

The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

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Bulls around the World

Nikki and Rebekah Bull and their two daughters Darcy and Kitty have embarked on a trip around the world. Before they left the UK in August the Bulls liaised with their friends at HiSpeed Services to transport one tonne of donated goods to Mityana. We are hugely grateful to them for this generous contribution to the work of the charity in Uganda.

Football Training Opportunity

As any visitor to a school in Mityana will know, the children are almost without exception enthusiastic football fans. Any opportunity to kick a ball about or discuss their favourite team is seized upon with relish and so the visit of former Wycombe Wanderers and Aldershot Town skipper Nikki Bull to Royal Giant High School in Mityana was met with great excitement.

Attended by over 20 students who make up the under 17s football team, they were put through a series of drills and training practices by Nikki who has played over 500 league games in the U.K.

The students were extremely enthusiastic and

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willing to participate and really enjoyed the sessions according to their coach and the deputy head. The captain also gave a short speech on the second day of training thanking Nikki for his coaching and asking for any further sessions if he was available!

Nikki said "It was a great pleasure to run a training session in conjunction with The Mityana Charity, we are really glad to be able to help however we can and the players were also really engaged and keen to try new tactics.

"However it was in stark contrast to the facilities in the U.K, the pitch made conditions quite difficult and the school had only three footballs but you learn to work with what you've got."

Nikki will also be visiting further schools as part of his stay in Uganda as well as watching a Ugandan premier league game.

Meanwhile Rebekah and the girls watched the Royal Giant High school debate team rehearse for the upcoming finals next month. In her blog Rebekah writes

‘The charity runs debates amongst local secondary schools to promote knowledge about human rights, develop students’ critics thinking and reasoning and build links between the schools and the charity.

We watched the students debate "the emancipation of women has done more harm than good" - a very hotly debated topic with some interesting theories.’

Before leaving Mityana, the family met Letitia aged four whom they will sponsor through her education



You can read more about their time in Mityana and the rest of their travels at www.bullaroundtheworld.com and on their Facebook page of the same name.

in the last newsletter (at Myanzi Prison and at Hillside Primary School) we will have provided four water tanks in 2017.

The two new sets of latrines which have now been completed are at Nakaseeta Primary School and Kiryokya Primary School:



Report on WASH Projects:

Hugh Wakeling

Owing to the generosity of our supporters we have been able to provide another water tank and two more latrines. The water tank is at Naama Primary School:



Gifts have now been received so that we can provide the next water tank at Township Secondary School and this is now currently under construction. With the two water tanks reported

This means that with the two sets of latrines reported last time (at Patience Primary School and at Kalangaalo Secondary School) we have completed four sets of latrines so far in 2017.

The number of additional latrines and water tanks that we will be able to complete during 2017 will depend on the amount of money we receive. If you want to contribute to these projects please state that you wish your donation to go to WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) Fund, or if you

Access to Water in Mityana District varies from
28% in Ttamu division Sub County
95% in Butayunja Sub County

**MITYANA HAS 1,572 DOMESTIC WATER POINTS
SERVING 256,030 PEOPLE**

prefer state “water tanks” or “latrines”, when you send in your donation.

SPONSORSHIP

We are pleased that we now support 262 children in their education. More children in Mityana are needing sponsorship so if you can encourage family, friends and colleagues we would be grateful.



Mityana Kindergarten



Children from Mother care

We are pleased that Mrs Jenny Penfold will be taking responsibility for the older primary children to share the increased workload with Jean who will continue with the new and younger primary children. Jo will continue with the secondary and tertiary children.

We value supporting the children’s health but this is not covered by the annual sponsorship fees. We also provide sanitary protection for all the older girls to enable them to attend school regularly. This is also not covered by fees. We are finding it increasingly difficult to provide this support for the increasing number of children, but think it crucial that they are supported to stay healthy in school and attend class regularly. In June 49 children were treated and 20 in July. Most children suffered from respiratory tract infections which were due to lots of dust and malaria which is always a problem in the rainy season. If you are able to support your child by a one-off donation each year we would be very grateful. Please contact Jean or Jo.

School visits are conducted to check on the welfare of children in schools, pay school fees and to check on the children’s attendance as well as performance. 182 children (95M, 87F) were seen during these visits at school in July.

50 children were visited after the sponsorship committee selection to verify the information given in the application forms and to make a ground study and physical interviews.

Grandmothers are also visited to deliver their monthly donations and check on their health.

Can you help?

This young man was one of the first 6 pupils at Nabukenya Primary school. He is looking for support to help him complete his A Levels

My name is **Mukasa Gordan Andrew**. I am aged 19.

We were born 5 children, two girls and three boys I worked hard with academics and as I reached primary four, my father passed away. I started living a miserable life because our mother never supported us anymore. But the charity continued to support the school until I reached primary seven in 2012.

I passed my primary leaving exams with a second grade and I joined secondary level.

My sisters contributed to my school fees what they could according to their income. I tried to help myself by growing crops like maize, beans etc and picking coffee at Lwankuba farm. I struggled to see that I sit for my O’ level exams and it is God’s mercy I did them last year and I passed with a second grade. Again am doing gardening, picking coffee at the farm and within the community to raise funds to do my A levels starting in January 2018. Due to hard situations & challenges I have encountered, I know one day I will become what I want to be, and a highly motivated person who will be instrumental to change tomorrow. “Giant killers don’t begin as giants.”

Meet Karo Steven a child sponsored by Rachel Butler since 2008. He has been leading their class from P.1 to P.6 his current class. He was given an award and cup for being an Academic Giant.



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. We hope you will be hearing from your child soon when the next visitors return from Mityana bringing their letters.

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.

Sponsorship Fees

FEES ARE STILL THE SAME FOR 2018 (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.

Your Sponsored child

All the sponsored children value having someone who cares about them. It would be lovely if you could write a letter to yours 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. We suggest about £20
- 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.

Please look at

http://mityanacharity.org/donations_gifts.php

or in the last [Annual Report](#).

Please note:

If you like to send gifts to your sponsored child we have been asked by the committee in Mityana that they are no larger than the recommended 15x23 cm (6x9 in.) This is because they incur high custom fees which cause a financial hardship to Mityana Charity. Also, disposable cameras are not allowed to be sent as a gift to a child.



<http://www.mityanacharity.org>

We hope that you like our updated website. Many thanks to Nick Penfold who is our new webmaster. We would love to hear any comments both positive and how we could improve.

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.

If you have been inspired by the Bull family and are looking for an exciting challenge.

- GAP year students
- interns
- retirees
- volunteers

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.

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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