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uganda update

Winter 2000

Partnering with the future of others

Dear Friends,

It's time to bring you our third *uganda update* ahead of our visit to Uganda. We leave the UK during February for ten days.

February 2001 visit

Ten of us will be travelling. We have a packed itinerary. The team will be focussing on various projects and needs.

- Geoff Shearn & Sam Bonnick
Visiting churches in the area leading worship seminars & preaching
- Rebecca Bonnick
Teaching at St Paul's Primary School, Bweyogerere
- Andrea Marden & Carol Streeter
Working at the Trust Nursery School, Bweyogerere
- Jean Shearn
Assisting with women's and children's groups in Bweyogerere
- Simon Marden
Developing the orphan's school project in the Kabbubu Jungle
- Mary Dicker
Bereavement counselling with the orphans in the Kabbubu Jungle
- Geoff & Geraldine Booker
Developing all the projects in the Kabbubu Jungle and meeting with the British High Commission and other organisations in Kampala plus preaching and teaching

Partnering with needs of the Orphans

Eighteen families are now sponsoring an orphan in Uganda. Those of you who were linked with an orphan by October 2000 should have received a lovely hand-made Christmas card made from local materials including banana leaves. Those who have only recently been linked with an orphan will have this pleasure to come in 11 months time!

Photos and details of all the sponsored orphans have now been sent out to their sponsoring families. Our thanks go to all who have made this commitment. We still seek further families to consider partnering with the lives of others. It is a rewarding experience.

Partnering with the needs of the Schools

By August 2000 we had raised £600 for this £45,000 project – and needed faith! Now – only four months later – this stands at over £6,500 – and we still need faith! During our February visit we can start the initial phase of the building project. This will be the first of six classrooms for the 400+ orphans plus an administration block.

Broad Oak Primary School in East Sussex has joined with the 'Parent and Toddlers' group at the Welcome Baptist Church, Heathfield to partner with the 'Trust Nursery School' in Bweyogerere. This initiative provides a vital meal of porridge each day for the orphans plus an egg or cake.

Partnering with the needs of the Church

David & Valerie Crowhurst who represent the Trust in Uganda are travelling widely among the churches teaching, preaching, showing videos and bringing Christian comfort, care and love to the local communities.

They sold up all they possessed in the UK and went to live among the people in Uganda. They get many calls on their limited finances, mainly for healthcare needs. Can you help them to meet their own needs?

Recently Jane Dicker and Sean Ryan visited David & Valerie. Jane taught in schools and Sean accompanied David in travelling to many communities.

On one of these visits they prayed for an elderly lady who had not walked for many years. It was a simple prayer and they went on their way. A short while later when they were talking to a Pastor some distance from where they had seen the lady, a commotion started. The lady had got up, healed, and walked to find them and thank them. It certainly created an impact!

Pastor Wilson has a church with bamboo walls and corrugated iron roof on the fringe of the Kabbubu Jungle. A year ago he and his wife cleared the ground, demolishing an 8' tall termite mound, and constructed the building themselves. It is a simple structure but it is a focal point for the community.

Wilson became a Christian while in jail for gunrunning 10 years ago.

His congregation is growing and so is his family, now three children. Is there a church in the UK that will partner to meet the needs of his church and his practical costs amounting to £60 a month?

Partnering with Social needs

The colourful baskets, mats, purses, batiks and hats made by the 'Quarry Women' in the Kabbubu Jungle have been well received at Christmas Fairs with sales exceeding £500. We will have more available soon.

Would you be interested in taking a supply to sell on a 'sale or return' basis? Stephanie Pollard, whom we have never met, asked for our brochures and a selection of the crafts – and raised £150 at a Coffee Morning.

The response to the 'chicken farms' project has been wonderful. Three farms have already been set up in the Jungle. Research into the supply of chicken to individual families to broaden the benefit as widely as possible is under way.

We have received gifts for the supply of quality breeding sows and cows in calf. Areas of Jungle are currently being cleared for pasture and we will soon be providing 10 pigs and 5 cows utilising the expertise of 'Send A Cow' through their mission work based in Kampala.

The first sewing machine is now in place and we have just been advised that the 'Quarry Women' have obtained their first contract to make school uniforms. Kind friends in the UK have now supplied additional sewing machines that we will be taking with us in February.

Partnering with Healthcare needs

Healthcare needs continue. Particular thanks go to the 'Lazers' at St John's Church, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire (a young children's group) for their gifts towards this project. Their gift of £29 will provide antibiotic or 'worm' treatment for over 60 children - 'a little' goes a long way in Uganda!

Once again, our thanks

Since our last *Uganda update* we have seen some amazing responses and inventive fund-raising ideas from so many people in partnering with the needs of the orphans and the community farm projects.

The 'SAS' young people's group led by David & Rebecca Bonnick at the Welcome Baptist Church in Heathfield held a talent show and raised over £500 plus a further £50+ carol singing.

A 'Garden Party' including cream teas in August and a 'Barn Dance' in November, both organised by Jenny Manklow, raised a total of over £700.

Individual members of St John's Church in Rowlands Castle, Hampshire have given almost £700 to various specified projects. In addition the Trust received over £300 as part of the church's mission giving this year.

The United Reform Church in St. Leonards, East Sussex held a Gospel Concert. The refreshments were 'free' for a donation to the Uganda orphans - and they raised £130 from coffee and mince pies!

There have been many sacrificial gifts. Someone donated the £350 they had saved to buy a new guitar preferring the money to help build the Kabbubu School. Someone else gave their nearly new Gucci watch for the orphans – it raised £200. And a lady celebrating her 90th birthday chose to give a £100 present to the orphans instead of receiving a present herself.

A charitable Trust linked to a local company gave £3,500 for the school.

Do you wish to raise funds but "haven't got any ideas"? We may be able to help come up with some original ideas to help you. Please give us a call.

Website – now up and running

Yes - it's now up and running! Visit us at: www.quicken.demon.co.uk

Our thanks go to Bob Gayler for creating this for the Quicken Trust. We are already amending and updating the site so, if you look at it now, please keep doing so regularly as we intend to ensure it communicates all the latest information as it becomes available. Your input is valued.

An apology – we gave the wrong web address on some of the calendars sent out in December. Please note the correct web address shown above.

Still needed ...

- More opportunities to sell baskets, mats & Ugandan handicrafts
- More opportunities to speak at Coffee Mornings, Groups, Clubs, Organisations, Churches ... and anywhere else!
- More partners to assist with raising £38,000 for the Kabbubu School
- More partners to assist with £1,750 for chicken (£120 for 100), breeding sows (£100 each) and cows (£400 each) for community farms
- Support for David & Valerie and also for Pastor Wilson and his church

Your gifts and your skills are really making a difference

We look forward to continuing our partnering with you as you partner with the future of others. Without you so much less would be achieved. On behalf of the orphans of Uganda - Thank you.

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