

Autumn Newsletter 2024

A new season at Kabubbu Schools

We launch our 2024 Christmas Appeal!



**Quicken
Trust**

Transforming Lives in Kabubbu, Uganda

Dear Supporters...

First may I wish you an early Happy Christmas.

I'm sure many of you will have at least thought about Christmas, who's coming to dinner or where you are going, planning gifts. Or maybe you're one of those who completed their Christmas shopping in September?!

It's very different in Kabubbu Uganda. I cannot recall ever seeing a single Christmas decoration or present wrapped up. When you're concerned about where your next meal will come from, or if you can afford to contribute to your AIDS treatment, or are working every single day to find the money to buy food or pay rent, Christmas can be a 'non-event'.

Yet Christmas is celebrated. People are excited about the coming of Christ whose birth brings hope, forgiveness, redemption and a

home in heaven where there is no sickness, disease or death.

It's a glorious hope and one that people in Kabubbu experience more acutely than many in the west who are lost behind the clutter of Christmas.

Last Christmas saw an amazing response to the Christmas appeal, Thank you.

Our combined target this year is £30,000.00 We understand that the economy still hasn't stabilised from recent price rises and high inflation but we trust God who goes beyond all of this and loves to give good gifts to His children encouraging us to be cheerful givers.

Thank you for what you do. Please pray about your gift this Christmas to the work of the Quicken Trust.

Simon Barnett
Chair of Trustees

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." James 1:27

Christmas Appeal 2024

This year our Christmas Appeal has three different strands.

Pants for the Primary School

The first item on our Christmas List is children's underwear! Many of the Infant and Primary School age children can't afford enough underwear to have a fresh pair every day. Some have no underwear at all.

We'd love to give each of these 430 children 5 pairs of pants, plus a 'maths set' for 245 children in years P4 – P7. And finally a Christmas party for all of the primary children, giving them a highly nutritious Christmas dinner, Kabubbu style.



High speed internet brings new learning

At the other end of the spectrum, Fibre broadband is coming to Kabubbu! Kabbubu has attracted new housing and some more wealthy occupants (who don't mix with the locals sadly) but whose money will pay for better Internet services.

The High School and Fonthill vocational centre will have 60Mbps between them and the Health Centre, Admin and Primary will have 60Mbps between them.

The current total bandwidth is 1Mbps so this is a great step forward and makes many things so much more accessible.

The accounts system is on-line, much of the teaching material is now on-line, the better health systems are hosted on-line. And all for one third of what we currently pay for 1mbps! A saving, a bargain and a blessing.

The Trust High School needs to make use of on-line teaching materials. We have been donated 15 projectors and various printers, digital cameras and sewing machines (about £20,000.00 worth) for which we are seeking funds to ship out to Kabubbu.

We would also like to purchase a number of large format LCD screens to place in specific classrooms (we can obtain these locally in Kampala). Not only will these allow the shared use of free education resources and help in the teaching of IT but it will make the school more attractive to pupils whose parents can afford fees.

There is much competition locally for High Schools with many fictitiously advertised exam results and overcrowded classrooms. Kabubbu Trust High School is different. Our Christ centred approach not only provides excellent education but also caring for the 'whole person' with food, health care, counselling and comprehensive spiritual and personal development.

And finally, Water

Nothing works without water. This year the rains failed during the middle of the year and crops failed. We are keen to build a 150,000 litre rainwater storage and irrigation system.

As well as applying for grants for this we are asking you to pray about helping us achieve this. The land is ready and we can fill the storage facility with rain from its roof and water from the roof of the adjacent maize warehouse and this will serve to ensure that in dry times, they can irrigate crops of maize and beans. This is a critical resource.

How to give:

1. Scan the QR code

with your phone camera to use our online form



2. Use our online form: <https://rb.gy/lbyfpw>

3. Or post the form overleaf to:

PO Box 113, Hailsham, BN27 4US

and other gifts!

Share some of the festive spirit by providing a family with some extra food.



1. Christmas Cake - £18.50

A favourite with supporters, this large Christmas Cake gift is a perfect choice for a family to celebrate, providing valuable income for the Tourist Resort.



2. Family Christmas Dinner - £20

Who does not love a Christmas Dinner? This gift will be a welcome and rare treat for a family of six, including a portion of meat.



3. Bag of Maize -

25kg - £35 / 50kg - £65

The staple food for Kabubbu families is maize. A family of 6, the average family size in Kabubbu, needs 50kg for 25 days.

FOOD GIFTS

Item	Price £	Qty	Total
1. Christmas Cake	18.50		£
Child/Elderly no.			
2. Christmas Dinner	20.00		£
Child/Elderly no.			
3. Sack of Maize			
25kg	35.00		
50kg	65.00		
TOTAL £			

DONATION/ORDER FORM

To pay by cheque, please fill out your family gifts and donation to our Christmas Appeal here. Cut out this form and post it back to us.

