



## Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

**“THEY WHO ARE KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD AND HE WILL REWARD THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE”.  
PROVERBS: 19:17**

During the summer, some of our Trustees and friends from the UK visited Uganda. Pastor Nick and Suzanne Walters share their experience:

“In July we had the privilege of visiting Mother Janet School in Uganda. We were completely in awe of the warm welcome we received from the children. Even though it was evident these children were very poor, they love God so much. It was so wonderful to witness their enthusiasm in worship and we could not help but be moved by their heartfelt prayers and singing.

We will never forget the extreme poverty we witnessed in the rural areas of Uganda ... children with swollen stomachs due to malnutrition, large extended families living in squalid conditions, houses the size of our garden shed, the HIV virus still so prevalent and AIDS claiming the lives of those far too young to die. And yet, in all this, we experienced generosity beyond human understanding. Women with nothing could still find the capacity to take in neighbour's children or grandchildren whose parents had died of AIDS.

A visit from a couple of ‘mzungus’ (white people) seemed to cause some excitement in a few communities. We felt like we did so little and yet the Ugandan people were so grateful for the smallest thing. We bought two pigs for a lovely lady named Catherine. She was amazingly positive and the pigs seemed to give her hope for the future. We gave out clothes to children - many were second-hand but the children were as excited as any British child on Christmas morning.

Our hosts Margaret and John and their amazing family looked after us so well. They made us feel like one of them. It was a sad day when we had to leave. Yes, we were excited to come home and see our boys and return to our creature comforts (which we often take for granted) but a little bit of our hearts will always be with the school children and the people we met in Uganda.”



## SPONSORSHIP

Many thanks to our existing sponsors who generously continue to give – and to our many new sponsors. There is a Ugandan saying “By giving a child an education, you have given them everything”.

During our summer visit it was apparent that the monthly sponsorship fees did not fully meet the costs incurred. The cost of sponsorship has remained at its current rate of £8 (primary) and £15 (secondary) for many years. Like elsewhere, food prices have increased significantly over the past 5 years, together with the cost of school materials and uniforms for the pupils. As a result, the Charity has reluctantly decided on the need to increase sponsorship fees. The increased prices will rise to £12 (primary) and £20 (secondary). If you are able to increase your monthly contribution we would be most grateful. New sponsors will contribute at the increased rate.



## CHRISTMAS 2019

Each year, ALLHIM Charity supports very needy families in the Mukoko area by inviting donations to buy each family a plate of food for Christmas. In recent years, several hundred people were able to receive a nutritious Christmas meal. Are you able to help us again this year? Due to increasing prices, we are requesting £5 per plate of food. If you are able to make a donation, this would be hugely appreciated and should be received by no later than Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October.

For sponsors who would like their child/ren to receive a Christmas gift, please send donations to the Charity address, again no later than Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. As in previous years, the Charity will liaise with the Head Teacher on the most suitable gift for the child, to the value of your donation. **As always, all donations should be made by cheque, or bank transfer, to ALLHIM Charity.**

Apologies for the very early request for donations but the timescale to transfer funds to Uganda is very tight, as pupils leave school at the end of November for their home villages. Early receipt of gifts will ensure the recipients are able to take their gifts home when they leave school.

