

Latest News



Joe and Joyce

Many thanks to Keeley Smith for her support and also for writing the newsletters – we all wish her well in her new home in Barcelona. In my first newsletter I am pleased to say that this year the pace of progress has continued and, we have started to take on additional projects in Kampala.

Sanyu update



We start with, the German contingent! Alex has had a baby boy, Matis, and now works in the Montessori School on a part time basis. Naki is hoping to get her sponsorship with VMM extended by two years and Sonja leaves Sanyu and Uganda at the end of June to return to Germany. She will be greatly missed and we hope she takes a well-earned break before going to Nepal for 3 months to work on a project that caters for leprosy. The School now has two additional local Ugandan teachers – who are excellent. The new kitchen is fully functional and now awaits tables and chairs. The dramatic improvement in the quality of food and general cleanliness has helped with the children's diet and is appreciated by the staff. The thatched meeting area is now complete.



Joe Cumiskey's aim of getting the home running efficiently and becoming self supporting is starting to come to fruition. The craft shop and egg production facility are in full swing and the water harvesting project is now fully functional. The pace of change has been breathtaking.

Our next project at Sanyu is building a new potty area. We continue to support the purchase of baby milk and part fund salaries for security staff, administrative assistant and odd job man.

Other Projects

Outside Sanyu we have been looking at other projects and have started to support a school which caters for children with special needs. Situated within the grounds of Mengo Hospital (just above Sanyu), the school is run by Patti Squire, a missionary from Basingstoke, who has lived in Kampala for 14 years. She is a remarkable person. UCT is helping Patti build a day care centre. It will be revenue generating and therefore self sustaining, providing day care for children who would otherwise not receive specialist care. Patti has long term plans to create a centre for autistic children – which would be the first of its kind in Uganda. This is an ambitious project and will need backing from a larger organization to come to fruition. UCT are looking at ways in which we can offer help and support – initially by developing the business plan and funding proposal.

As ever, there is plenty to do and with your help we are making a significant improvement to the quality of life of orphaned children in Kampala, Uganda.

Many thanks, Adrian Bonwitt

Photos of the projects



New thatched meeting area at Sanyu



Old physiotherapy unit at Mengo Hospital – to be converted to a day care centre

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