

The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

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Grandma Ggotto Rebecca

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Grandma Kababanja Gertrude

We often feature thank yous from sponsored children and young people. In contrast, some grandmas would like to express their gratitude to some thoughtful older ladies at a church group in the UK who kindly sent them Easter gifts.

You can see from their faces how delighted and thankful they were!

In Uganda, the extended family will often care for children whose parents have died or who have been abandoned for any number of reasons. Very often it is the grandmother who picks up the main responsibility for caring and nurturing the children, ensuring they have food, clothing and access to education. Thank you to those ladies who gave these grandmothers something to smile about!

WASH projects

New Clinic at Rwamashengyero:

In the last newsletter we were able to report that £ 30,000 had been given towards a new clinic at Rwamashengyero. We are now glad to report that construction has started on the new clinic. This follows the completion of certain preliminary activities. The architect has completed the detailed design. The local authority has granted planning permission for the buildings. And a memorandum of understanding has been agreed and signed with the Diocese of Mityana, so that they will operate the clinic and maintain it, once we hand it over to them. As with other large projects of this kind, we went out for competitive bids and awarded the contract to the best contractor.



Progress at Rwamashengyero so far

With the money already given we should be able to build the main clinic building and the associated latrines, and also to provide equipment to go in the clinic. It would be better if we could also provide some accommodation for the medical staff who will work in the Clinic. This would enable the staff to live nearby, and it would improve the security, as they would be able to keep a better eye on the premises. If you would like to contribute towards this accommodation while the construction is taking place, the contractor could build the staff accommodation before he goes off the site.

Report on WASH Projects:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the WASH Fund in 2018. Due to receiving a large donation from the Parish of Finchampstead and California we have provided a set of latrines at Kiyogaanyi Primary School. See the picture below:



Also during 2018 we have provided a water tanks at Kiryokya Primary School, and St Peter's Primary School Busuubizi. Here is a picture of the new water tank at Busuubizi:



We plan to provide further latrines and water tanks in the second half of 2018. Our team in Uganda allocates these facilities to the most deserving cases where the need is most urgent. They receive applications from various institutions, but before making the allocations they go and visit their locations, to verify that the information provided on the forms is correct, and that the need is really urgent. The number of these latrines and water tanks we are able to provide, depends on the amount of money we receive from you our loyal supporters.

Hugh Wakeling

Update on Hugh

Hugh is recovering after his illness and was grateful for the prayers and good wishes he received.

He writes:

'I am glad to report that I am now making good progress towards being fit again, but it is taking time, and I am not quite there yet.'

Sponsorship

In the past the vast majority of our secondary children attended Mityana Secondary School. It is a long-established school on a spacious site with a good academic record. However, over the last few years the UK sponsorship coordinators and many sponsors have become increasingly concerned at the low achievements of our children attending the school. The children's reports were uniformly bad and very dispiriting. We noted that even children supposedly in the top 10 achievers of a year of 150 children were failing the majority of their internal exams and doing particularly badly in maths and all science subjects.

The sponsorship committee in Mityana decided to set up an enquiry into the situation at the school. An independent person interviewed parents and children separately and investigated the school in other ways. They found that children were set work but it was never marked. Also, teachers were often late for lessons or left half way through, after racing through a topic, because they had jobs teaching in other schools to supplement their pay. Children and parents were very dissatisfied.

The decision was taken to move as many children as possible, consistent with educational good sense, to other schools in Mityana. Therefore, at the start of the new school year in early February, the sponsorship committee organised the relocation of a lot of children to other secondary schools. It is always hard to change secondary schools but we hope that our children will have more chance of fulfilling their potential in other better run schools.

Jo Riddaway

Administrative Challenges

We are very pleased to announce that we have had generous offers of Corporate Sponsorship from two organisations (Mandeville Recruitment and The Flatman Partnership) to cover the annual costs of running a new administrative system. Having reviewed the systems available in the market place, we have decided to trial a system called Donorfy which would allow us to collate all our mailing lists that are currently held either manually or in various other systems such as Mailchimp.

In parallel, the team in Mityana are developing a separate database which will hold child-centred data and aims to improve the way we update sponsors with news of their sponsored children. We are taking great care to protect UK data and no personal details will be transferred outside of the UK.

Continued mailings

We have also undertaken a review of the requirements of the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force in May 2018. This requires us to develop new policies on privacy and data protection and obtain explicit consent to hold individuals' personal data in our systems. We are very grateful for the help received from volunteers Jan and David Riley, Nick Willson, Alastair Davidson and Kevin Pizzey, who have added their technical expertise to help us with this.

Please respond to our email asking for permission for us to continue sending you our standard communications after the end of May: newsletters, AGM invitations and Annual Reports or sign up on our website <http://www.mityanacharity.org/mailing.php>. You can always unsubscribe from our mailings.

A New Community and Training Centre



An artist's impression of the new building

We are starting a crowdfunding page to raise monies for our new Community and Training Centre. The first in Mityana!

We have the land and architects' drawings so now we need to raise money to start building!

You can help by donating at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mityanacharity>

Maybe you could provide for one of these items

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| Bag of Cement | £7 |
| Trip of Sand | £45.00 |
| Bricks - Small truck | £45.00 |
| Bricks - Big truck | £85.00 |
| Iron bar | £15.00 |
| Piece of Timber | £5.00 |
| Piece of Timber (big for roofing) | £10.00 |
| Big window | £110.00 |
| Small Window | £65.00 |
| Big Door | £170.00 |
| Small Door | £80.00 |
| Trip of concrete stones | £55.00 |
| Iron sheet | £20.00 |
| 1kg of nails | £2.00 |

Fundraising

Channel Swim

Good luck to **Peter Shrimpton, Richard Holliday and Bill Stringer** who are swimming the English Channel as a 3 man team for Mityana Charity.

Peter writes:

‘Three of us will be swimming one hour at a time until we reach France in mid July - this is going to take around 15 hours (depending on the tide and how we swim!). This means we have been preparing and training for at least 4-5 one hour swims each in 15 degrees (your swimming pool is 29 degrees) in the busiest shipping channel in the world. Why? Well, apart from the challenge and sense of achievement, I will be raising money for a fantastic Ugandan charity called Mityana who do great work educating and safe guarding the future of so many children.’

You can support them at:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=PeterShrimpton&pageUrl=4>Contact: enquiry@mityanacharity.org

Sponsors Needed

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

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.

Ann Potts Nabukenya



We were saddened to learn of the death of **Ann Potts Nabukenya**, who was such an inspirational trustee of Mityana Charity.

Ann visited Mityana in 2006 and loved it so much she made countless visits, engaging with numerous people and making lifelong friendships which changed the lives of so many.

As a trustee of Mityana Charity, she also encouraged many others to visit charity projects which brought them face to face with the challenges and joys of living in Mityana and the surrounding areas.

Through her dedication and determination Nabukenya Primary School (NPS) was constructed, the farm founded and she instigated the Legal and Human Rights Projects all of which continue to make a great impact on the communities where the work is carried out.

She will be sadly missed by her friends and co workers both in the UK and in Uganda.



Her son Roger Potts would like donations in her memory to go to NPS through Mityana Charity.

Please contact bobridaway@hotmail.co.uk for bank details.

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

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**

Are you interested in leaving a legacy to The Mityana Charity?

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

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