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NEWSLETTER



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The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

(1 Tim 1:5)

Greetings in Christ

We know that our world needs to change in many ways, and it won't change in any of them unless passionate, caring, and heart-centred people show up to be the forces of change in the world. **Mahatma Gandhi** said *"you must be the change you want to see in the world"*.

Looking back on 2012 you, as our partners, can take pride in all the ways you have helped the poor in Uganda, knowing you have been those forces of change. Your support has benefitted, your action has empowered and changed many lives forever. We hope that you will join us in prayer and support as we share our vision, our goals and our challenges with you in 2013.

Roger Elver
CHAIRMAN

MESSAGE FROM
THE CHAIRMAN



CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

Once again, many thanks to those who so generously supported this initiative. This Christmas over 1000 people, including children at Mother Janet, the poor in the village and families suffering from HIV, were fed a celebratory Christmas meal. Without your generosity this would not have been possible.

From all of us at ALLHIM and our friends in Uganda a big THANK YOU.



MISSION TRIP



2013

Representatives of ALLHIM will once again visit Mother Janet School during Easter 2013. A range of activities are being planned, including:

- Updating of administration systems at the school.
- Training staff in how to use these systems.
- Working with pupils and staff in classes.
- Painting and other general maintenance at the school.
- Evangelism in schools and communities.
- Business meetings with our partners at Mother Janet and ACYP to identify and discuss priorities for the coming year.
- Community work in partnership with ACYP, including distribution of food parcels to the sick and needy in the local area.
- Planning meetings with key contacts in Uganda to discuss processes and procedures relevant to secondary school building plans and the charity's health, feeding programmes and community work.

Once again, many sponsors have already enquired about sending gifts to their sponsored child when we visit at Easter. As we have explained in the past, this is by no means a request nor an expectation. However, 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 ***no later than Friday, 1 March***, to allow administration time prior to departure. Cheques should be made payable to ALLHIM.



MOTHER JANET NEWS

Children have recently returned to school following the long Christmas holiday. We are very pleased that, as a result of a generous donation, pupils who would otherwise have been unable to sit their primary leaving examinations (PLEs) were all able to do so. We thank God that every pupil leaving P7 in November 2012 passed their PLEs; this means they will all transfer to secondary school, providing the school fees can be paid.

Mother Janet has built a reputation for being a school where children receive all the love, care and support they need to flourish educationally and socially.



Whilst the facilities and buildings at Mother Janet are better than many in the local area, there is always work that needs to be done to maintain and further develop the site. Andrew Mwesigwa, Headteacher, has suggested several developments that would enhance provision at Mother Janet and these will be considered at the business meeting(s) held during the Easter 2013 mission trip.

As previously reported, one of the main priorities for the charity, is to begin construction of the Secondary School on the land purchased last year. We will continue to pray for the necessary funds to enable this work to begin as soon as possible.



The number of pupils at the school (and at local secondary schools) who receive sponsorship has increased slightly. The charity currently has 161 sponsored children. As a result of the success of the P7 pupils last year, many more parents/guardians in the local towns and villages have enrolled their children at Mother Janet School. The need for sponsors – especially at secondary level – remains a challenge. If you know of any friends or

relatives who may be able to help, please contact Kath Whitcombe on 07769 872037, or visit the sponsorship page of the charity's website – www.allhimcharity.org.

In recognising the difference child sponsorship makes to the lives of individuals, Andrew Mwesigwa said: “Given the poor state these families live in, sponsoring one orphan from such a family enables that family to solve some of the many problems for that child and the whole family at large. When one orphan is sponsored by ALLHIM, then the small resources within the family can be used to do other things, which would not be the case if the orphan was not sponsored. This means a large number of children and people are benefitting from your continued support.”

It is very encouraging that several families who have received gifts in the last few years have used the donation(s) to purchase a pig or a goat. In doing so, this has enabled that family to begin the process of becoming self-sustaining. When a family is able to purchase a pig or goat, they then rear this animal and breed from it. The offspring are then sold, providing the family with a source of income several times a year, from which they are able to purchase food and seeds to plant crops for the future. The process becomes repetitive, with more offspring being sold, and the family then able to support children through school in a way they had never previously thought possible. The difference to the quality of lives in these families is immeasurable.



ACTION FOR LIFE

ALLHIM'S SUPPORT TO ACYP

As a charity, we aim to help people in Mukoko and the surrounding villages develop the means to achieve personal and financial freedom and allow them to fulfil their personal goals in life. This can be evidenced in the following:

- More young people are being encouraged to return to school;
- Purchase of pigs and goats (see information above);
- HIV infected children supported with medication and nutrition, with the resultant improvement in quality of life.



We have received the following report from Micheal Mwebaza from January 2013:

"The District Health Inspector has visited ACYP and inspected its ongoing projects. He drove his 4x4 and visited many of the projects. He commended the good work done especially about supporting HIV/AIDS children and uplifting the hygiene and sanitation of families through the ALLHIM Health Awareness Programme.



He noticed that many families cannot afford to access medication facilities, but they are the cause of the health complications due to poor sanitation and hygiene. He said that the diseases like malaria are caused due to mosquitoes hibernating in stagnant water and bushy fields around homes that can be cleaned and cleared. Also the diarrhoea and dysentery and typhoid are a result of poor hygiene, he said.

He thanked ALLHIM for the community toilet in Kasaali which is helping the community. He asked if there were any plans of helping other communities in the same way. I (Micheal) told him that only finances can allow that to happen. So ACYP/ALLHIM was commended for its work in raising awareness on all such issues. The health Inspector commended the premises where we run the youth clubs from. He said the facilities are still limited but it is promising.



I told him about the plans for constructing a large youth and community centre, given the increasing number of hopeless children we aim to help. On this matter, he said that he is going to make sure they play their part in enforcing the production of the site plan, physical plan and engineering plans. I thank God that this has happened.”



WE PRAISE GOD FOR:

- His provision for the work of the charity;
- Successful community work through ACYP;
- Successful results for all children at P7;
- Opportunities to promote His work in our communities.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Financial provision for the Secondary School project;
- Still more sponsors for the children;
- Sufficient rainfall and sunshine to enable crop yields to be successful;
- Continued support for the work of the Charity.



**FROM EVERYONE AT
ALLHIM
we wish you a very
early
HAPPY EASTER**