



The Mityana Charity

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HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS



Visit to Mityana

Jean and a group of 9 joined Ann in Mityana last month. For 6 people it was their first visit and the other 3 were returning once again to the Pearl of Africa.

It is important to us that we inspect the projects as often as we can and we combined this in our visit.

A visit was made to Nabukenya Primary school where we planted shrubs in the school grounds



and saw the construction of the Teachers accommodation block using bricks made on the site.



Water filtration units were in use at the school, and have now been provided to about seventeen other schools.

The school is on a farm which the Charity is developing. The oranges there were almost ready for harvesting and maize was being stored until the price increased. Cows on the farm are being bred and will later be sold. They also provide milk for the school children to have in their porridge.

We took sacks of food when we visited the Orphanage School and were pleased to see the Nursery block under construction. This is a joint venture with Esubi Trust.

Nine of the P7 children passed their USE national exams which entitled them to have their fees paid at secondary school, but were unable to go as they did not have all the requirements needed. This is very sad. We asked how many of the 270 children slept under a mosquito net and about 12 hands went up. We then asked how many would like to sleep under one and all their hands went up. We have now managed to get money to buy each one a net.

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The P7 CHILDREN HAVE SINCE RECEIVED FUNDING AND MOSQUITO NETS HAVE ALSO BEEN PURCHASED.

Fantastic news! Many thanks to those concerned. Another sponsor has bought nets for all the children at her sponsored child's school – thank you.

Mosquito nets

Over 500 children recently died of malaria in one month in Kasambya sub-county, part of the Mityana Diocese. A sponsor wants to make a big drive to buy treated mosquito nets. If you would like to donate money to mosquito nets then please contact

<http://www.mycharitypage.com/DavidRiley>

email: rileyd100@hotmail.com

The trip to Mavuvumira school was a challenge, with the first mini bus breaking down in the bush and Moses (our escort) having to catch a ride back for an hour to the town to persuade another driver to come out and take us on. No one really wanted to do this, as they knew the driving would be difficult! And we discovered how true that was when we got stuck in the mud! Local villagers and children came out to help!



The new classroom block provided by St Sebastian's Youth groups is now under construction. This is the second block and what a difference this has made to a school which 4 years ago looked like this.....



More food was also provided here and also money donated to them to pay for the grinding of the maize they had grown for the children to have for their lunch. We also gave them a medical kit.

Sponsorship

A sponsorship meeting was held for students and their parents/guardians and all students were photographed for their sponsors. Each one received a toothbrush and toothpaste.



It was emphasised that the priority for their money (£100 for Primary and £180 for Secondary education) was fees, as these have increased considerably, and then other essentials like books, pens and uniform.

A vote of thanks was given to Jean from a guardian, representing the families, to convey to all our sponsors for their generosity.

Jean also managed to visit some homes of the sponsored children.



We still have 1 child at university, who needs help with his fees. If you can contribute anything it would help him considerably. Please contact

sponsorship@mityanacharity.org

TRIP IN OCTOBER 2010?

Ann is planning a trip in October of this year. If you would like to join her do please get in touch.

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Ann's little friend Joshua is lame, and has deformed hands. However, he can write well, and melted Ann's heart by singing like an angel. If he doesn't get a decent education his life will be extremely difficult, as he won't be able to dig or do manual work.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING HIM? Cost £100 p.a. (Just £1.93 per week!)
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The group also visited Kampala, the capital and UNESCO World Heritage site of the Kasubi Tombs of the Kings of the Buganda tribe.



Other trips were to the Equator and a game park at the Murchison Falls on



the River Nile where we saw giraffes, water buck, bush buck, warthog, a leopard, colubus monkey, bison, elephants, hippopotamus, Nile crocodiles and lots of birds.

The Rotary club donated 300 Life Straws (individual water filters) which we gave to Mavuvumira School. Jean also visited 6 other schools to establish links between them and the



the schools in Lincolnshire which provided Life Straws through Grantham Rotary Club. **Many thanks to BA for granting us free excess baggage.**

Life is so tenuous

We managed to meet Rev Fred, who was recovering from an operation to remove his spleen, after a motorbike accident. He and his family were so grateful to the individuals who contributed to his life saving operation. If it wasn't for your support he would have died.



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HAPPY EASTER!



To:

Wishing you a very Happy Easter! Through the purchase of this card ONE HEN will be sent as part of a Scheme to help alleviate poverty in Mityana Uganda.

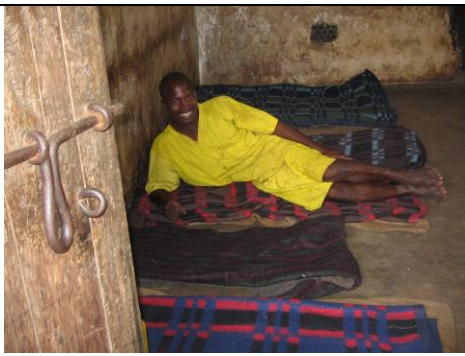
From:

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Could you sell an Easter chicken instead of an Easter Egg? Above is a copy of our Easter greetings card. (For £3 we will send a chicken to Mityana and the supporter gets this card to give to a friend or relative.)

Please contact Helen
helenelizchang@aol.com

if you think you can sell some cards for us and raise money to help



Sleeping with one blanket

Blankets were given to this prison by the Charity. Prison conditions tend to be unbelievably cramped, dark and smelly. Before receiving the blankets the prisoners here slept on the concrete floor. ann.potts@virgin.net



"We've got desks!"

Thanks to Basingstoke College of Technology this class at Kabule can now work on school desks.



Talent Competition at "A Child Unheard" Centre. Ann flew out initially with David Russell and a group visiting the Centre. Many activities for children are now being organised at the Centre.

AN URGENT NEED FOR WHEELCHAIRS!



This gruelling picture shows a disabled woman visited by Ann, who spends her entire life, night and day, on this mat on the floor. She has no furniture and she can never go out. If she had a wheelchair it would change her life!

Ann helped to set up a Disabled Club, and is trying to raise funds initially for **SEVEN WHEEL-CHAIRS**, which will transform the lives of disabled people. ann.potts@virgin.net

Reaching water with the borehole



The farm that we are developing at Lwankuba is short of water. Thanks to Hugh Wakeling and generous donors we have just had a borehole dug. This won't solve all the problems, but will be a great help at this site.

Ugandan Committee

Now the Ugandan Committee are registered in Uganda they have just had their first A.G.M. Our sincere thanks to them for all their wonderful work for the Charity.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES;

A.G.M.... Thursday 20 May at 7.30 at St Sebastian's Parish Centre, Wokingham. Do come along.

Beetle drive

This will be on 27 March in St Sebastian's School Hall, Wokingham, RG40 3AT It will cost £10 per head and include a Fish and Chip Supper and a raffle.

Please contact Helen for tickets helenelizchang@aol.com

Jon & Tim in Reading Half Marathon – Sun 21st March. Support our Runners!

You can support Jon and Tim by donating direct to Mityana Charity or online at

<http://www.mycharitypage.com/jonsrun>
<http://www.mycharitypage.com/timsrun>

Also George, a year 4 pupil at St Sebastian's School, is running in the youth race.

We send them our good wishes.

Sponsored Walk

This will be on 22 May at Virginia Water. Come and join us and help raise some money for the charity as well as getting some exercise! Please meet at 1030am in Blacknest car park.

Please contact Helen for more information helenelizchang@aol.com

Thank you Jake for raising £465 through your Sponsored haircut. We hear you now have a Mohawk!

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