To pay by credit/debit card or cheque please **follow the instructions overleaf** to make your gift online.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

To process your payment efficiently please complete your details in full below

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other):		First Name	
Surname			
Email			
Address			
	Postcode		
Phone No			

Yes, I want to help the Quicken Trust care for people in Kabubbu, Uganda this Christmas

Here is my Christmas gift of: £25 £50 £100

or whatever you feel able to give: £

If you wish to donate by debit or credit card please use our on-line donation form.
To do this enter <https://rb.gy/lbyfpw> into your browser

OR scan the QR code with
the camera in your phone.



If you are not comfortable with either of these options, then just call the office
on 01323 832361 Tuesday to Thursday between 10am and 4pm.
If you have to leave a message **please be sure** to give an indication of
the best time to call.



Funds raised will be used to help the people of Kabubbu and many other areas of work in partnership with Kabubbu Development Project, a registered NGO in Uganda. A small percentage of every gift will be used to help raise the next pound. No more than 13% will be used for this purpose

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You are a-Maize-ing!

Update on our Summer Appeal

At Christmas, most of us can expect to sit down to a special meal, with all the extra trimmings. But that's not the case everywhere in the world.

Some Ugandan families will feel lucky if they have enough of the most basic of meals to feed their families. After a year where drought drastically reduced the bean and maize crop, farmers in Kabubbu were worried about surviving until the next harvest.

But thanks to supporters like you, Quicken Trust was able to raise £10,000 to keep people fed through this difficult time. We cannot thank you enough.

As usual, our Christmas gift brochure offers opportunities to send gifts of food to Kabubbu. This includes our usual selection of Christmas cake, meat and meals and maize.



Keeping Ciara's Heart strong

Ciara's heart has always been a special one.

Her right ventricle did not develop properly before she was born, causing considerable strain on her heart and lungs. When she was less than 1 year old, Quicken Trust supporters raised the funds for her to seek the help of specialist surgeons in India in July 2023.

Her operation allowed more blood returning from the body without oxygen to be pumped to the lungs to receive oxygen again.

We knew this would only be a partial, temporary fix until Ciara was 5 when a full fix would be made. The operation was a success and Ciara had been doing well. So well that she was able to have a further operation to fit a stoma, to allow her to pass faeces normally.



Then in early September this year Ciara needed to return to India for further surgery to remove a build up of fluid that had accumulated around her heart and lungs. A shunt was also placed in her body to drain any further fluid build-up.

Ciara's father managed to secure some funding from the Indian Association in Uganda, but it was not enough, so Quicken Trust stepped in and provided the balance of what was needed.



We give thanks the operation was successful and after 3 weeks Ciara was well enough to make the journey home.

Ciara developed pneumonia on her way back to Uganda and had to spend a few days in intensive care while she recovered. She finally returned to her home of Friday 11th October and is making good progress.

Ciara is now 2 years and 4 months old and has already been through so much. She will have more surgery ahead of her at the age of 5, but thanks to you she is still here and can still have a bright future

Please continue to hold Ciara and her progress in your thoughts and prayers.

Left: Ciara before
and after surgery

Right: Ciara at home
with her new baby
sister, Cynthia



Give the gift of Friendship

Many of our supporters want to help, but can't take on the commitment of supporting a child or elder.

If that's you, a regular monthly donation to Our Friends fund is perfect for you. You choose the amount and we make sure your donations make a difference in Kabubbu.

Just give us a call or email **admin@quickentrust.com** and we will send you what is needed to get things started.

Here are just a few things our Friends fund provides:

To you the photo below may just look like a pile of grubby boxes but to the girls in our school this represent dignity.

Every month the Friends fund provides sanitary items without which girls will hide away often feeling ashamed of what is a perfectly normal occurrence. This means they miss vital learning time and damages their self esteem.

The Friends fund means they feel able to stay in their classes and keep building towards their future.

Below: Sanitary products bring dignity to Kabubbu girls.



The Friends of Quicken Trust are also helping to keep children in school when their sponsors are unable to donate the full amount required.

To ensure parents continue to take responsibility for their children they are expected to contribute to their education by ensuring that their children have suitable shoes. We recognise that sometimes this is just not possible, we never want to see children suffer so Friends steps in and provides the shoes.

We would love to do more but can only do that with the support of more regular donations.

The recent increase in food prices has meant that the Primary School had to cut costs and make the children's breakfast porridge without milk. It was just being made with water.

The Friends fund was able to step in and provide additional funds so their breakfast could again be made with milk, and be both more enjoyable and nutritious.

Help us make new Friends

If you or someone you know
want to become a Friend, email
admin@quickentrust.com



Kabubbu Community Church

by Pastor Peter Babu Sande

“ We thank the QT for the support that has been given to us because this has enabled us to see 22 people converted, baptized and joined church, 27 babies dedicated to the Lord and 171 people receiving counselling services in 2023.

In the last two years, we have baptized about 160 young people, most of these are students in the secondary schools around Kabubbu and had 16 weddings.

All this is a step towards the spiritual transformation of the Kabubbu community, a place that had been infiltrated by shrines and known for witchcraft activities.”

For your prayers and support

The children do not yet have a comfortable place of worship where their teachers can focus on building and imparting the Christian faith.

Many new people do not have bibles and they can't afford to buy one.



Above: Wedding in Kabubbu Community Church

Left: Kabubbu gathers for Sunday church service

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