

## UGANDA



*'Prevention is Better than Cure'*  
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## NEWSLETTER

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This is our seventh newsletter keeping our supporters up to date with what's going on. Since the last issue we have had the opening of the new Gilead Hall in Luwero, Uganda and we have had our 2012 AGM.

'Nobby' Clarke - Chair of Trustees.

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Brother & Sister Praise & Paela Muyanja

**MUCH MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE**

[www.ghdcafrica.org.uk](http://www.ghdcafrica.org.uk)

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I would like to pass on a big thank you to all our supporters from our friends in Uganda. I hope this Newsletter goes someway to demonstrating the difference you are helping to make to the lives of this poor rural African community.

*Nobby Clarke - Chair of Trustees*

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## 1. 'Uganda Trip Report

Nobby & Carol travelled to Uganda in February this year, primarily to be at the opening of the new Gilead Hall following the completion of the roof. The guest of honour was Bishop Paul who represented the Archbishop of Uganda, Henry Luke Orombi. It was a very joyous occasion but a little too hot to be wearing a suit and formal dress!!!



We also had the opportunity to catch up with many of our sponsor children, including the 10 children who attend Alpha Academy Primary School just up the road from our clinic in Luwero. It was here that we distributed bananas bought with the 'Gifts for Gilead' appeal funds. It is always good to see the joy on the faces of these children from such a relatively small gesture on our part.

We are immensely proud of all our children but Suzan Namagembe is special for Carol and I as we sponsored her and have followed her through her schooling and graduation from University into work as a Secondary School Teacher. Our proudest moment came when with her first wage packet she took on the responsibility for and adopted a little girl named after her (Suzi) and paid her school fees!!!



Going around the local villages and meeting with some of the families of our children and especially some of the older people is a real treat. Many older people are bringing up their grandchildren in the absence of parents who have often died from the very diseases we seek to help educate against. Carol even got to have a go at weaving palms to make a mat! It's fair to say that she needs a little more practice, but enjoyed the experience.

## **2. Gilead AGM Highlights 2012**

### **Compressed Accounts for 2011/12.....**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£'s</b>	
<b>Carried forward from 2011</b>	<b>2,790</b>	
<b>Fundraising, Donations &amp; Sales etc</b>	<b>26,526</b>	
<b>Received Child Sponsorship</b>	<b>13,907</b>	
<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>Total £50,399</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Gilead Hall Building Project</b>	<b>29,560</b>	
<b>Luwero Clinic/Community</b>	<b>5,577</b>	
<b>Sponsor Children School Fees</b>	<b>10,975</b>	
<b>Administration &amp; Fees</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>Total £47,796</b>

#### **Potted Explanation of Accounts...**

##### **Income....**

We were once again grateful to St James, Flechamstead, for their contribution which included supporting our full-time Nurse Christine's salary for another year.

Fundraising events included the Spring Ball, Quiz Night, Barn Dance, Gifts for Gilead, Christmas Grand Draw and a couple of special birthday events (Irene Upton & Sue Clayden. One of our child sponsor's Sara Manger-Ryan celebrated her 30th birthday by completing 10 challenges which include a half-marathon, skydiving and finally singing live at her party. We also benefitted from a group who were sponsored to canoe the Caledonian Canal and from Anne Lancaster's card sales table.

##### **Expenditure....**

We continue to support our Clinic at the African Outreach Academy in Luwero, Uganda. In addition to our full-time Nurse Christine, we have the part-time services of a visiting Doctor 'Gerald'. We have also recently purchased and delivered a new Microscope to enable blood analysis and various other smaller pieces of medical equipment.

We have also managed to send enough money over to Uganda to complete the roof on the Hall Project and fit some of the windows and doors and build ladies and gents toilets.

All the school fees for all of our children (68 as at 31/3/2012) have been paid.

Our actual administration costs are very small but the accounts also have to include other items such as the purchase of African jewellery made by the women's group we support, which is then sold on, promotional items e.g Polo shirts, the cost of staff in Luwero who look after the cleaning and maintenance of the grounds and fees for our Website and some fundraising expenses.

*The full accounts can be seen on the Charity Commission Website -*

**[www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk)** and search on **1115103** (Reg Charity Number)



### **3. Sponsor Children.....**

We now have 68 Sponsor Children

- 40 - Primary School
- 1 - Specialist School for the Deaf
- 20 - Secondary Education
- 7 - In Higher Education / Other
- +2 - Graduated from University.



The picture shows more than 1,300 children watching a film in the new Gilead Hall, with lots of room to spare!

The cost of sponsoring a child in Uganda through Gilead is £20 pcm. Many will be full time boarders at school. They will write to you a couple of times a year and send you a card at Christmas and you will be able to write directly to them whenever you choose. More details on our website.

### **4. Other News....**

Rommie Muyanja (our man in Luwero) gets to grips with his new technology kindly donated by a couple who sponsor one of our children. Communication is so important and helps us to support those who take responsibility for our project, so it's just great to have an up to date and fully loaded and connected computer. It seems strange to think back to the time only ten years ago when there was no phone, no electricity, no transport and no clinic! Thanks guys!!!

**Can you help to  
raise funds?**

**Please get in touch**



Security is always an issue, but we have done our utmost to disguise the necessary bars on the windows and doors with a unique pattern that at least reflects the beauty of the surrounding countryside, as we further develop the Gilead Hall project. Eventually there will be light reflective glass fitted into the frames. It has always been our intention to develop good building standards for others to copy.

***Thanks for your support!***

***John 'Nobby' Clarke - Chair of Trustees***