

Latest News



Joe and Joyce

Over the last few months David Brown and Adrian Bonwitt have visited Uganda four times. Sanyu goes from strength to strength, with James Armson playing a more dominant role. James gave up his job in London to go out to Sanyu in May this year. He is still there, and is doing an invaluable job alongside Joe. Sanyu's kitchen has been formally opened with an accompanying picture in British Airways News – the 3 people donning chefs hats are David Brown, Joyce Lulindya (Sanyu's Administrator), and Joe Cummiskey. Last week our latest project was officially opened - the daycare centre at the Mengo and Guluddene unit for children with learning difficulties. Patti Squire, a missionary, who manages the project is now planning

to get the hydrotherapy pool up and running – we are hoping to fundraise to bring this facility into use, benefiting some very needy children.



Watoto children..

Adrian also spent a day at Watoto – which is where many of the Sanyu children go on to - giving a talk on behalf of British Airways. Watoto provides a network of foster homes and schooling for orphaned children.

This work has been enabled by **your** generosity and support. We remain committed to helping underprivileged children in Uganda and are pleased with the work so far.

Sanyu update

Considerable time, effort and money has gone into Sanyu over the last few years, and the change is quite amazing. One of Joe's aims has been revenue generation - the craft shop and guest house are now producing meaningful profits. Some visitors are purchasing stock from the craft shop for resale in the UK. This has all started from an old cargo container, some creative thinking and a lot of hard work. The electronic till provided by UCT is working well - providing a written record of sales and doing the cashing up each day.



Sonya, a special needs teacher, left Sanyu in the summer and is on a project in Kathmandu, Nepal - looking after lepers. Naki, also a special needs teacher, is currently on an intensive counselling course, as she would like to help child victims in Africa. Joe has been at Sanyu for over 2 years now. His funding has just been extended by 6 months and he now also does other projects in Uganda on behalf of Hope for Children.

The Mengo and Guluddene Unit

In mid November, the Mengo daycare centre had an official opening. The improved facilities provide a safe area in which children with a range of disabilities can receive help and interact with other children. A Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist make an assessment of an individual child's needs. Parents can discuss the best way forward in giving their children the help that they need. This unit is the only one of its kind in Uganda, providing much needed support to both the children and parents.

If you want to visit Mengo, you can send an e-mail to David Brown (kbdb@compuserve.com) for directions – it is walking distance from Sanyu and we know the children would love any old Fisher Price toys you no longer need.

Other Projects

During November, various projects were visited in and around Kampala with a view to helping in some way. As things develop, we will keep you informed.

Political situation in Uganda

The Presidential elections are due to take place on 12th March 2006 and the unrest has started already. Recently, there have been violent demonstrations when the main opposition candidate was imprisoned. We hope that despite the unrest, the work of UCT and everyone trying to bring about a better future for Ugandan children, can carry on unaffected.

UCT wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.



The new daycare centre – before and after refurbishment

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