

## UGANDA



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## NEWSLETTER

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This is the sixth newsletter and seeks to keep our supporters up to date with what's going on. The Community Hall ('Gilead Hall') in Luwero, has now got a roof! Thank you to everyone who has helped to raise funds. There is still a long way to go with the fitting out etc, but it can now be put into some use and a new journey begins. 'Nobby' Clarke - Chair of Trustees.

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'GILEAD HALL' September 2011

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

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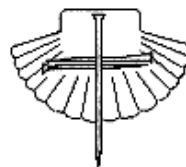
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## 1. 'Gilead Hall' – Update

In June 2011 the final roofing panels are being put into place and we begin to see just what a beautiful construction has been created. Just a short walk from the clinic, 'Gilead Hall' has got local people very excited. A few shops and a guest house have sprung up in anticipation of the numbers we expect to use this facility in the future.



We anticipate that many of the uses to which the building will be put will be commercial like, weddings, seminars, student examination centre, cinema, theatre and large meetings etc. It is these events that will raise money to maintain the building and fund health programmes in the community. This facility will help to develop self-sustainability for what we do in Luwero as well as stimulate the local economy.



The very first event to be held in the hall was the wedding of Mr & Mrs Isaac Ziwa. The happy couple are members of a local Church and were overjoyed when they were offered the use of 'Gilead hall' in order to celebrate their day, as they would otherwise not have been able to afford such a venue. This event and a few more will be used to advertise this facility, meanwhile the hall will be used regularly by local schoolchildren.



Can you help to  
raise funds?

Please get in touch



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# **Gifts for Gilead , 2011**

The 'Gifts for Gilead' Christmas campaign which we have run for the last five years, has proved to be a great way of being able to bring more direct help to the people we see and hear about and who we know are in need.

## **Here's how it works.....**

Select a Gift..... from the 'Gifts for Gilead' page.....

Go to; [www.ghdcafrica.org.uk](http://www.ghdcafrica.org.uk) ( choose from a list of twenty items)

We then send you a card to pass on to your friend, colleague or family which describes the way in which your gift to them will improve the life of someone in Uganda, Africa. All the money is taken and spent during a team visit early in the new year.

## **Then.....**

We personally make sure your gift gets delivered

## **Finally.....**

We send you confirmation and a big **THANKS!!!**

## **Some examples.....**



The tree shown in this picture was planted just a couple of years ago and is one of several Mango and Avocado trees in the grounds of the new 'Gilead Hall'. Their value is far more than the fruit that they will produce as they provide much needed shade for visitors to sit under around the building.

**Just £10 buys three healthy tree plants.**

Following our campaign last Christmas where we raised £140 for mattresses, we were able to replace some of our well worn stock in the clinic as well as give a surprise to some of the local people including the little girl in the photo together with her grandfather, both of whom shared a mat on the floor.

**Just £20 buys a quality foam mattress.**

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

We now have 65 Sponsor Children.....

39 - Primary School

1 - Specialist School for the Deaf

18 - Secondary Education

7 - In Higher Education / Other

+2 - Graduated from University.



Some of our latest recruits are pictured here with their schoolmates at 'Alpha Academy' in Luwero. This is a small rural school we have helped through funds raised at a couple of our local schools and one where a small amount of money can make a huge difference.

The cost of sponsoring a child in Uganda through Gilead is £20 pcm. Many will be full time boarders at school and 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.

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

**Uganda visit 2012....** The visit is proposed to take place 9th to 23rd February 2012 and will be at an all inclusive price of £12-1600\* (\*safari option & excludes alcohol). This trip will include the official opening ceremony of 'Gilead Hall', which is going to be one very big party! There will be lots of opportunity to interact with local people and get a true taste of life in Uganda and the great hospitality always on offer.



**The Gilead Tree....** This area stands fairly adjacent to 'Gilead Hall' and has been sculpted from an old termite hill, it is being developed into a photo point and something of a signature feature in the gardens. It is always amazing how an idea passed on can be turned into something special and thanks must go to Rommie and his team in Luwero for their ingenuity.

**The Ugandan Economy....** continues to struggle through difficult times which is reflected in the high exchange rates (usually 3000 UgS to £ but rose to high of 4,700). This has helped us on the one hand, when we have sent funds for school fees, but has worked in the opposite way, when we have been buying imported materials for our building project.

**Time to say thanks....** It is only through the fantastic support we have received over the last few years that our little charity has been able to achieve so much and make such a difference to the Luwero Community, so thank you to all of you!!! I am often asked by people, how they can help and get involved and it is always a difficult one to answer, but I continue to be amazed by the number of ways in which people show both enthusiasm and initiative and above all share our passion to try and make a difference.

***Thanks for your support!***

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