

#### Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

#### **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2009**

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

#### **Dear Friends**

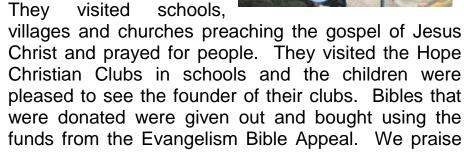
We are humbled by God's amazing grace, love and compassion revealed through those that are supporting the charity in prayers, financially and materially. We thank you all for your support.

#### **MISSION TRIP**

In April this year Gareth, Michael and Andrew went back to Uganda. On behalf of ALLHIM, they were able to use the donations given to the charity to supply mosquito nets to all the children who reside at Mother Janet Orphanage, as well as food, books, clothes, uniforms

> and to purchase malaria drugs for the orphanage. They visited







God for the work.

### MOTHER JANET UPDATE AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

The number of sponsored children has increased. sponsored in both primary and secondary vocation schools. Many thanks to all who are contributing to this work. We still appeal for more sponsors. All children residing at the orphanage were supplied with mosquito nets in order to prevent the problem of malaria.

The medical room in the orphanage was stocked up with malaria drugs and children now have access to malaria medication should the need arise.

We now have 42 children



There has been a drought in the region where Mother Janet Orphanage is located, which led to the failure of crops in the orphanage fields. Please continue to pray for the situation.

Twenty six children who are in their final year at the orphanage school will be sitting their primary leaving exams. Eighteen of these children are either orphans or needy who may not have a chance for any further education. These children need skills to be able to earn a living. It costs £180 a year (or £15 a month) to sponsor a child in secondary/vocation school.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK - HOPE CHRISTIAN CLUBS

Hope Clubs have seen more young people seeking Christ and coming to know Him



as their Lord and Saviour. Jonah Luyiga is pastoring the children, delivering the Book of Hope International Christian Literature while Michael is away in Bible College. Christian teachers in the schools are mentoring these young people. Please pray for their spiritual growth and for more bibles for the growing number of young Christians. Jonah continues to organise the sports' activities (Julia and Gareth Cup) and young Christian get together events which the young people enjoy very much.

### **FEEDING PROGRAMME**

As a charity, we have been blessed by being able to use the funds provided to feed the very poor in the surrounding villages of Masaka District. It is always amazing to see how a small pack of food brings a great joy to those who receive it. This is an ongoing need — please pray for provision for the funds in this feeding programme.



# MY REFLECTIONS ON MY TRIP TO UGANDA By Gareth Jones

Firstly I thank God for the opportunity once again to visit Uganda.

Once again the welcome from the children was overwhelming. Unlike the last trip, we decided to attempt to make closer connections with the people of the village and to better identify their needs. We began by buying some basic food items and gave them to the people Rev John visits. It was a privilege for me not only to be able to distribute basic foods but also to pray for them.

On one occasion we went to visit a grandmother who was looking after a number of orphans. We gave her food and prayed for her and the family and then, when we were about to go, I had to control my emotions as she proceeded to give us gifts of home grown fruit and eggs. On another occasion we visited a small school, to encourage them with the word of God. As we were about to leave, the children presented us with beautifully decorated fruit which must have taken them a considerable amount of time and effort. This, however, presented us with a small



problem as we had travelled by motorbike! We had to 'phone William who collected the fruit by car.

Another change from the previous visit was to hold individual prayer sessions (rather than by group). As we gave the appeal to pray for the sick, to my surprise there were very few people who wanted this – instead the younger people requested prayer for education and to do well at school and the older generation wanted prayer

for work or for their businesses to prosper.

God blessed me at every evening meeting when a lady from the village supplied me with a chair on which to sit.

I would like to thank John and Margaret for allowing me to stay at their home and for looking after me during my stay.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

We praise God for ...

- ❖ A successful 2009 mission trip to Uganda. Please pray for the next mission trip scheduled for April 2010. Pray for those that are considering going out to help in the mission field and God's provision for them and for the work. We always encourage more people to go out to serve and minister in the different work in which the charity is involved. "Then He said ... 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few ..." (Matthew 9:37).
- ❖ More people who have taken up the responsibility of sponsoring orphans. Please pray – there is still a desperate need for sponsors for the children. It costs £60 a year (£5 a month) for the young children or £180 a year (£15 a month) for the older children.
- ❖ The donations which enable us to provide food and medication at the orphanage. We thank all those who gave. Please continue to pray for the provision of food and medication because these are ongoing basic needs in the orphanage.

- ❖ The donation that helped us to pay teachers' salaries during previous months. We also praise God that one teacher is being sponsored. Please pray for the teachers who live in very poor conditions because their wages are not given on time and the orphanage (which pays the teachers) itself relies on donations. We appeal for more teacher sponsors any donations £50, £30, £20 or £10 a month will help change a teacher's life and thus the children will also to be taught better as a result of this financial support.
- The provision of 20 computers for use in the orphanage and, ultimately, also in the Skills Centre.
- ❖ The current kitchen is attached to the girls' dormitory and is extremely small. The Health and Safety Inspectors from the Ministry of Education have condemned it because the open fire is used with firewood. It will cost £1000 to build a detached kitchen on the site. We thank God that sufficient finance has been donated for the work to be done.
- Nursery chairs which have now been provided for financially.

We continue to ask for your prayers for God to meet the following:

An extension to the classroom which is needed to accommodate more children and will cost £1600.

**Transport** for children who currently walk great distances (some up to 20 miles each way to and from school each day) – this will cost £1800.

Please also pray for the Skills centre Vision that ALLHIM is looking to establish. There are more and more children who finish primary education in Mother Janet primary school who have nowhere to go and have no practical skills to help them in the future. Please pray for the provision of finances to buy land and build structures to provide practical skills course for these and many more needy children. In doing so, we trust this will prevent them being "married off" when they are young, or ending up on the streets.

We thank you all for your prayers and support for the work of the ALLHIM charity.

John and Margaret also extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone involved with the charity and pray for God's blessing to you all.

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