

The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

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Sponsored children with mosquito nets

Sponsorship renewal

It is now time to renew your sponsorship. The children are so grateful for your continued commitment to providing help for their future. You will be hearing from your child soon when Hugh Wakeling returns from his current visit to Mityana bringing their letters.

Fees are still the same for 2017 (as long as the exchange rate doesn't drop any further!).

- £125 a year for primary fees from Nursery to P7
- Plus £150 for boarding for those going into P7 so they can concentrate on their final end of primary exams.
- Secondary fees are £250. First year secondary need an extra £70 to help set them up with the equipment they need for secondary school.

You will have received an email from Jean Ajin if your child needs boarding for P7 or starting secondary.

Please kindly amend your standing orders.

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Sponsors Needed

We still have many children needing sponsorship. We would be grateful if you could raise this with friends/groups.

The children value having someone that cares about them. It would be lovely if you could write a letter to them and tell them about your family, even include a photo so they can relate to you as a person. You might like to send a Christmas card. Please send to

Name of child, c/o Mrs Musaasizi, PO Bo 289, Mityana, Uganda, East Africa. **Please do not send it to us!**

If you would like to give your child something for Christmas please transfer the money into our account (or by cheque payable to Mityana charity to Bob Riddaway, 57 Trevelyan, Bracknell Berks, RG12 8YD saying what the money is for) by 21st November so we can transfer the money at the end of the month.

Some ideas for Christmas gifts:

- Over the last few years many people have given their sponsored child's family some money for Christmas so they can enjoy a meal with meat rather than the monotonous daily diet of steamed plantain (like banana) or posho, which is maize

- Another idea we saw when we visited earlier in the year was a solar panel installed on the roof so it is safe from thieves. A battery can then power two light bulbs. This costs £35.



- You could also choose a gift from the gift list below. Please tell Jo or Jean if you do this as otherwise it might be unclear that the gift is for your child.



Sponsored children

Please look at http://mityanacharity.org/donations_gifts.html or in the last [Annual Report](#).



St Mary's School for Deaf Children

Fighting Malaria

We have been delighted with the response to our appeal in the previous newsletter for donations to help us fight malaria affecting children in Mityana. The pictures here testify to the number of mosquito nets the Charity was able to provide.



Boarders at Nabukenya Primary School with their nets

Thank you to all those who donated money to our drive to purchase mosquito nets.

There is a continuous need for medical support for the sponsored children. Pneumonia and diarrhoea related illnesses are debilitating and can be fatal, but even everyday problems such as toothache or colds require medication or intervention that most families cannot afford.

If you would like to support the Charity in continuing to provide protection against mosquitos or meeting the medical needs of sponsored children please make a donation to the medical fund.

WASH Projects Update

by Hugh Wakeling

We wish to thank all the many individuals, Churches, and other organisations, who have contributed so generously and enabled us to do a record number of WASH Projects this year. Over the last 10 months we have been able to provide:

Water tanks at the following five locations:

- Kasaana Health Clinic
- Miseebe Health Clinic
- Nabembezi Primary School.
- William Mukasa Primary School
- Kasoolo Secondary School

Four-door blocks of latrines at:

- Kiteredde Health Centre,
- Buyaga Primary School
- Mpirigwa Primary School
- Kasoolo Secondary School

And there are more to come...

The last two mentioned projects have been constructed with a grant from Sevenhills Wholefoods. We received their grant towards the end of July, and they were constructed in record time, and were completed by 15th September. Here are pictures of the new facilities at Kasoolo Secondary School:



In the last newsletter we reported that Water-to-Thrive had given a grant to Mityana Uganda Charity to enable them to provide clean drinking water supplies in five villages. We are now pleased to report that Water-to-Thrive have been so impressed with the way the Mityana Uganda Charity completed their project, that they have now awarded them a second project, which will take 12 months, and enable them to provide clean water to ten more villages.

Report on Project to Build a new Clinic at Kasoolo Secondary School:

We are excited to report that we have recently received a major grant from the Medicor Foundation towards the cost of building and equipping a new Clinic to be built at Kasoolo Secondary School.

Some time ago we received a generous gift from one family towards this Clinic, and now that we have all the funds we plan to start work right away.

The need for fresh water...

Many people including children collect their water from a spring, often over 2 miles away.

Congratulations to ***Yasmin Jenkins*** who saw this need when she visited last March and decided to help. As part of her task to raise money she and a group 9 friends walked 2 miles from Maidenhead to the river Thames at Cookham and carried back 25 litres of water.



Yasmin is also running in the London Marathon next March in aid of Mityana Charity.

Can you support her?

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Mityana>
or text MITY16 £10 or whatever amount you wish to 70070

Ready for the New School Term

Scholastic materials have been distributed to sponsored children across all levels of education. They were provided with items such as school shoes, school bags, stationery (including paper, work books, pens, pencils etc), toilet paper, shoe polish, and sanitary items for the older females. Thanks to our sponsors, the children can return to school with all of the necessities.



violence (Over half of adolescent girls report incidents of physical violence since age 15).



It is hoped that following the Symposium an agenda can be produced to formulate policies and practices for the protection of children.

Legal Aid Project

1st Human Rights Symposium in Mityana

On 19th October 2016 Mityana Uganda Charity organised a Symposium in conjunction with Mityana District Local Government (senior probation office) and with financial support from Wellington College - UK.

The theme of the event was 'Protection of Children's Rights - A Call for Action'



The Symposium aimed to bring together a number of different organisations to share knowledge and experience on the abuse of children's rights including: **child labour**, Sub-Saharan Africa has the largest proportion of child labourers (28 per cent of children aged 5 to 14 years); **physical**

Human rights and Peace Clubs

The clubs held their Annual District Debate competition on 3rd July 2016 and the two competing schools were Mityana Secondary School and Pride Secondary School Mityana.

Mityana Secondary School emerging the winner for 2016. The winner was awarded a Trophy and a goat and the 1st runner up - Pride Secondary School was given a goat



Future Plans

- **A New Office**

We would like to raise funds to build a hub for the charity within Mityana. This would comprise of office accommodation and a business/conference centre with rooms to let as a means of generating income so that our team in Mityana can become self-sufficient. *If you can help us to start raising money for this project please contact us. It is urgent that we start raising funds for this as soon as possible.*

- **Visits**

Interested in visiting Mityana?

Peter Randall writes: “This trip will really touch your heart as you will see the real Africa. I should know as I have been twice. In my view the Mityana Charity is the best, as you can say what your donation is spent on and I believe it's about 95 pence in every pound donated goes to the people in the Mityana region of Uganda. How do they do that? No bloated paid officials in the UK. Quite an achievement.”

Jean Ajin is visiting with a group 22nd Feb to 9th March 2017.

Please contact Jean via enquiry@mityanacharity.org .

Are you looking for an exciting challenge?

GAP year students, interns, retirees or anyone else interested in volunteering in Mityana. We could arrange placements for any length of time. Some of the projects you could be involved in include accounting, human rights, law, teaching, the school for the deaf, agriculture, coffee farming, IT skills, medical, water projects, office administration.

If you are interested in visiting Mityana please do get in touch.

Finally, a few financial reminders.....

Are you a **tax payer**? If so, please consider completing a Gift Aid form downloadable at:

mityanacharity.org/form_ga.doc

Are you Interested in leaving a **legacy** to The Mityana Charity?

For further information please see: mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html

A plea from our Treasurer

CAF donations

Please email enquiry@mityanacharity.org if you donate in this way, include:

Your name
The amount
The project for which it is intended

Thank you.

Bob Riddaway

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