



The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping
the people of Mityana, Uganda

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**Wellington College Students at
the Human Rights Conference**

Wellington College Students Report

Over half term, 19 members of the Raglan and Orange houses travelled to Uganda to support the Mityana Charity, which both houses sponsor. Pupils were involved in many activities over the 9 days of the trip.

The Orange attended a Human Rights Conference on the first day. This was filled with presentation from members of the children's rights community advocating for different protection rights that needed to be reinforced or indeed established. This conference exposed us to the hardships that children face every day, and the fact that they do not share the liberties that we do in the UK.

We assisted in the building of the Raglan Hall, an education centre in Mityana. This was one of the highlights of our trip as in between the hours of hard (but enjoyable) labour, we played with local school children and shared soft drinks with the other builders who were teaching us how to bricklay and level ground for a path.

One of the most memorable experiences from the trip was the visit to the children's' rehabilitation

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centre. Here children, who have suffered major injuries or illnesses, were able to stay and recuperate and receive the relevant care that they need to improve their quality of life. It was humbling and enlightening to visit the children and interact with them by playing games, as their positive outlook on life impacted the way we viewed our own.

A visit to a school for deaf children was a very moving experience as, despite the children's disabilities, they were still extremely cheerful and willing to teach us sign language and play games with us. Additionally, we were shown how to play football by a team of school boys in a football match during our visit to Nabukenya Primary School, which was built over a decade ago by the Orange and Blucher houses. Despite our best efforts their fantastic footballing talent managed to overwhelm our defence and beat us in a very enjoyable match.



**Football match at Nabukenya
Primary School**

Overall, we all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Uganda, as we got to immerse ourselves in a new culture and experience first-hand how great an effect our donations from the Orange and the Raglan make to the schools and other establishments out there. Most of all, we loved interacting with the children and individuals we met while out there, as they have impacted our lives and the way in which we view matters significantly. The trip will be something that the Wellington pupils will remember for the rest of their lives.

Michael Schellekens (R) and Scarlett Zein (O)

On our first day it was a steep but enjoyable learning curve which taught us to brick lay and to level the ground for a path, this involved much moving around of dirt which was (unsurprisingly) turned into a wheelbarrow race with many heats, but the overall winner, controversially, was Mr Rattray. The second day we spent on the site involved more brick laying and digging a channel for the path to run down, with soft drinks at lunchtime alongside the other builders, a tropical storm broke out and our day at the site had to be called off after lunch. On the third and final day the Raglan house were joined by the Orange girls to help with more brick laying and the planting of grass and trees, an emotional goodbye for some having met some incredible characters on the site including (but not limited to) Fred the foreman.

Oscar Farrell

WASH Projects Update

Opening Ceremony at Rwamashengyero



New Clinic at Rwamashengyero:

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed so much towards the cost of this clinic. We are very glad to be able to report the success of this project. Money has come in so that we have been able to pay all the bills. The Clinic is now complete and was opened by Bishop Stephen on 27th November 2018.

In 2018 we reported in the Newsletter that we had completed sets of latrines at Kiyogaanyi Primary School, at Namukomago Primary School and at Kibaale Health Centre. We are now glad to report that as a result of a very successful concert held in the summer by the Pilgrim Singers at Wincanton, we have been able to provide a set of latrines at Kiyogaanyi Primary School. Here is a picture of the latrines with the school children:



We have also reported that water tanks had been provided at Kiryokya Primary School, St Peter's Primary School Busubizi and at Nakyenyi Secondary School. We are now able to report that we have been able to provide a water tank at the new Clinic at Rwamashengyero. Here is a picture of the latest water tank at Rwamashengyero:



Thank you very much to all of you who have contributed to the WASH Fund during 2018. We hope during 2019 to continue to provide clean drinking water and latrines to those who are in greatest need of them. Do send your contributions in! The more money we receive, the more water tanks and latrines we will be able to provide.

Hugh Wakeling

Christmas in Mityana

Our sponsored children had a great time as they received their Christmas gifts from their sponsors. Thank you very much.



A Sponsor's Experience

I was a little apprehensive about meeting our sponsored children. I had a vague idea of what to expect having accompanied some of the Wellington students earlier in the week to visit their sponsored children in Mityana. We set off at 8am to get to Kalangaloo for just after 9am. We were aware that this village was very rural but perhaps hadn't quite appreciated the very bumpy and steep roads that we would travel down - it certainly was an adventure! First up was Hafiswa's home, she lived there with her grandmother and cousins. They were extremely welcoming and happy to see us when we arrived and welcomed us into their home. It was lovely to talk to the family and get a better understanding of the way in which they were living. Hafiswa's grandmother was looking

after several children due to her own children sadly passing away due to ill health. One particularly sad moment was when she shared that she had no idea why or how one of her daughter's had died but was 'delivered' her grandson with the news that her daughter had passed. She was clearly and understandably very distressed by this but like with her other grandchildren had welcomed her little grandson with open arms. Living in extreme poverty and raising several grandchildren must be extremely difficult, and I was shocked to hear that her youngest grandson was not at school yet because she could not afford it. I have now offered to sponsor this little boy too.

