

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

We are delighted to send you this latest supporter Newsletter updating you on some of the positive changes that you are making possible for so many children in Uganda. We also reflect on and are sincerely thankful, for Gods provision and enduring faithfulness.

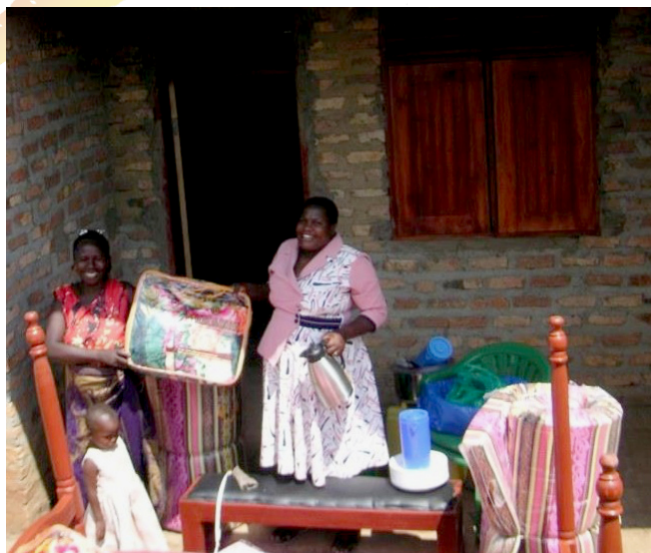


Children's Village (CV)

Since our last update in March, two of our older children who are both orphans, have been successfully reunited with extended family members and are settling into life in the community. BOHCM will continue to support their reunification and also pay their Secondary School fees to ensure they have every opportunity to complete their education. Emily, our floating House Aunt who we met

in January, has already become part of the CV family. She is very flexible, loves the children and is willing and ready to stand in for the House Mothers when they take their much needed Annual leave.

It is reassuring to hear that the little boy who joined the family in February this year is very healthy and well settled, he enjoys attending the BOH Nursery and has become firm friends with the other two young children.



Twin house

Exciting progress has been achieved as our recently constructed Twin House is ready to welcome the first two boys who are transitioning from the CV. A carer called Peninah is now living there with her young granddaughter and busy preparing to help the boys adjust to community living. Peninah is a widow and very happy to have a secure home and employment, her granddaughter will also benefit by attending the nearby BOH School. The first delivery of furniture has arrived and more will soon be delivered and a simple solar lighting system is now installed. As the Twin House is only five minutes' walk from the CV the boys are reassured that support and advice is close by as they begin this new season in their young lives.



Homeless widow

BOHCM also owns an older traditionally built property which until recently provided homes for two homeless guardians and the children in their care. We have now renovated the house and the pit latrine and offered this accommodation to a homeless widow and her children who are very excited that they can now attend school.



Clean water saves more lives

A big thank you to Enfield Baptist Church as they kindly funded the construction of a Protected Spring. Work has been completed and a whole community are now benefiting from this life saving water source.

These underground water sources are so vital to identify and protect, even as we write, Rukungiri where we work, is suffering from a prolonged period without any rainfall. Our rain water harvesters at the CV and School are empty and Ben (our manager in Uganda) has to take the truck with containers to fill each day in order to provide the water they require. The communities also urgently need rain for their crops to survive as well as for personal use.



Newly completed protected spring

Child sponsorship

If you have ever considered sponsoring a child we would love to hear from you. It costs just £15 per month to provide a way out of poverty for a child whilst also strengthening the whole family. We have two children waiting for a sponsor, so please do contact us if you feel moved to support a child.

When we first commenced our sponsor programme in 2009 we knew that every sponsored child would be able to attend Primary Education as well as receive additional resources. However, over the years we have seen more and more children complete this education with good enough grades to go onto Secondary School and receive a recognised certificate. This year alone we are blessed to have 49 children in Secondary School and a further 22 children accessing Vocational Training. One year in Secondary Education costs from £171-£200 per annum and to gain a certificate a child needs to complete 4 years. These fees are completely out of reach for the poorest children but we firmly believe that education is a way out of poverty and pray that we can continue to offer these opportunities to many more children.

Basic Vocational Training can be completed successfully in one year and some of the older less academic children prefer this route as it leads to employment. The cost for the year is £150-£200 depending on the course and additional requirements.

We know that Child Sponsorship is not for everyone but if you would like to help a child access Secondary or Vocational Training we would love to hear from you.

Fundraising

A big thank you goes to Andy Hatvani and his team who ran an excellent Quiz Night on the 31ST May. It was great fun, a complete sell out and raised £1,523.45.

We also thank Ali Burt, who on 21ST June took on the gruelling challenge of running 100km through the Alps, at the Ultra-Trail Morzine-Avoriaz in France, he raised an amazing £5,466.25 including Gift Aid, on his fund-raising page and has more pledges still to collect. **Thank you Ali.**

Thank you so much for your support. Many lives are being changed in Jesus name. We simply couldn't do this without you.

FUTURE EVENTS/ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Barn Dance – on 27TH September at Enfield Baptist Church. Tickets available from Anne Drew 07954101798 or email annedrew227@gmail.com

Coffee Morning & Clothing Collection – this very popular event with Craft Stalls will be held at Enfield Baptist Church on 18TH October. More details will follow nearer the date.

Prayer points

- Give thanks that God has provided Peninah our new carer
- Give thanks that despite many challenges our programmes continue
- Give thanks for supporters and fund raisers
- Pray for rain to save the crops and fill our Rain Water Harvesters
- Pray for two more sponsors

1 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.

