

# 2012 UKHF NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends...Greetings!

Elaine Baldry and Paul Freeman visited the Healing Children's School in February. Apologies for this late report but a lot has been happening, as you will see.....

We are delighted to report that, thanks to your help and donations, the children are happy and continue to thrive. We were there during exam week and saw how dedicated children and teachers are to achieving a good education, maintaining the School's reputation as "the best school in the district".



We had meetings with the Guardians, the Teachers, the District Education Officer and the girls in the Safe House. We also visited two Secondary Schools. As a result we are delighted to report an immense improvement on all fronts. All due to your continued support.

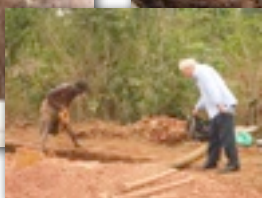


### A first step to sustainability.

Before work started, removing the School to it's own premises, Tom planted a maize crop. The harvest was such a success that the School now has an ample supply of food and was able to make a profit from the surplus.

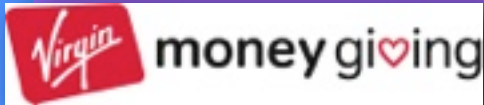
### The move to the new site is almost completed.

Healing Children's School is relocating to it's own land. This will mean more space for the children, no rent, room to expand and, most importantly, certification and registration by the District Education Office. Tom tells us the transfer is almost complete. The new nursery classroom was on site and the latrine pit was being dug - by hand - 50ft deep!. We have interim photos of further classrooms and now await Tom's final photographs on completion.



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## Our first Sponsored children

UKHF is changing lives. We are absolutely delighted to report that we have been able to send 5 children to one of the Secondary Schools we inspected, Busiuro Secondary. This is very much due to the fund raising of Dr Christiane Duvelius. A special Thank You to Christiane.

This is a life changing opportunity and there were "tears of joy" in the community.



Busiuro Secondary is a delightful school and we have already heard from the Headmaster that the children are happy and settled.

### ★ BREAKING NEWS! The Surprise. More land!

A few weeks ago, Tom informed us that two acres of adjoining agricultural land, which we saw, had been offered to him at a very good price. After last year's Harvest, this was obviously a fantastic opportunity to continue the School down the path of sustainability, a goal we've long desired.

Well, one of our Trustees has determined to buy the land for the School and the process is underway. The difference this will make to the lives of the whole community is inestimable.

So...A tremendous visit this year with the School going from strength to strength. Of course there are still challenges to overcome as we expand. For example, we are still having to buy water in, so finding £550. for a rain water filter tank would be invaluable. The Safe House remains on the old site where we continue to pay rent. We need to find funds to construct a new Safe House on the new premises.

**BUT A TIME FOR CELEBRATION AND GRATEFUL THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, ON BEHALF OF THE HEALING CHILDREN SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY OF BUSIURO.**