

Sanyu News



Joe and Joyce

As you will see from this newsletter things are progressing very well at Sanyu and we are enjoying support from a variety of people.

There is currently a lot of building work taking place, at a time when we continue to have a high proportion of young babies within the home. As a result the daily struggles that are posed by regular feeding and nappy changing are proving even more challenging but the results will be worth it.

We hope you like the newsletter and thank you for your continued interest in the children.

Renovation Work

The building projects mentioned in the last newsletter commenced in March and in particular the work on the kitchen proved to be more involved than originally anticipated. For starters 150 tonnes of earth had to be moved and a 25ft retaining wall built before construction could even begin. As such the work will have to be completed by local builders over the coming weeks. It was however a great learning curve for all involved and the experience will benefit any future projects that we undertake.

The main building has now been rewired whilst the roof and guttering are being replaced at present. In addition a water tank has been purchased to collect rainwater, with the aim being to connect this system to a pump so that the home can provide its own water supply in the long term.

WorkAid, a charity specialising in reconditioning and shipping used tools, supplied our volunteers with electrical, carpentry and masonry tools.



The picture on the left shows the old kitchen whilst on the right shows the progress made by the UK builders.



Fundraising

The London Marathon

We are pleased to inform you that Mike Pryce has kindly agreed to take part in the London Marathon to raise funds for Sanyu Babies Home. Mike works for British Airways and obtained a place in the London Marathon through the BA running Club. If you would like to sponsor Mike, you can either email him on mike.pryce@britishairways.com or call him at work on **020 8738 7326**.



Mike getting ready for the Marathon

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Mike for running for Sanyu and we all wish him the very best for the 18th April.

New Staff

Sanyu has recently employed 2 security personnel, one working days and the other patrolling at night time. It was felt necessary due to the attempted thefts that recently occurred at the home. Security lighting and fencing has also been erected.

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



Meet ...Annette

Annette is 2 and a half years old. She was adopted 6 months previously by a local Ugandan family. Unfortunately she came back to Sanyu a month ago as the family who adopted her had a marriage breakdown and felt they could no longer take care of her. Understandably she was very withdrawn when she first came back but is now returning to her former happy and outgoing self.

The good news is that another family are already interested in Annette so hopefully she will be adopted by a new family in the near future.