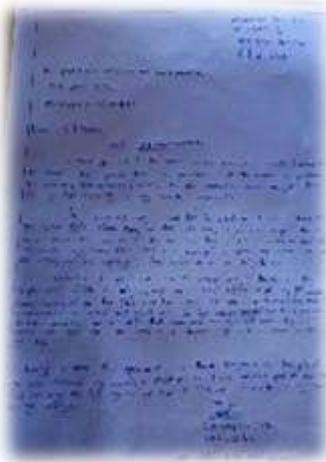
Our second visit was to my mother's sponsored child Janet. Here a family of 3 sisters were raising 3 young children in extreme poverty, they had no chairs to invite us to sit on inside. The sister's mother (grandmother of Janet) was unfortunately very unwell in hospital and the 3 young sisters were left to raise the young children on their own with little money. One sister was deaf, one sister was 14 years old and pregnant, and the eldest sister was looking after the whole family. Two things I will remember very clearly from this visit, the beautiful smile of Janet and secondly the deaf sister communicating to me via drawing words into the dusty ground - it was quite astonishing and moving! The whole family were so excited by the gifts I had brought them, and Janet put on her new clothes straight away - this filled my heart with warmth.

Finally, we went to my boyfriend's (Murray) sponsored child Charles's home. They had forgotten that we were visiting them on this day, so someone had to drive on a scooter up to the school to collect little Charles. He was the sweetest little boy, with a tiny body frame but a big welcoming smile. His grandmother was looking after him here, and she could not only speak very good English but also read very well in English. It amazed me when she read the letter that Murray had written for them so beautifully. Again, they were extremely grateful for our visit and I enjoyed spending time with them in their family home and understanding their way of life.

It was a truly special and life changing experience visiting our three sponsored children in their homes - and I think about them every day - wondering what they are up to. I feel so assured that the work that Mityana Charity is doing is really making a difference to so many lives, not only the children that we sponsor but their families too!

Sophia Candappa

A Letter of Appreciation



We received a wonderful letter of thanks from Joel Tumnebase. He particularly wanted to thank PaCT for their hard work, Jean Ajin and his sponsor Pam for all the support he has received and the guidance of

Grace Musaasizi in his education.

Madame Grace retires from PaCT

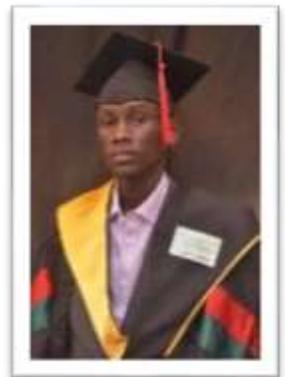
It was a heartfelt and emotional occasion as sponsored children and their parents and guardians said farewell to the long serving Education & Sponsorship Coordinator, Grace Musaasizi, who retired last month.



PaCT staff presented Madame Grace with a gift in gratitude for her hardwork and commitment over the last 15 years. She has not only supported the organisation but the Mityana community as a whole. We wish her all the best during her retirement.

Congratulations

- To Mutumba Ivan. We started supporting him in 2012 and has now graduated with a Bachelor of Computer science. He was sponsored by Jane Redgrave.



- To Oliver our cashier in Mityana on the birth of baby boy Ronnie.

- To Geoffrey and Brendah on the birth of baby Elizabeth Justine



Combatting Malaria

Did you know that more than 200 million people worldwide contract malaria from mosquito bites. In sub-Saharan Africa, 100 million clinical cases of malaria are reported every year, resulting in almost one million deaths. Malaria has been implicated in the causation of deafness in several studies in the West Africa subregion.

Two years ago, each child was given a mosquito net but by now they will need replacing. *Anyone wishing to raise money for this cause please contact us.*

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 a **higher tax payer**? If so you can help us, below is the HMRC guidance.

If you pay tax above the basic rate, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation. Do this either:

- through your Self Assessment tax return.
- by asking HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to amend your tax code.

Example You donate £100 to charity - they claim Gift Aid to make your donation £125. You pay 40% tax so you can personally claim back £25.00 (£125 x 20%).

With Payroll Giving, you don't pay the difference between the higher and basic rate of tax on your donation.

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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