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Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

EASTER NEWSLETTER 2012



**"THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL, AND HIS
TENDER MERCIES ARE OVER ALL HIS
WORKS"**

(Psalm 145:9, NKJV)

Message from the Chairman

BIRTH OF A VISION



We thank you all for your love, generosity and support in the past year. Your partnership with us in the work we are doing is appreciated very much.

During the last three years we have

witnessed the charity develop from its initial conception, through its birth, to where it stands today – able to change the lives of people and begin the process of bringing them out of poverty. The Bible says that “**without a vision, the people perish**”. ALLHIM’s vision includes empowerment ... not just empowering people to be economically active and enabling them to earn a living, but in meeting their physical, social, economic and spiritual needs. This brings about lasting change which will benefit individuals, the communities in which they live and, ultimately, the nation as a whole.

Since I first visited Mother Janet School and Orphanage in 1996, a great deal has changed. Developments over the past three years have enabled our partnership to further develop the school as an exciting, vibrant place to live, work, learn, play and be safe. The next stage in this development will be a greater move towards self-sustainability. During our Easter Mission Trip this year we will be discussing ways in which ALLHIM can support this further development and enable them to meet their goals.

You will be aware that, in 2010, an initial 4 acres of land was purchased with a view to building a Skills’ Centre. Following consultation, the decision was made to build a Secondary School which would include vocational subjects in the curriculum: this would need additional land. In the last six months, 11 acres were available for sale. With the funding available, the charity was able to fund the first 7 acres and, recently, we have received a cheque which will cover the cost of the final 4 acres. We pray that, by the time we return from Uganda at the end of April, the full 15 acres will be in the charity’s possession.

In recent correspondence, Andrew Mwesigwa, Headmaster of Mother Janet Primary School, reports that “*According to the surveys we have undertaken so far, there is an urgent need for the Secondary School in that location. Even if we start with a limited number of classrooms, the rest can follow in due course. Your target should be next year for the Secondary School to start. It will provide for*

the poor and the orphans, and the self-sustainability will enable you to impact the community in other ways”.

Our vision is threefold:

1. To build a school which provides secondary education and vocational subjects in a similar environment to that at Mother Janet.
2. To support the school in becoming self-sustaining, enabling it to cater for children and orphans from the local community and Mother Janet Primary School.
3. To continue to work in partnership with ACYP to actively seek to meet the communities’ needs by bringing about lasting change in people’s lives.

Please pray for God to change many more lives through this vision.

Roger Elver
CHAIRMAN

MOTHER JANET UPDATE

2011 was a difficult year because the school was affected greatly by inflated food prices. The poultry project, funded by ALLHIM in 2011, progressed well, even though the chicken food was very expensive, which reduced the profit margin. However, through this project, children were able to have 2 eggs twice a week and, out of the profits, the school was able to purchase 4 bunk beds for the children.

The egg producing chickens have now been sold and meat producing, broiler chicks have been purchased and are now one month old. It is planned to rotate from rearing broiler chicks to egg laying chicks so the children will have a varied diet every few months.



The garden project and the pig project are both doing well. Through these projects, the children are able to access a more balanced diet. Margaret has now sold some of the pigs to buy mulch for the banana plantation which will reduce the amount of weeding needed and keep costs down.

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL



Many thanks to those who so generously supported this initiative. We are pleased that a total of 250 individuals, along with 50 families, were able to receive a Christmas meal of meat, rice, matooke (a type of banana mash) and posho (made from maize). For them, this would have been an amazing Christmas gift.

Thank you.

ACYP UPDATE

In addition to what has already been achieved at Mother Janet, Action for Life (ALLHIM's community programme in partnership with Action for Children & Young People) has started fulfilling the above mission to a wider extent. Although ACYP has been in existence for just over 9 months, its work includes evangelism and schools' work, supported by ALLHIM. A sample of some of the important work already undertaken is given below:

- 1 Building houses for the homeless.
- 2 Donating goats, pigs, seed crops, agricultural equipment, mattresses, blankets and clothes to orphans.
- 3 Child support into education, including:
 - a Providing scholastic materials to school dropouts to get them back into school and enable them to access a school meal;
 - b Ministering to children.



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Provision of basic necessities to desperate children, needy, orphans, HIV/AIDS affected children, families and the elderly. This help includes the provision of clothes, food, spiritual support, clean water and health awareness.

5 Provision of skills to young school dropouts, young mothers and fathers, HIV/AIDS affected and the unemployed. This help includes computer training and building and construction, repairing, etc.



ACYP hosted 70 young people for the first ever Action Youth Forum on Empowerment. Several presenters from the field of youth work came to speak to the young people. At the same event, young people who had been training in computer skills with Micheal Mwebaza received their certificates, presented by the District Education Officer who officiated at the ceremony. These certificates are 'recognised' and can be used by young people to find employment.

We thank God that, out of the 23 young people who received the computer training, three of them have opened up a secretarial bureau offering computer services. It is encouraging to note that the man heading up this bureau has done so, despite his disability.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP 2012

In addition to working at Mother Janet to support the needs of the school, we will be visiting churches for Sunday services and holding a series of midweek meetings. These midweek meetings will comprise a 40 minute drama, followed by preaching the Gospel.

As in previous Mission Trips, we plan to visit members of the local community to pray for and support them and, where possible, present them with Bibles.



We will also visit the community projects undertaken by ACYP to gain a greater understanding of strategies which will need to be employed if we are to make further impact on poverty in these areas.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On Monday, 2 April, a concert will be given by **Blaenavon Male Voice Choir** and **Whitefish Bay Youth Orchestra (USA)**. The Youth Orchestra has an excellent reputation in their local area and State (Wisconsin) and has toured extensively throughout the USA and Europe. Their wide-ranging repertoire is



sure to contain something for everyone to enjoy during the evening and the combination of excellent young musicians with the established Blaenavon Male Voice Choir will provide the basis of a memorable evening's entertainment.

Held at the Workmen's Hall, Blaenavon, all proceeds from the concert will be donated to ALLHIM to support the work of the Charity in building a Secondary School in Masaka District, Uganda.

Tickets, priced £7.00 (balcony) and £5.00 (stalls) can be obtained from choir members, the Workmen's Hall, or by calling Kath on 07769 872037.

GIFTS FOR SPONSORED CHILDREN

Whilst this is by no means a request nor an expectation, many sponsors have enquired about sending gifts to their sponsored child when we visit at Easter. Whilst cards and letters may be transported easily, it is not possible for gifts to be carried. Any sponsors who wish their child(ren) to receive a gift are advised to make a financial



donation, via the charity, thereby enabling the children themselves to decide what they would like, to the value of the donation. Any donations should be received by Friday, 30 March, to allow administration time prior to departure. Cheques should be made payable to ALLHIM.



If you have friends or family who may be interested in sponsoring, please contact ALLHIM in writing, or via email to kath@allhimcharity.org

PRAISE AND PRAYER



We praise God for:

- His continued provision for the charity to meet its various needs.
- Financial support to enable the purchase of additional land for the Secondary School project.
- Provision of medication for children at Mother Janet who were suffering serious illness.
- The recent good harvest of food which has allowed a slight decrease in food prices.
- The rains which arrived.
- The children at Mother Janet who have passed their Primary Leaving Examinations.

Please continue to pray for:

- More rain in Uganda.
- The next phase of the Secondary School project.
- General good health for those at Mother Janet.
- A successful Mission Trip.



**EASTER
BLESSINGS
from
EVERYONE at
ALLHIM**

