amazing year for BOHCM. We thank God for His faithfulness and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Prayer points

- Give thanks to God for the lives being changed
- Give thanks for the dedicated staff in Uganda
- Pray for guidance in the expansion of the Primary School

*1 John 3:v18
Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

