



Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2011



**“For unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given”
(Isaiah 9:6)**



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Roger Elver

"Dear Friends

We thank you for your partnership in supporting the orphans, poor and needy at Mother Janet and the surrounding communities. We at ALLHIM are touched by your generosity. May you be rewarded in all you do.

Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year."



MOTHER JANET UPDATE

The new classroom extension and library are now finished, furnished and solar powered. Children are happy to have lessons in a spacious environment which has improved their learning.



In addition to the fulltime nurse, the Charity now funds twice termly visits by a dentist who checks the dental health of all children, providing treatment where necessary.

Thirty three children will be completing their schooling at Mother Janet after sitting their Primary Leaving Exams. Please pray for those without sponsors, that they may be helped to continue their education.

We are very pleased that a few extra sponsors have come forward since the last newsletter. Please tell your friends about the needs of the children and the huge difference sponsorship can make to them.



SECONDARY SCHOOL

In the Summer 2011 edition of the newsletter, we updated you on progress in relation to the provision of the secondary school. The crops which were planted on the land purchased for the school have grown well and will be used to feed the children over the coming months.



Fundraising for this project is an ongoing feature of our work. If you feel you, or any of your friends, are able to contribute to this work please contact us for further information, or send your gift marked 'Secondary School'.



EVANGELISM

Ministry in schools, colleges and villages continues as Micheal and Jonah share news about Jesus Christ. Many more interested young people have joined the Hope Clubs.

The Action for Children and Young People Uganda (ACYP) volunteers have helped in constructing sturdy houses for the widows in the villages, thanks to donations received to be able to undertake this work.



ANNA and ESTHER'S PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF A VISIT TO UGANDA



"We spent two weeks at Mother Janet and were overwhelmed by the welcome we received. It was just so lovely. We really did feel part of the family. The children were so loving, warm and delightful to be around. We were amazed at how much they wanted to be with us. There was never a dull moment - always something to do. We took part in a range of tasks from teaching classes to washing clothes and playing games.

It was such a privilege to take part in the work for Action for Children and Young People and to be asked to teach first aid to the teachers and volunteers. They showed enthusiasm and interest and were eager to learn. It was also an honour to be asked to speak to the teenagers at the High School about general health and well-being. This was a difficult task but very rewarding and it was so nice to be able to offer our knowledge to these children. It's good to see that the older children have goals they want to achieve through their education.



We were so happy that God used us to build up the family and the children spiritually - it was truly amazing to see how much work He did through us. We continue to pray that the work at Mother Janet will go from strength to strength."



FOOD SITUATION

The drought in the Horn of Africa has, once again, had an impact on the lives of those within Mother Janet and local communities during 2011. As a result of the drought, food prices have escalated at an alarming rate. An example of this is the cost of maize flour which provides the daily staple diet for the children. During Easter 2011, a sack of maize flour (required every other day) could be purchased for 700,000 Ugandan schillings (£175.00). Since then, costs have escalated to 1,100,000 Ugandan schillings (£275.00). We thank God for the generosity of donors, who have enabled the Charity to help offset this increase in cost.

The rains have now arrived and crops have been planted. It is expected, however, that prices will remain high until harvest time in January.





There are several ways you can support children and families this year.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL: As in other years, ALLHIM will, once again, provide a Christmas meal for orphans and the very poor in the village. At a time when we have so much, we are so pleased that you give consideration to those less fortunate, amidst the hustle and bustle of our own Christmas preparations.

If you are able to make a contribution towards this Christmas meal, a plate of food will cost £3.50. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN: We have received a number of enquiries from sponsors as to what/how they can give a Christmas present to their sponsored child.

In our Easter 2011 newsletter, we explained it is not possible for gifts purchased in the UK to be sent to Uganda, as the process of doing so is unreliable. Sponsors who wish to give a gift to their sponsored child should make a financial donation to their child via

the Charity. In doing so, the Charity will be able to liaise with the head teacher on the most suitable gift to the value of your donation. If you wish to make a financial donation to your sponsored child, please send cheques, payable to ALLHIM, to the Charity address, to arrive no later than Friday 16 December and indicate what the donation is for, eg Christmas present for

GIVE A LIFE-CHANGING GIFT: This year, ALLHIM is committed to making a greater impact on Mother Janet and the surrounding communities. Studies show that there are three key areas which can help in the fight against poverty - education, health and clean water. ALLHIM has already been addressing these through its MEEN Agenda (Medication, Education, Evangelism, Nutrition). However, these by themselves are not enough to end the poverty from which these people suffer. If a small gift is given to finance a money-generating project which is interwoven with other poverty-fighting efforts, the result is a community development that can lift people out of poverty. This input will give these people a chance to earn their own income, build assets and provide for their families' needs. These finance-generating projects can empower family after family to eradicate poverty.

Give a pig/goat is an initiative which aims at helping the poorest families in the villages surrounding Mother Janet School. Once a piglet/kid is old enough to leave its mother and has been vaccinated, it will be given to a poor family in the region.

Together with the pig/goat, the family will receive training on how to look after it and regular visits from Joseph Wasswa - an ex pupil of Mother Janet School who was himself sponsored through Secondary School and University and is now a qualified vet. Joseph will visit the family regularly to ensure all is progressing well and that the donated animal is being well cared for and is healthy.

After a very short time the pig/goat will be big and strong enough to eat any kind of food that the family can provide, like leftovers and the peelings from the preparation of any harvested crops. A goat has the added benefit of being able to produce high-value wool and nutritious milk. The donation of just one little pig or goat can make a huge difference for local families. A pig/goat is much cheaper to purchase than a cow and, for that reason, is easier to donate.

Working in partnership with *Action for Children and Young People Uganda (ACYP)*, ALLHIM is able to identify the families in greatest need. The poorest families will be the first to receive a free pig or goat. Once mature, the pig/goat will be used for breeding and the offspring can then be sold, enabling the family to become self-sufficient within a period of around two years. One of each litter is donated back to ACYP to pass on to another poor family ... and so the process continues.

We are confident that this process will enable many more poor families to support their children through school and have a better quality of life - reducing the need for external support and intervention over a relatively short time span.

To donate a pig costs £20.00, or a goat costs £30.00.

Again, if you would like to help, please send cheques, payable to ALLHIM, to the Charity address, to arrive no later than Friday 16 December and indicate that the donation is for livestock.



PRAISE AND PRAYER



WE PRAISE GOD FOR ...

The rains;
Provision to the Charity;
More children who have been sponsored;
Work in the community via ACYP.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Provision to build a Secondary School;
Good harvest from the planted crops;
More sponsors;
God's protection on children and staff;
God's guidance to enable ALLHIM to make a greater impact in the communities in which we work.

**Yours in Christ,
Roger & Rebecca Elver
CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY
On behalf of the Trustees**

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

If you would like further information in relation to the work of the Charity, please contact us as follows:

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