

# Bridging the Gap

## Dear Friends

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry is delighted to send you the latest supporter Newsletter highlighting some of the amazing work that you are making possible in Uganda.

## Bridge of Hope Children's Village

Recently one of our House Aunts who has been with us for over three years accepted employment in another location. She went with our blessing and thanks for all the care she has given to the children. Fortunately, whilst we were worrying how to fill the void she had left, God already had a plan. Within days a lovely motherly local woman who is already known to us and the children requested to be House Aunt and has already settled in and is working well. During the school holidays a BOHCM sponsored child who is training to be a Primary School Teacher assisted the children with their "Homework Holiday Packages" and English Language. We are thrilled to report that with the support from BOHCM and his sponsor this young teacher in training is already giving back to the local children and making a difference in his community.



## Bridge of Hope Nursery & Primary School

November is a very important time of year at the BOHCM School as the children are preparing to take their end of year exams. The results will determine the class they are placed in next year and also reflect the progress of the school in the district league tables. You may recall that in January 2019 we opened our first class for P7 students to study and another



milestone will shortly be reached as they complete the year and sit for the P7 exams culminating in an important leaving certificate. In the younger classes we are progressing with our aim to help the parents and guardians buy sportswear for their child consisting of a locally made t-shirt and shorts.

## Child Sponsorship

Unpredictable weather conditions can cause crop failure and subsequent food shortages for poor agricultural communities. So imagine the joy when 150 sponsored children received a bag of food and an additional financial gift from their sponsor. A further eleven families known to BOHCM were also blessed with this essential support made possible by you, our generous supporters. We were also able to distribute some more goats suitable for breeding, thus giving people the opportunity to earn an income and increase their livestock.





Giving birth to a baby in Uganda can be fraught with danger especially when you are too poor to afford medical care. One of the guardians recently went into labour and complications arose requiring an

emergency caesarean. BOHCM were able to provide a carer to stay with her in the hospital and also pay for the operation to go ahead. The doctors later reported that without our urgent intervention both mother and child would have died. The local community are assisting this mother by caring for her other children, giving her some firewood and carrying water for her whilst she recovers from her surgery.

### Clean Water Saves Lives

A big thank you to everyone who filled an empty water bottle with their spare coins over the past year, we have reached the target of £1,200 to build a "Protected Spring". We also give thanks to a plucky young woman who ran the Australian Marathon in September and raised enough money to provide another community with clean water. Both sites will be identified early in 2020 and construction will then be able to commence.



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**BOHCM Bring & Buy Coffee Morning with Clothing Collection 16<sup>th</sup> November at Enfield Baptist Church. Check our website for more details.**

### News

- **Two more families benefitted** from a replacement roof and a latrine.
- **We successfully purchased a plot of land** to extend our projects.
- **A team of seven** will be visiting Uganda in January 2020.

### Alternative Gift Cards

*Make Christmas special and buy your loved one a gift card that will support a child in Uganda. A range of cards are available to provide school lunches, school bursaries or food to feed a family at Christmas.*

*For a full range of available cards or more information please email [info@bohcm.org](mailto:info@bohcm.org) or call us on 01992 712427.*

### Prayer points

- *Pray for the team visiting Uganda in January to have a fruitful and encouraging time*
- *Pray for the harvest to provide enough food for the families*
- *Give thanks that children have the opportunity to sit their end of term exams*
- *Give thanks that BOHCM has been able to reach out to so many people in Jesus' name*

### Hebrews 4:12

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

