

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends

Please take a moment to consider that your generous gifts not only provide children with homes, education and food but that you are helping to change the world. Thank you so much for being such a blessing.

In May a team of seven visited Uganda, four of whom joined us for their first time. God blessed us with safe travel, energy and good health to visit all the BOHCM projects and we arranged for sponsors to meet their sponsored child and visit them in their home.

Sponsorship is a blessing

There was much excitement when 150 sponsored children met in groups to receive their gift and write a letter to their sponsor.



The guardians were also very joyful and gave many testimonies expressing the improvement and new found "Hope" in their lives. Gone is the despair and feeling of hopelessness that used to surround them.

Bridge of Hope Nursery & Primary School

With three Nursery and three Primary classes all eagerly waiting to meet the visitors it was important that we visited every class and gave them time to

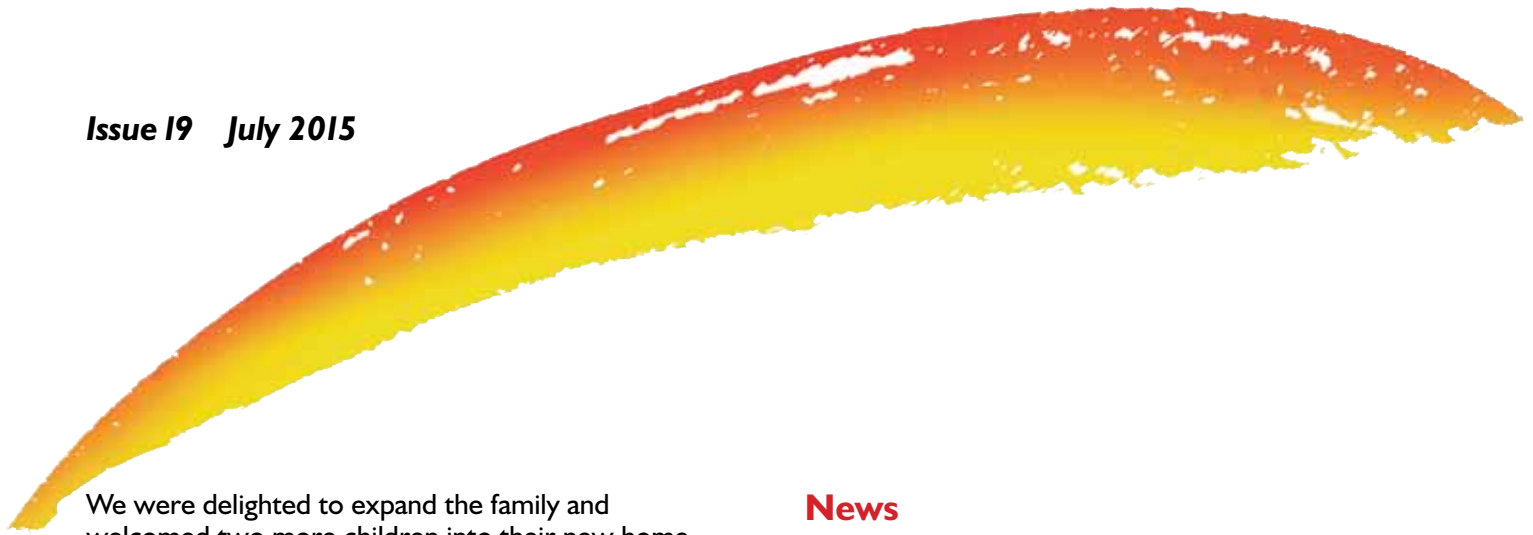


present a song or two. Every morning 147 children enjoy attending nursery. They receive a cup of porridge mid-morning and the opportunity to learn and play in a safe environment. The Primary section has 131 pupils all who receive a free school lunch to ensure that hunger doesn't prevent them from learning. We continue to support the poorest children with bursaries and currently 81 children benefit from this scheme whilst 2 of the children have their school fees fully paid for them.

Children belong in families



The children at the Bridge of Hope Children's Village are so excited when visitors arrive. They receive lots of attention, play endless games, learn new skills and have the opportunity to present their songs and dances. A highlight for everyone is attending the local church together, followed by a special lunch prepared by the House Mothers and older children.



We were delighted to expand the family and welcomed two more children into their new home. Mivea is a little girl of four years and Joveen a boy of seven years. Both children have settled in well due to the love and care they receive. They especially enjoy going to school, having their own bed and eating regular meals in a safe environment.



Bible Based Holiday Club

Over 600 children attended the recent holiday club and team members enjoyed participating in one of the sessions for the teenagers.



News

Guardians who are elderly or sick can now be provided with additional food as they are not able to grow food for their families. BOHCM is supporting eight such families that meet our "Family Support" criteria.

The birth of quadruplets in the local hospital was a great surprise to the staff. The parents are so poor that BOHCM was asked to assist the family with milk, bottles and other essential items including clean water and food for the mother. Sadly two of the babies did not survive.

Mental Health services are scarce in Uganda but BOHCM was able to arrange for a mentally ill father called Hassan to access care in hospital in Kampala. This was not an easy piece of work as a police officer had to be present during the seven hour journey. We are hopeful that Hassan will soon be able to return home to his family.

Our building projects in the community are progressing well and more latrines and a Protected Spring have been completed since our last visit. Assessments were undertaken and we plan to build three houses and several family latrines in the near future, whilst other families will have their leaking roofs replaced.

The Sunday afternoon Sports Youth Programme is flourishing with many children eager to learn new skills and have the opportunity to play netball or football.

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the many BOHCM supporters
- Give thanks for the ability to meet unexpected needs
- Pray for the two surviving babies and their family
- Pray for God's guidance in all we do

Proverbs 11 v 25
A generous man will prosper;
he who refreshes others will
himself be refreshed.

**DATE FOR
YOUR DIARY**
Annual Afternoon
Tea, Saturday
15th August at
St. John's Church,
Clay Hill.

