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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2013



**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.
(ISAIAH 9:6)**

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The year 2013 has been a real blessing to us as a charity. We have seen the lives of people being changed for the better and are able to meet their basic needs.

Although we can say that this part of our goal is accomplished (that is to say, promoting self-sufficiency in the poor communities) the journey is only starting. We have a long way to go but, through it all, we have to believe something different can happen. In the bible, we read of the story of Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) *“When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me”!* He believed something different could happen in his life and his life was changed forever. It’s no wonder that years later, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, millions of believers are experiencing transformation in their lives.

In Isaiah 9:6-7, Jesus is proclaimed as a Prince of Peace. *“And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”*. Amidst the busyness of the season, we can take a moment and remember how we have been blessed over this year - and also blessed others - with the help of our Lord Jesus. We can then continue to demonstrate the act of LOVE, the theme that runs through this Christmas season, and endeavour to promote PEACE in our communities and the world at large.

**Yours in Christ
ROGER ELVER**



MOTHER JANET UPDATE



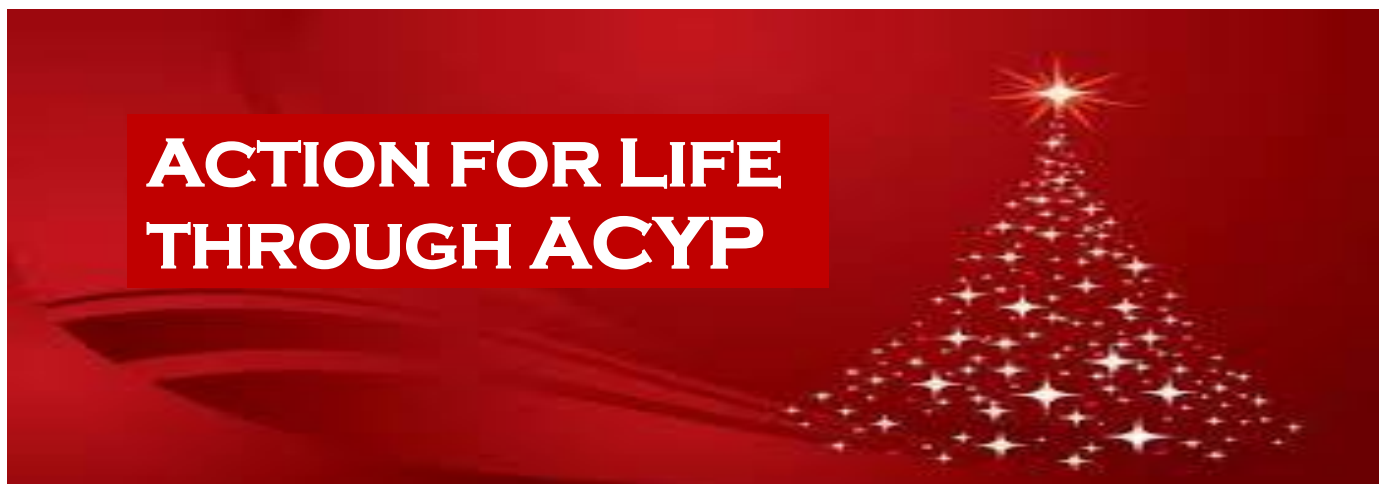
During the summer, Rev John and Mrs Margaret Byanyimba, the founders of Mother Janet Orphanage and School, visited the UK. They were so thankful that God enabled them to come again. After his operation, John has been blessed with this time to rest and recuperate. As many of you know, there is never time to rest at the Orphanage and John believed it was a miracle and a great blessing to have an opportunity to visit again.



There has been a long drought again in the region where Mother Janet is situated. This has caused so many of the children to suffer with bad colds and flu, as well as suffering from lack of food. Lightning strikes are also rampant during this season. We are praying for the provision of the lightning strike guards for Mother Janet. The cost is very high with each guard costing

£2000. So far, during this drought season alone, three schools in the country have been struck and five children died.

There are 36 children who will be sitting their end of primary leaving exams. We always think of those children who have no sponsors to be able to continue their education.



We want to thank you for the contribution of the food appeal for the HIV children. The diet for these children is essential to their survival since the medication they are given can only work if they do not miss meals. However, this is rare given the situation where the drought has caused food scarcity. In contributing to this appeal you have helped those affected and could possibly have saved someone's life.



Micheal continues to work very hard in the communities, schools and with the youth enabling, giving them hope for the future. In his latest report, Micheal states "You are aware that we have been giving out food to the HIV/AIDS infected children and families in July and early August. Now we have realised how diverse the scourge is. Many people

have flocked to our offices thinking that we had the help. Actually their conditions are alarming also. Unfortunately we had already surveyed and prioritised those that were to receive the help. Very many were not helped in any way, even though their condition was bad. It is sad sometimes saying to a child - who is very ill and in need of food - that you do not have it. I thank God you helped us to reach those that we reached. Messages of appreciation are coming from all the corners of the community.”

Micheal stresses “The months of October, November and December pose a threat of the increase in the prices of all the types of food and nutritious food supplements for the HIV/AIDS children. These items would be very expensive. This is why we cannot do what we want to do because we are in crisis.” We continue to support children with disabilities (some of whom are HIV positive) providing food where we can. The families with disabled children are in desperate need of our support. The Ugandan government does not offer any support to these families and therefore when most mothers have a disabled child, they dump them on the rubbish tip. Among those supported are two families (each with over 10 children with a variety of disabilities) where two ladies have taken them in after asking people to give the children to them instead of dumping babies on the tip.





CHRISTMAS MEALS AND GIFTS

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 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 that will cost £3.50. Donations should be received by 15th December.

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 also by no later than 15th December 2013.



PRAISE AND PRAYER



We PRAISE God for:

- The protection of those at Mother Janet during the drought.
- The ongoing support of our sponsors.
- His unfailing love and protection.

Please PRAY for:

- The rains in Uganda.
- Positive results for P7 who have recently sat their examinations.
- Food, health and strength – especially for those suffering from HIV/AIDS.
- The work of Micheal and ACYP.



WE WISH ALL OUR SUPPORTERS
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT ALLHIM CHARITY



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