

# Bridging the Gap

## Dear Friends of BOHCM

Thank you for showing Christ-like compassion through your prayers, gifts and encouraging messages. Despite the hardships some of you are facing due to the cost of living crisis you continue to support the work of BOHCM in so many different ways. We truly appreciate you all.

### Bridge of Hope Nursery & Primary School

We are currently educating 465 children and due to this amazing growth of the school we have been struggling to provide enough water during the dry seasons for preparing meals, for drinking, washing hands and general cleaning.

However, due to a generous donation we have now been able to construct another 30,000 litre rain water harvester. Capturing and storing this water from the school roofs during the heavy rainy season has transformed our water shortage problem and is also preventing further ground erosion.

In May our team of six visited the school and for one of the team members it was his first time in Uganda. Being a young actor and musician he soon had all the children eagerly enjoying his visit and all ten classes had to be visited where they were introduced to a lively rendition on his Ukulele. It was a very special visit full of laughter, dancing and fun for everyone. We were also able to hand out toothbrushes to all 465 children donated by a dentist in Enfield.







*Our new  
addition – an  
abandoned girl*

### Children's Village

On arrival at the Children's Village it is hard to remember that 15 years ago this was an empty plot of land which has been transformed to a place of love and safety for orphans and abandoned children. The children are always so excited to see us and especially appreciated our new visitor and all the games of Volley Ball which he joined in. During the week we enjoyed a special lunch together, activities, egg and spoon races, balloons and bubbles and introduced the children to Lego. It was very encouraging to see how quickly the children developed their creative skills and they spent hours on this activity. Thank you to everyone who donated Lego, we still have plenty to take the next time we



*The twin house  
under construction  
(see next page)*



visit. In the last week of our visit we were privileged to welcome an abandoned little girl into the family. She settled in very well and was soon confidently enjoying the attention from the House Mothers, Aunts and the children.

We are currently planning to do some renovations in the second of our homes, Genesis, to improve the bathroom facilities with tiles and give the interior of the home a much needed face lift. We are also in the process of constructing a simple "Twin House" nearby which will be used as a transition home for our children when they reach the age of 18 and need to leave our Homes. Our aim is to ensure they can adapt to community living and live close by until they are ready and prepared well to live independently.

## Child Sponsorship

A big thank you to our new sponsors who are now supporting a child, you are an answer to prayer. Every sponsored child has the opportunity to attend school and vocational training when they are older. They and their guardian also receive regular advice and support from our staff in Uganda as well as monthly food and access to medical care. This support not only helps the child, it really helps the whole family.

## News

**Youth Sports** – A great donation of Football Boots, Netball Bibs and Tops and various play items was gratefully received by Hillary, the supervisor of this exciting programme.

**Vocational Training** – Eleven more students are currently on Vocational Training Courses such as

Nursery Teaching, Electronics Technology, Auto Mechanics and Hair Dressing. We were delighted to meet one of the Graduates during our last visit and he was eager to tell us how much his sponsor and BOHCM had changed his life and that he is now working and earning a living.

**BOHCM School** – More teachers have been interviewed and appointed to join the school.

**Foster Care** – An abandoned little boy was placed with a BOHCM Foster Carer and he is now receiving medical care for an infection affecting his eye and teeth. He is very loving and lively despite his health needs and is truly loved by his foster family.

**Homeless Family** – A small house has been rented for a homeless mother and her two young children. They are now able to attend the BOHCM Nursery School and receive ongoing support. Currently BOHCM are renting six small homes in the community for previously homeless families and it is such a blessing to see them safe and settled and doing so well.

Finally we would like to encourage anyone who is interested in visiting Uganda to experience the work of BOHCM first-hand to contact us and we will explain how you can be involved.

**Thank you once again for caring about the children in Uganda as your kindness is a lifeline to them all.**

## Prayer points

- Give thanks for the new sponsors
- Give thanks for the appointment of more teachers
- Pray for the opportunity to support more children in Uganda
- Pray for the staff in Uganda to retain their commitment to BOHCM

## Date for your diary

Afternoon Tea,  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 3-6pm

In the grounds of St. John's Church, Clay Hill, Enfield. Tickets are £12.00; full details are on our website [www.bohcm.org](http://www.bohcm.org).

This event is very popular, to avoid disappointment please make sure you book your tickets:

Lynn Murphy 01992 622727 or Joan Young 01707 872857

Psalm 33:4-5  
For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.  
The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

