

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends

Welcome to the first Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry (BOHCM) Newsletter for 2017. It's thanks to you, our generous supporters that we are able to reach out to so many vulnerable children in Jesus name.



School Staff

Bridge of Hope School

In February the school year commenced as we celebrated the opening of a Primary 5 class and the appointment of another teacher. In the nursery, our emphasis on encouraging families to enrol their girls was successful and all the places were quickly filled with a balance of boys and girls attending. The Head teacher with other staff members visited homes during the school holidays to ensure that the poorest children were given the opportunity to attend our school. At BOHCM we are aware that one of the greatest influencing factors on child mortality is the



literacy of a mother and education is one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty. With over 300 hungry children to feed an additional

cook was quickly appointed, work commenced to build another toilet block and the 30,000 litre Rain Water Harvester is now providing water for the school whilst also preventing soil erosion.



Child Sponsorship Scheme

The visiting team had the opportunity to meet their sponsored child and visit their homes which is always exciting for everyone and they enjoyed a very special time together. Several sponsored children graduated to Secondary School and two students commenced their two year Vocational Course in Plumbing and Tailoring. Another student completed her tailoring course and received a sewing machine and has commenced work. Visiting vulnerable families is always challenging and emotionally demanding, especially when faced with a Child Headed Home where a 14 year old boy is trying to care for three young siblings. We thank God that we were able to register them onto the Sponsorship Scheme.

Bridge of Hope Children's Village



The children were so excited to receive visitors and enjoyed displaying their dancing and singing skills. Five of the children were baptised at the local church followed by a celebratory lunch together prepared by the wonderful House Mothers.



The children all enjoyed their annual trip to Rukungiri Town to buy a new pair of school shoes. Bringing up children when you live in poverty is an endless struggle and we were asked to support a homeless mother with

14 month old triplets. It is difficult to imagine the demands she faced caring for three babies without



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy and Clothing Collection:
Saturday 6th May 10-12 noon at Enfield Baptist Church

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the appointments of School staff
- Give thanks for the safety of the team that visited Uganda
- Pray for the opportunity to support more children whilst maintaining the current projects

water, electricity, a home and food. In order to keep the children together the triplets are now living at the Children’s Village where there are many willing hands to look after them. Not only have the number of children increased but so have the “kids” as we now have eight healthy goats.

News

Approved Homes Certificate – after a long and complicated process BOHCM has now received our long awaited certificate confirming that the standard of care we give the children is excellent.

Clean Water – a big thank you to “Friends in Enfield” and “No More Dirty Water” who provided the funds to construct two more Protected Springs. It is a dream come true for the families who no longer have to collect their water from dirty ponds and can turn on a tap to access clean water.

Latrines – three more families joyfully received a newly constructed latrine which will improve the health and safety of the family and in the coming months we plan to provide more families with this essential facility.



Matthew 22: v 37-39

Jesus replies: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

