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Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

NEWSLETTER



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2 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV)

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Supporters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued partnership with ALLHIM in our work of helping the children and adults who are stricken by poverty and disease, leaving many orphans as a result. Amazingly, we continue to touch the lives of many in the southern central parts of Uganda. The testimonies we have heard show how God is at work in individual lives, through your giving and prayers. The work of the charity is growing with the ever increasing needs of people in the communities we endeavour to serve. In the story of Jesus walking on the water, we learn that it is imperative to step out in faith and let Jesus lead us ashore, instead of worshiping Him in a safe place.



In April this year, my wife Rebecca and I saw the birth of our precious wonderful gift of a baby daughter Naomi. Her birth was a real blessing, a miracle from God, and an answer to prayer. We are very thankful for all the kind messages and gifts we received.

Roger Elver
Chairman

MOTHER JANET UPDATE

A number of children and staff at the orphanage have suffered with malaria and typhoid. The Headmaster, Mr Andrew Mwesigwa, had to be admitted to a medical centre for treatment during the summer. Typhoid can be very serious, resulting in death, if not detected straight away. The charity has ensured that testing kits are available so, when children and staff fall ill, they are able to receive immediate treatment as necessary. We thank those who raise funds for the medication but we would still like to appeal for further financial support in order to purchase more kits to cope with the demand.

For years, the football team at Mother Janet has performed exceedingly well,

becoming regular winners of the schools' cup in the district of Masaka. The performance of the team in this year's term two football season was phenomenal. In scorching heat, the boys tirelessly fought to keep the district cup. Winning the cup for several years in succession has placed the school at the forefront of promoting development and learning through sports and games.



UNICEF has reported that “when part of a school curriculum with proper instruction, sport has been shown to increase children's school attendance and their desire to succeed academically as well as teaching them life skills”.

The provision of sports equipment to those at Mother Janet, via ALLHIM, has played a significant part in decreasing the dropout rate from school.

The Nursery class at Mother Janet were very happy indeed to receive toys and school equipment, purchased with money raised by Busy Bees' Playgroup, Blaenavon. They were so happy to have 'proper' toys to play with, rather than those they usually make themselves.



Meet **FLORENCE**, a very happy young lady who was brought to Mother Janet Orphanage at the age of 6. Florence's mother died when Florence was very young and her father died in a tragic accident when Florence was in her teens, leaving her an orphan with four other siblings. Tragedy also struck in her life when, in 2011, she lost her only sister, Jascent, at 18 years of age to typhoid.

Florence has always been very hard working and committed to her learning. Having been sponsored at the orphanage and supported in developing her study skills by members of the charity, Florence's success, to date, has enabled her to progress to university where

she is studying to become a teacher.

There are many other children like Florence who have succeeded, as a result of attending Mother Janet Orphanage. Across Uganda, only 44% of girls complete basic education. For Florence to reach this level of education is remarkable. We thank all our sponsors who, through their generosity and commitment, are changing lives in this way. If you feel you, or any of your friends, can help to extend this work, please contact the charity.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (ACYP)

Members of the charity who visited Uganda this year were delighted to witness the improvement in the health and wellbeing of families supported through our partnership with ACYP. The difference witnessed in only 12 months was astonishing.

The needs in the communities continue to be extensive: orphaned children have to struggle to look after their siblings; elderly members of the community and disabled fight to live, with little or no food, or support and many young people continue to be abused by their extended families. With your financial support lives are being turned around and great things achieved.

A major focus in the last few months has been the need to provide nutritional meals for 90 children suffering from HIV/AIDS. They are receiving medication

via the Ugandan government but, without the correct nutrition, the medication will be of little benefit. Three of these children have died in the past three months.

The charity is actively seeking support for each of these 90 children to receive the regular meals required to improve their quality of life. Are you able to help? £2.00 per week (per child) is all that is required to resolve a life or death situation for these children. If you can help, please contact the charity.

Mary, the widow in the picture, suffers from HIV/ AIDS. She is the main carer for several children, the youngest of which are 2 year old twins, who also suffer from HIV/ AIDS. To support the general health and wellbeing of families like Mary's, the charity funds the construction of plate racks which enable washed crockery to be dried and stored away from the attack of vermin. In many cases, the charity also supports these families by building a very small, basic kitchen, to enable food to be prepared in a more hygienic way. The cost of this work is around £170 per family. Again, if you are able to help, please let us know.



The elderly lady in front of the metallic house (below) was homeless. Micheal and his volunteers recently built the temporary shelter you can see, for her and the abandoned children in her care. Micheal informs us that these children were so ill prior to the intervention with food provided by the charity that, without it, they would be dead. It is amazing what can be achieved with a relatively small contribution and what a life changing impact it has on those affected.



GIFTS TO SPONSORED CHILDREN

Many thanks to those who kindly sent a gift for children at Easter. As usual, the children were very thankful to receive your cards and gifts purchased with the donated funds.



Once again, we want to thank the sponsors who always bring a smile to the children's faces by sending a Christmas gift via ALLHIM. If you would like your sponsored child/ren to receive a monetary gift, please write cheques to ALLHIM and send them to the charity address **by no later than 15th November 2014**. The school term finishes at the end of November and children will not return to Mother Janet until February. If donations are not received by this date, the children will not have their gift until February 2015.

As you know, for a number of years, ALLHIM charity has made Christmas special for thousands of people in Uganda, including orphans, widows, the elderly, and the poor families in the communities of Masaka District by providing a plate of food. Most of the people for whom we have provided a Christmas meal in the past would never have had any food on Christmas day. This year, we again appeal for donations to give someone a special Christmas by providing a plate of food at a cost of £3.50. Donations should be received by 30th November at latest.

MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH ALLHIM

The website - www.allhimcharity.org - has recently been updated to include video clips on several of the pages, along with an extended image gallery of photographs taken during recent visits. It is our intention to keep updating these sections as often as practically possible.

It is also possible to get short updates by following ALLHIM on Twitter: @Allhimcharity. This is a new venture for the charity and, as we receive information from Uganda, this will be shared via Twitter.



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PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God for:

- Your continued support;
- The arrival of Baby Naomi Elver;
- Rains in Uganda.

Please pray for:

- Funds for medication for the children and staff in Mother Janet;
- Provision of food for HIV orphans in the communities via ACYP;
- More sponsors for the children.



IN ADVANCE ...
WE WISH ALL OUR SUPPORTERS
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT ALLHIM