

Bridging the Gap

Dear friends of BOHCM, there is nothing that cheers the heart like being greeted by smiling, happy & healthy children, eager to greet the visiting team of five people. These orphaned or abandoned children have the opportunity to live at the BOHCM Children's Village because of your support and they love it.

The House Mothers and Aunt are warm, hard working and loving people and the children are thriving in their care. They further demonstrated this wonderful attitude when in January we brought four more children to live with them. A severely malnourished boy of 22 months who cannot yet walk, 2-year-old twin boys who had been placed in a children's home four hours drive away at the age of 6 weeks and a 9-year-old girl abandoned at the age of 18 months and now unable to remain with the recently widowed guardian.

The team spent many hours at the Children's Village, planting trees, building swings and installing basic solar lighting instantly reducing the need for paraffin lamps. Orders were placed with a local carpenter for more furniture & after many hours of digging the nearby gravity water system was extended and a tap installed behind the bungalows for use if the Rain Water Harvesters run dry.

We also met the 79 children sponsored in the community where they received their support from their sponsors and several items of clothing. Five more families received a goat to increase the *BOHCM Income*



Generating Project and a mattress and blanket were given to those children who had never received one.

Many guardians mentioned the Christmas Celebration and send sincere thanks for the gifts of food and meat.

We were pleased to meet the Director of Health Services for the area when the official "Handover" of the Health Centre Staff House built by BOHCM took place. The midwife moved in the next day ensuring that the Maternity Unit can now fully function.

BOHCM also arranged some basic health and hygiene training funded by a Mothers Union group in the UK and over 80 people attended this lively session. Later in the week a fun-filled time was enjoyed when the local community children attended a party arranged by BOHCM and all left with an item of clothing.

Just before leaving Rukungiri we finalised the details for the construction of a Nursery School on our land, which will further support many children, attended the opening of a Protected Spring and finalised the arrangements for the construction of our sixth Protected Spring in an area in urgent need of clean water.

Please take time to look at the "Images" section on the web site. Your prayers, financial donations and clothing gifts are truly making a difference and supporting the children. We value your prayers for the work of BOHCM and give thanks to God for all His goodness.

Matthew 25:40:
"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers & sisters of mine you did for me"

