

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

Welcome to the November edition of our Newsletter. Thank you so much for your prayers and generous gifts that continue to make a powerful impact in the lives of over 500 children and their families in Uganda. These children are so blessed by your support and receive nutrition, medical care and an education, leading to vocational training and the possibility of earning a living and supporting their families. We know that such positive changes take time and commitment but they bring so much hope to children living in poverty.

Children's Village

In the July Newsletter we told you about the planned renovations for *Genesis*, one of our homes. We are pleased to report that the two bathrooms have now been tiled and are much easier to keep clean with so many children using them. Further interior repairs will soon commence.



The twin house that we constructed nearby for children to live in when they are 18 and need to leave our homes looks great and we will now plan to build the latrine and a kitchen. Our aim is to support the young people until they can adapt to community living and are able to live independently.

A very special time was had when eight of our children attended their confirmation ceremony along with other children from the community. The children all enjoyed meeting the Bishop and celebrated the occasion with a special lunch followed by cake.





Child Sponsorship

We are so encouraged when we see children receive an education and go on to learn a skill through a Vocational Course. Another young person has successfully completed Motor Bike Mechanics Training and received a gift of tools from BOHCM to help him to become fully independent. He is an orphan and has always lived with his grandmother and has been supported by his sponsor for the past ten years. This has been a life changing transformation for this young man, from what seemed a hopeless situation to a bright and successful future. We look forward to many more young people achieving their God given potential.

As we write this Newsletter we are conscious that Christmas will soon be here, plans are underway for all the sponsored children to receive an extra gift of food in December as well as their monthly support. This will ensure they can celebrate this very special time with their families.



One young boy has already received a very special gift from BOHCM as we were able to buy him a wheelchair. He is so

happy to be more mobile and his father is very appreciative that he can now continue to manage his son's care.

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Vocational Training – Currently we have thirteen children on training courses and are expecting this number to greatly increase when the Primary 7 children finish school on 1st December 2023. Some



will qualify for Secondary School funding whilst others will benefit from learning a skill. Schools reopen on 5th February 2024 and Vocational Courses will also become available at this time.



Bible Based Holiday Club – We are so pleased to confirm that our Holiday Club will run for four days before and four days after Christmas. We are expecting 350-400 children to attend and plans are in place to ensure they all have fun and a time of learning and socialising according to their age. A team of six people will be visiting Uganda in January and whilst there, will have the pleasure of attending one of the Holiday Club days.

BOH School – Currently our school is preparing for the end of term exams. Some children will move up a year whilst those in P7 will take final exams in order to receive their P7 Certificate. In Uganda the dropout rate for poor children from education is very high. This is often caused by children starting school late without any foundational skills, parents that are unable to afford fees or scholastic materials and a lack of food. At our school we ensure that the children can start learning from nursery age, we provide food for all the

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the safe birth of a baby boy to Lona one of our Field Staff
- Give thanks that we can build a house for a struggling family
- Give thanks for all the BOHCM supporters
- Pray for our safe & successful visit to Uganda in January 2024
- Pray for all our decisions to be wise and led by God

Alternative Gift Cards

If you're not sure what to buy for people this Christmas, why not make the festivities special with one of our Gift Cards and bring joy to your family and friends whilst blessing children in Uganda. For a full range of available cards or more information please email info@bohcm.org or ring Monica Wood on 020 8363 4555.

children and bursaries for those who cannot contribute to their fees.

Foster Care – As well as all the wonderful progress that BOHCM is making, we also need to deal with some very sad times. Recently, one of our children who had Special Needs passed away in her sleep. This little girl was an abandoned child taken in by a lovely Foster Carer. We are just so grateful that for the short time we knew her, we were able to make her life comfortable and pain free in a loving home.

Autumn Fayre – thank you to everyone that was able to attend or contribute to our Autumn Fayre and Clothing Collection on 7th October. It was very successful and over £1,000 was raised which will be used to build a house for a family that we visited in May 2023.

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 again for your support, we hope this Newsletter gives you an insight into the positive changes you are making possible in the lives of so many children and their families. Never forget what a huge difference you are making. God bless you all.

I John 4:11-12
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

