



Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2010

In July 2010, God opened the door for Margaret and I to visit the UK. God has made it possible for us to visit places and meet friends who are supporting us and are willing to stand with us to help the children, through supporting ALLHIM Charity.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing our troubles and we pray for you always for God to bless you and reward you abundantly. God called us to look after his lambs. It is not always easy – there are so many challenges we face but it is only by God's Grace that we carry on. He is always faithful and will never see His children go hungry, even if it is one meal a day. His compassion is always evident to us at Mother Janet, even in the hard times such as droughts and famine. We are always reminded of what the prophet Jeremiah says in his book of Lamentations 3:22-24 "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness". This love overwhelms us.

We are longing to see these children grow up to become good citizens of Uganda who will be able to contribute massively to the society. Our prayer now is for God to provide for the Skills' Centre project to enable the children to gain the necessary qualifications to gain employment.

We thank the friends who have welcomed us into their homes and churches, for the hospitality we have received and all the love you have shown us. Thank you for your support – both financially and prayerfully. We thank the Chairman and Trustees of ALLHIM Charity for their hard work. Please continue to pray for us as we also remember you in our prayers.

**Rev John Byanyimba
Founder, Mother Janet Orphanage, Uganda**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to men on whom His favour rests (Luke 2:14)**

Dear Friends

Christmas is here again and all over the world people are excited about celebrating the festivities of the season. Indeed, we remember those who are struggling, due to natural disasters, political upheaval and other circumstances. Christ, the stone, came to set up a Kingdom where He reigns that is not a political kingdom (John 18:36). We thank God for Jesus who came in human flesh to reign in us and to give us hope and all the joys this season brings. We pray all our friends and supporters will have a blessed and happy Christmas. We thank you because what we have achieved this year could not have been possible without your support – prayerfully, practically and financially.



MOTHER JANET UPDATE

The end of this academic year will see 28 children sitting their primary leaving examinations. Thirteen of them are fortunate to have sponsors and will be assured of further schooling, either in secondary or tertiary institutions. Unfortunately, the rest who have no sponsors will be unable to continue with their education. It is for this reason that the Charity desperately needs to build a skills centre where these pupils can go and gain skills to enable them to get jobs and secure their futures.

Child sacrifice is very prevalent in Uganda, due to the practices of Witch Doctors. The safety of children at the school is of paramount importance. As a result, a brick wall has been built around Mother Janet School. However, for those children who need to travel to school, there is an urgent need for a vehicle to be used to transport them, as some of them daily walk a round trip of up to 12 miles.

We commend Andrew Mwesigwa and the team who have taken care of the Orphanage while Rev John and Margaret have been away having a break.



FOOD SITUATION

Unfortunately, there has been a drought again in some parts of Uganda, including the area where Mother Janet Orphanage is situated. Due to the return of the refugees in the northern part of the country, all the food imported is directed to the north. There is also a threat that the Rwandan borders might be closed which will stop the food supply that is coming into the south western part of Uganda where Mother Janet Orphanage is located.

Please pray for this situation because there are over 300 children in the orphanage to feed and the food prices have now soared, with much of the food only available on the black market.



APPEAL FOR A PLATE OF FOOD

Last year the ALLHIM charity received an amazing response to the appeal made for a plate of food at Christmas. Over 700 people, both orphans and the very poor in the village, were fed a nutritious Christmas meal – the only change to their regular diets they would have during the year.

This year again we appeal for contributions towards a plate of food to make the orphans' Christmas special. As last year, a plate of food will cost £3.50 and your donations would be hugely appreciated.



GIFTS TO CHILDREN

For those who would like to give a Christmas gift to the children at Mother Janet, the Charity advises sending money so that gifts can be bought in Uganda. In doing so, this is much more cost-effective than buying presents in the UK and paying international postage. In addition, sending parcels to Uganda does not guarantee their arrival.

It is suggested that gift donations range from £3.00 to £20.00 and this money would be used to purchase items the children need most.



We thank God for the ...

- past year and all the blessings we have received, enabling the Charity to achieve great things in His name;
- finance to build a boundary wall around Mother Janet School;
- provision of finance for the Skills Centre land, wall and completion of the clinic at Mother Janet;
- kindness of friends Rev John and Margaret have visited whilst in the UK. Thank you all for your love.

Please pray for:

- God to send more rain in Uganda to stop the drought;
- More sponsors – enabling us to fulfil our mission of a sponsor for every child;
- Provision of finance to purchase a vehicle for the orphanage to transport commuting children who are at risk of being abducted;
- Provision of finance to build a Skills' Centre.

Thank you all for your love and generosity. May God bless you during this Christmas and New Year season.

In Christ,
Roger & Rebecca Elver
CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY
On behalf of the Trustees