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**Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions**

# **EASTER NEWSLETTER 2011**



**TO GOD BE THE GLORY,  
GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE**

## Dear Friends

We express our heartfelt thanks to you all for your contribution to the ongoing support for the children and adults in Mukoko and its surrounding area, Uganda. Your faithful support and prayers, along with God's greatness, has enabled us to continue to build the kingdom of God in people's lives and bring hope to those in such desperate need. We thank God for the amazing difference we are making together to the lives of the afflicted and oppressed.

## MOTHER JANET UPDATE

Children who sat their primary leaving exams at the end of the last academic year all passed very well. The Chief Inspector of Schools in the District reports that Mother Janet School is continuing its reputation for excellent performance within the whole County.

Thanks to your support, the living conditions for many of these children have greatly improved and this has had an impact on their academic achievements. Unfortunately, not all children yet have sponsors and this limits their chances of moving into secondary education – either within the school system or at vocational centres.

Various donations have enabled us to provide Bible story books in Lugandan (the local language), better medical facilities, dental treatment, food, and the employment of a resident nurse at Mother Janet School. (For further information, please refer to Projects/Clinic below).

Very recently, a large donation has been received specifically for the purchase of a vehicle for the school. This has been a tremendous answer to prayer. The purchase of a minibus will ease the journeys of the children who regularly walk to and from school – sometimes up to ten miles a day – and reduce the risk of abduction.



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We want to thank you again for your generous giving for this appeal. Your response enabled us to provide a special meal to all 350 children at Mother Janet School. In addition, we were also able to provide food for over 800 poor, living in families in the surrounding villages. Your contribution helped to make Christmas Day very special and many of the children were also able to receive a small gift.



## EVANGELISM AND COMMUNITY WORK

In conjunction with the Hope Clubs established by Micheal Mwebaza, Micheal has now founded *Action for Children and Young People Uganda*, which aims to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of children and young people in schools and communities, through education, empowerment and participation. This has been registered with the Ugandan Authorities and there are already reports of how lives have been changed, due to this work.



Micheal, Andrew and Jonah have been preaching the gospel in schools, villages and churches in Masaka District. Micheal and Jonah also carry out workshops and training in basic skills, hygiene awareness, counselling and improved affordable farming methods, which enable villagers to better sustain themselves. Once the proposed Skills Centre has been built, much of this work will be undertaken at that Centre. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in this work.

## AMY'S REFLECTIONS

Amy Morris, a young lady from Kenton Baptist Church, London, recently visited Mother Janet School and says:

*"I spent a month at Mother Janet but it didn't feel like it - I was home before I knew it. This was for a couple of reasons. Firstly, there was always something new to do, whether it was teach a class, play with the kids, go to another school, or be out in the community.*



*Secondly, the children. They were always smiling and wanting to spend time with me, they were such a delight. It was so nice to see how well they are looked after and how much time they have to play and be kids, which is not the case for so many in Uganda.*

*It was also such a privilege to be at the first Board Meeting for Action for Children and Young People - an organisation started by Micheal, aimed at helping overcome the issues faced in Uganda by children and young people. It is a great venture and I'm sure, with time and prayer, it will just grow and grow. It was great to also be involved in some of their first activities - a workshop in schools, sanitation lessons in villages, and computer classes. I hope my involvement can continue even now I'm home. Looking back on my time in Uganda I realise I've gained another family".*

## MISSION TRIP

The Mission Trip this year will take place between 16 April and 1 May. Five people from the UK will visit Mother Janet School to continue the work undertaken during previous years. Please pray that God will guide the work which will be carried out at the school and move in people's lives as the group travel to remote villages, preaching the gospel and providing food and support for the needy.

# CURRENT PROJECTS

## SKILLS CENTRE UPDATE

Two adjacent plots of land have been purchased and initial site plans drawn. During the Mission Trip several meetings are planned in order to develop more detailed site plans. Once these have been agreed, it is proposed to build the Skills Centre in several phases, as funds allow. Please continue to pray for the provision of the necessary funds to allow this project to be completed as quickly as possible and meet this very urgent need.

## SEWING ROOM

Whilst waiting for sufficient funds to build a Skills Centre, the need for sewing tuition was highlighted as an urgent need. Widows and older girls in the community are now able to receive expert tuition – provided by Margaret – which will, in time, enable them to support themselves and their families.



We are indebted to those who so generously donated the money for the completion of this work and to those who donated electric sewing machines which have been sent to Uganda.

## SOLAR PANEL

Following the successful installation of the solar panel in the girls' dormitory, two very generous donations have enabled another panel to be fitted at the school – this time in the boys' dormitory. This means that pupils who live at Mother Janet always have light available – even when the power supply is interrupted.



## CLINIC

In previous newsletters, you will have read of the building of the clinic. We are very pleased that this has now been completed. We thank God for the support this has received. Through generous donations the charity has now been able to employ a nurse to live onsite and tend to the immediate medical needs of children and staff. In addition, we have received a donation of a manual centrifuge and a professional microscope – both of which will enable Nathan (John and Margaret's Chemist son who specialises in bloods) to undertake analysis of samples onsite, thus enabling much more timely medical intervention than had previously been the case.



The charity's medical fund will still need support to ensure supplies are readily available and replenished on a regular basis. Recently we have received several donations which have been made specifically to support this fund. If you feel able to help, please let us know.



# SPONSORSHIP

At Easter 2010, 62 children were sponsored. Although a small number of sponsors have felt unable to continue, the last year has seen a large increase. To date, we now have 119 sponsored children - an overall increase of 57. It's amazing how God is working to bring new sponsors to support this work.

Sponsorship makes such a huge difference to the life chances of each child. When you talk to children in the school, the one thing they ask for (and they don't ask for much) is to be sponsored. Not only does sponsorship provide security for each child - in ensuring they have an education, clothing and food; for them to know that someone 'far away' cares for them and is praying for them, is very important to them.

Many sponsors ask about sending gifts to their sponsored children. Posting gifts is very expensive and it is highly likely that the gifts will not arrive. Although regular mission trips take place, luggage space is



at a premium and, whilst cards and letters may be transported very 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. We apologise - but it simply is not possible to transport parcels and packages from individuals.

If you have friends or family who may be interested in sponsoring, please contact ALLHIM in writing, or via email to [k.whitcombe@talktalk.net](mailto:k.whitcombe@talktalk.net).



# PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God for:

- The generous support which is helping to improve people's lives.
- The donation of 200 mathematics' text books from Coed-y-Garn Primary School, Brynmawr.
- Sponsorship for the nurse at the orphanage.
- Financial and other donations received.
- The excellent performance of children in their exams.

Please continue to pray for:

- Rain in Uganda.
- Good health for children and adults at Mother Janet.
- Increase in the sponsorship of children.
- Provision of funds to support the Skills Centre build.
- Regular medical supplies for the clinic at Mother Janet.
- The work of Action for Children and Young People Uganda.

**EASTER  
BLESSINGS TO  
EVERYONE**

**Roger & Rebecca Elver  
Chair & Secretary**

**On behalf of the Trustees**

