

Bridging the Gap

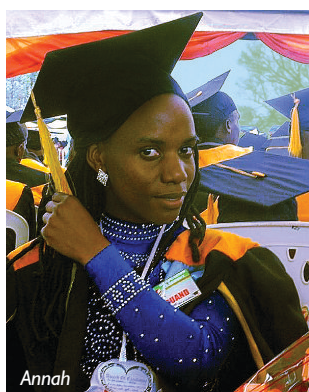
Dear Friends of BOHCM

A very warm welcome to the Spring edition of "Bridging the Gap". We recently returned from a very busy time in Uganda and were delighted that two supporters joined us for their first visit, making a team of eight. Looking back over 2018 we know that the work BOHCM accomplished was only possible because of your incredible support and, thanks to you, children's lives are steadily improving.



Sponsor Visits

During our time in Uganda we each met our sponsored children and their guardians. However, the pleasure of meeting a child and visiting their home for the first time is hard to describe. The families were so welcoming and everyone was excited to meet their child's sponsor, even the neighbours and friends were invited to enjoy this special occasion.



It is a real joy to watch sponsored children develop over the years as two of our Vocational Students are now embarking on their chosen career. Alex has qualified as a hairdresser and is setting up his own Salon whilst Annah enjoyed her graduation ceremony and is now working as a qualified Secondary School teacher. More children graduated from Primary to Secondary School, whilst others started their Vocational Training.

Bridge of Hope Children's Village

Receiving visitors is such a special time for the 27 children who live in our two homes. They love the attention, learning new games and the opportunity to entertain us with energetic dancing and songs in both English and the local language, Runyankore.

The first visit of the year is special as the children received a belated Christmas gift and we enjoyed a celebratory meal together. Of course this was followed up with balloons, bubbles, games and lots of dancing. Seeing these formerly traumatised children looking so healthy, confident and energetic is such a blessing and we thank God for all the support you generously give to make this possible.





Youth Sports Development Programme (YSDP)

Every Sunday afternoon local children meet to enjoy the YSDP. Our visit was well timed as the children excitedly participated in football and netball tournaments. This colourful event was enjoyed by the participants, supporters and local community, culminating in the presenting of the BOHCM Trophies to the jubilant winners.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – VENUE: ENFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring & Buy Coffee Morning including Clothing Collection – April 13th 10am-12pm

Afternoon Tea – August 10th 3pm

Check our website for more details

TO COME:

Barn Dance – September 21st

BOHCM Quiz – October 19th

More details in the next edition

News

The Bridge of Hope Nursery and Primary School opened its final section and successfully appointed two more teachers. We continue to offer free school meals to over 400 children.

The Bible Based Holiday Clubs hosted hundreds of children on both sites and continues to offer a holistic programme to children from age 8-17yrs.

Clean water saves lives and two more Protected Springs were officially opened in rural areas providing lifesaving clean water to hundreds of people. A further site was identified and work began to convert this to a Protected Spring.

Two children were given emergency medical treatment funded by BOHCM with one of the children requiring an operation on the same day we took her to hospital. They are now both recovering.

Another two homes were built for families, whilst others received a latrine.

We are currently planning to replace our old and faithful truck which has served us well for the past seven years.

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the successful appointment of BOHCM Teachers
- Give thanks for a safe and productive visit to Uganda
- Pray for rain as the water crisis is affecting crops and daily life
- Pray that we will never be overwhelmed by poverty and together we will continue to make a difference to vulnerable children

Galatians 6:2
Carry each other's
burdens, and in this
way you will fulfil the
law of Christ.

