

Sanyu News



Joe and Joyce

We have had a very busy time over the last few months and this level of work looks likely to continue throughout the year. We have recently received a lot of new arrivals at Sanyu and this has kept us very busy as they have all been young babies. This intake has corresponded with the great news that 2 of our existing children are currently in the process of being adopted. Things will hopefully be finalised in the coming weeks and we will keep you posted.

Renovation Work

March will see the arrival of 5 tradesmen from the UK. Two builders, two electricians and a carpenter are going to stay at Sanyu for a fortnight and are aiming to totally rewire the home, repair the roof and ceilings and start work on the new kitchen. When this work is completed it will have a huge impact on life for us all at Sanyu, especially the children.

There are several other building projects which, if carried out, would also make a great difference for Sanyu's children. Works such as building a new potty area or providing new guttering are important for the development of Sanyu and as such they have been pencilled in as Future Projects.

In each newsletter we like to introduce you to one of the children at Sanyu. Today we would like you to...



Meet ...Francis

Francis is a very cheerful little boy. He currently needs an operation and we have now secured the funds for this so it will be going ahead in the next month.

He loves animals, especially cows, and can often be heard singing around Sanyu. His favourite song at the moment is 'Old MacDonald'. He sings this in his native language of Lugandan but performs the chorus' of 'e i e i o' in English.

Fundraising

We are continually seeking donations to help with the building projects and the day to day running costs of Sanyu. Donations are always welcome and we now have a leaflet for anyone wishing to donate on a monthly basis. This is a great way to give as we can claim tax relief on these donations. It also means that we have a definite monthly income which allows us to plan for the future.

Donations can be made in many different forms and recently we were fortunate enough to be given a TV/Video which had been bought by a contributor following their own fundraising venture for Sanyu. This was taken out to Sanyu in November and the children love it. It was the first time they had seen a television and they enjoy singing and dancing to the videos that had also been donated.

We have also received other one off donations which are helping to provide the many items needed by Sanyu, all of which help to improve the lives of the children during their stay.

It is now possible for British Airways staff to donate on a monthly basis through payroll giving. Leaflets for this can be obtained from the Compass Centre or by contacting any of the contacts listed on our website (see below for web address).

A CD has been produced by the Nursing Group in Brighton. It includes a song written specifically for Sanyu. We will give you details in the next newsletter of how you can purchase a copy.

Committee Meeting

The committee met in late January and were pleased with the progress being made in supporting Sanyu. Awareness of Sanyu is starting to increase in the UK and this next year looks promising for getting a lot of essential building work completed and starting to work towards the long term sustainability of the home.



Joe

Last November Joe went out to Uganda to use his previous experience as a project manager to help to develop Sanyu and work towards the long term goal of self sustainability for the home. He is sponsored by the Voluntary Missionary Movement and has made great improvements during his time there. He works closely with Joyce, who is the homes administrator, and also has a working relationship with the Board of Governors of Sanyu.