



James Armison

Latest News

Joe Cummiskey, our UCT Ugandan co-ordinator, has left Sanyu but will continue working with VMM, the Irish based charity & Hope for Children. UCT would like to thank Joe for all his hard work and we wish him continued success in helping others.

James Armison, who some of you will have met over the past year at Sanyu, will be helping Joyce with various ongoing projects. Together they have already started work on getting quotes & planning for rebuilding the potty area. Work should start in September 2006. This is UCT's primary objective for 2006/7.



Other news from Sanyu:

- new mosquito netting being installed on most external windows on the main Home.
- the new laundry room has been completed with three new 10kg washing machines and one 10kg tumble dryer.
- renovation of the Kindergarten is well under way and should be finished next month, increasing the size of the school and improving the facilities.

Sanyu update

Sanyu now has three doctors who visit the Home on a weekly basis and three qualified nurses providing 24hrs medical care. This month a visiting team of paediatric doctors gave all the babies a complete 'head-to-toe' health check.

We are told Sanyu has received 23 new babies so far this year. Fifteen babies have gone to foster families, 2 babies were reunited with their families, and 6 came of age and were transferred to Watoto, 3 to AidChild and 1 to the Salvation Army. Sadly, two babies died but we are told both had severe medical conditions on arrival. Sanyu currently has 37 babies and two further babies are in the process of being fostered.



Charities Commission

We continue with our application to obtain our own registered charity number. Currently, we operate under our umbrella charity Hope for Children (H4C). H4C has given us valuable advice and support over the past few years. Having our own charity number will allow us to independently apply for funding grants. An Extraordinary General Meeting is planned for **Sunday 20 August** in order to allow us to change our constitution. All are welcome – please see enclosed invite.

Mengo Unit for Children with Learning Difficulties

Patti Squire tells us “The Early Stimulation Centre is gradually picking up on the number of disabled babies and children who attend it. The children so enjoy the equipment and toys that we have in it”. ***If you are going to Uganda soon please take any surplus Fisher Price toys with you. You can visit Mengo, which is walking distance from Sanyu, or arrange to have them picked up by Patti.***

“In the next few weeks we are fortunate to have a visiting physiotherapist, who will help us for two and a half days a week for 9 months. This means that we will have an occupational therapist and a physiotherapist, as well as auxiliary staff to help with the children. We are therefore pleased that we keep improving bit by bit.”

Nkokenjerro

As you know the majority of UCT's work has been at Sanyu Babies Home and Mengo Unit. Currently one other project we are looking to help at is Nkokenjerro. Nkokenjerro is a home, run by Franciscan nuns, who look after more than 200 poor people. Many are children - some have disabilities.

In the past the Home has received funding from many different sources - including the Cheshire Homes charity - but their support seems to have become dysfunctional over recent years. The home itself is in Nkokenjerro, which is about 50 km East of Kampala.

Some of you will have seen a recent email about the fire at the Home. Thankfully no one was hurt but the damage to the dormitories was extensive. UCT released £500 as emergency relief and Adrian, on a visit last week, reports the fire victims have now been rehoused in a new block. The money we gave has helped build new beds and return life to some normality.

For pictures of the fire damage see: www.bonwitt.eclipse.co.uk/nkok/nkok.htm

INVITATION

As a UCT supporter we would like to invite you to our Extraordinary General Meeting.

Venue: 60 Wellhouse Road, Beech, Alton, Hants, GU34 4AG.
Time: 14:00hrs
Date: Sunday 20th August

Subject: Following a recommendation from the Charities Commission UCT would like to change its constitution. The motion will be put to members and voted on.

Refreshments will be served.

It would be great to meet old and new faces so please do come along. If you have any contacts, ideas or you want to know more about UCT, we can chat informally after the short meeting.

Contact: Any problems or for general information please contact Adrian or Verity by email at bonwitts@onetel.com or call on 01420 83712