



UKHF Newsletter 2014

Dear friends,

We returned on Feb 18th from our 7th annual visit to Healing Children School. I know you have often read our boast that the school is "the best in the district", well, this year's P7 had a 100% pass rate in the Primary Leaving Exam! The district, Luuka, however, had a 32% failure rate in government schools. Thus Mme Nantale, the DoE, claimed "your efforts are our achievement".

We visit Uganda every year and check on the progress at the school and see the results of your help and friendship. Look what's happened since last Feb...



All the classrooms have concrete floors, so jiggers has been eliminated. Thanks to you and our patron, Helen Mirren, all the pupils now have desks! The head teachers say the children's writing has improved dramatically.

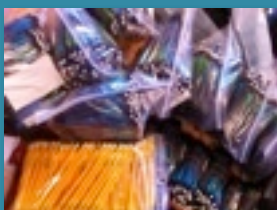
There is a new, separate staff latrine. The Safe House is in a much pleasanter building adjacent to the school and the rent is less! (Plans are afoot to build our own house and stop renting).



The accountant is working well and the accounts are up to date.

The kitchen has a cooking pot they have needed for three years!

Thanks to a generous donor in France, the school has thousands of pens and pencils!



The food store is plentiful and the land productive. The school choir is one of the best around and is asked to entertain at official events.



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Perhaps one of the achievements we're proudest of this year, is that we were able to improve the teacher's wages.

The more we see them the more impressed we are by their skill, care and dedication.



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Once again we visited Busiuro secondary school where, thanks to your support, we have been able to sponsor 15 children!

Since 2012 our UKHF Sponsorship scheme has been able to offer 5 children each year the opportunity to go to secondary school

Thanks to a generous donation by one of our trustees, by the time you receive this, a solar lighting system will have been installed in the school! This will light the Safe House, the two classrooms used after dark and the school yard, plus giving charging facilities for mobile phones.

Of course, with 250 youngsters, there will always be plenty of ongoing expenses. Malaria, for instance, takes a heavy toll of the medical funds and there are no mosquito nets in the Safe House. Getting this accepted as a priority in the school and at Busiuro Secondary is a problem.



The bicycle we bought 3 years ago is beyond repair (not much can survive for long the rough pot holed roads!) so a new bicycle is needed to transport the maize we produce. The DoE wants us to comply with the national curriculum and provide at least one school trip per class per year. There is still a shortfall for key stage reading books - particularly ones that might reflect modern life in post colonial Africa rather than 1950's Britain!

And the adjacent sugar cane field is for sale, which could provide further productive agricultural land and a football pitch,

Although we are now licensed, we are facing the final demands for Registration - which require an additional four teachers, (we currently have 14), and at least 1 brick building.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT US AND THE CHILDREN OF HEALING FOCUS. IT IS DUE TO YOU THAT WE HAVE GOT THIS FAR,

WAY-VAR-LAY! Thank you in Lusoga





UKHF visit to Healing Children's School. 2014