



Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

# EASTER NEWSLETTER 2014



**... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)**



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

**W**e have been so encouraged by your response to the needs that we presented to you since we started the charity. We are now in our sixth year and already so many lives have been changed for the better. Children and adults in the villages of Masaka District (Uganda) are grateful for the love you show year after year, supporting them in their basic needs.

As we approach Easter, we remember the love God poured out to us through the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In John 15:12 Jesus commands His disciples to "love one another". This was just before His journey to the cross. The Easter season reveals the new life we have in Christ and how God requires us to love as He loved us. We want to thank you for your love. We want to thank you that you are contributors of hope in the lives of those in Uganda whose lives were previously hopeless.

**Yours in Christ  
ROGER ELVER**

## MOTHER JANET UPDATE

**T**hirty four children who sat their National Primary Leaving Exams passed with excellent grades. We thank you for the support you have given to these children – for their education, medication and nutrition – factors which contributed to their outstanding performances.

Four lightning conductors were recently installed at Mother Janet. This work was a requirement following a recent Government Inspection of the school as several schools in the local area had been hit by lightning resulting in some children at those schools being injured.

Children at the school are doing well, thanks to the support of their sponsors. The message continues to be the same – and you will have heard it before – but

sponsorship really does make such a difference to those children who are fortunate enough to be sponsored. Without a sponsor, the lives of children are much more difficult as they fail to achieve an education and (along with their families) struggle for survival. If you know anyone who may also be able to support us, please pass on our details.

## **CHRISTMAS 2013**



Once again, we thank you for responding to our Christmas 2013 appeal. Children enjoyed a very special meal on Christmas day and many widows and poor families in the surrounding area also received a Christmas gift of food so they too could celebrate the birth of Jesus. The charity does not take your support for granted, nor do our friends in

Uganda. "Thank you".

## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

The work of ACYP in the community continues to expand. Child-headed families are being supported and many children have been able to return to school. Seventy seven HIV children are not being supported, on a regular basis, and given nutritious food to supplement their medication, greatly improving their quality of life.

Poor families who have received a pig or goat are being helped along the road to self-sufficiency, giving many the ability to provide for their own basic needs through the sale of offspring.

Children who had returned to school and sat their National Primary Leaving Exams passed very well. At the start of this academic year, there were 67 children who were unable to start secondary school due to lack of funds to purchase educational materials. Sometimes, the lack of funds to purchase an exercise book and/or a pen or pencil will prevent them returning to school for the year. ALLHIM has provided the funds to enable these 67 children to continue their education, with the materials they need.

Two 13 year old girls were destined to be given in marriage as the families did not have the funding to purchase their school requirements. The charity has been able to halt this process, enabling both these girls to return to school and have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. We thank God for His guidance in this.

# TRIP TO UGANDA

Charity members will, once again, visit Mother Janet at Easter. Should any sponsor wish to provide a monetary gift for their sponsored child, please ensure this is received by the charity **NO LATER THAN 30<sup>th</sup> March**. This will enable suitable gifts to be purchased in Uganda. Unfortunately, it is not possible to transport any parcels.



# FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, a fundraising concert will be held at the Workmen's Hall, Blaenavon. Tredegar Town Band (British Open Champions 2013) will join with Blaenavon Male Voice Choir, to raise funds towards the building of



the ALLHIM Secondary School. This promises to be an excellent musical evening and it would be good to see you there.



Tickets, priced £10, are available from the Workmen's Hall, or by telephoning 07769 872037.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God for:

Examination successes

Continued support for the health and wellbeing of children at Mother Janet and the surrounding districts.

Please continue to pray for:

The general work of the charity

Adequate rain to enable crops to be grown – drought is, once again, a major problem, resulting in very high food prices

More sponsors for children

Funds for the Secondary School project.