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Welcome to our fourth newsletter, which looks forward to celebrating ten years of our clinic in Luwero, Uganda this November 2010 and some of the fundraising events we have planned for the community hall project there and a few more brief stories. Nobby Clarke - Chair of Trustees

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Forthcoming Events.....



Morrisons (Alvis) Charity Bag-pack

We need volunteers to help with this event Sat 2nd Oct 9am - 4pm



24hr Music Marathon

Come and support this fundraiser at St James, Tile Hill Lane, Coventry.

0930 Sat 23rd Oct - 0930 Sun 24th Oct



BARN DANCE

Fri 19th November 7pm until midnight
Hare & Hounds, Watery Lane, Keresley
Adults £15 Concess £10 Family £40

GIFTS FOR GILEAD - PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2010

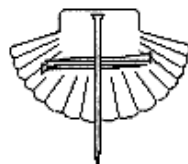
FOR DETAILS -PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE....

www.ghdcafrica.org.uk

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1. Gilead Babies -

1a, Joshua Clarke Maclaurin -

There is a very special lady in Uganda who looks after our child sponsorship programme, she is Innocent Sentongo. Her responsibilities include, travelling to see the children and to schools to monitor their progress and pay school fees and to keep a general eye on their welfare and much, much more. She becomes particularly involved when children move up to secondary school and/or move away.



Joshua Clarke Maclaurin

On 17th July 2010, Innocent together with and her husband Steven welcomed their first new member to the family, a baby boy., Joshua. Ugandans tend not to have family surnames and never discuss the potential names until after the event. The child's name will usually be influenced by either people in their lives or in some cases events. I feel very proud to be considered by Innocent and Steven to be a strong enough influence in their lives and for my name to be included. *Nobby Clarke*

View our accounts on the Charity Commission Website:
www.charity-commission.gov.uk (No; 1115103)

1b. Lucida Babies -

In January 2009 a vehicle (Toyota Lucida) arrived in Luwero, shipped from the UK made an immediate impact. No sooner had the car arrived, then one of the teachers wives went into labour in the small hours and was rushed to a hospital some miles away with serious complications. Even twenty four hours earlier this baby (pictured) would most likely not have survived and the mothers life would have been at risk too. To date, 7 expectant mothers have been transported with one of them nearly giving birth in the car. Had this have been the case the baby girl may have been named Lucy!!!



**Mother Immaculate
With baby Ashlyn Treasure**



Luci, as the car is known by everyone, has also rushed a small boy, who had been bitten by a snake, to hospital, he fortunately survived the ordeal.

**Children from Luwero
And Luci - Lucida**



2. School Links -

Gilead Health Development Charity now has links with several schools in Uganda and seeks to make links between them and our schools here in the UK. Both sets of children will benefit from gaining a better understanding of different cultures. Communication by letter is still the standard for the Ugandan pupils however, we now have a good email link and have even been successful in achieving a live SKYPE link!

Know a school who would want to link?

A big vote of thanks to a couple of other schools.....

The Dasset C of E Primary School, Fenny Compton, for raising an amazing £862
And to Potters Green Primary School for raising more than £450.

3. NEW Website - www.ghdcafrica.org.uk



Children from the 'African Outreach Academy' in Luwero, Uganda hold up a poster from Leigh C of E School in Coventry UK.

Until the early part of 2010 our website was sadly lacking in many ways, not least of all the lack of relevant and up to date information, it was also difficult to access and impossible to alter. We owe a debt of thanks to our friend Charlie Reid, who has spent much time and effort in order to produce a site which is both easy to navigate and to keep updated, so please take a look and see what you think.

Thanks Charlie!!!

On 1st May 2010 we held a Spring Ball at the Allesley Hotel in Coventry. The evening was a complete success and raised more than £2,500. Thanks must go to my daughter Lisa and her friend Sarah for their hard work in organising this event and for taking it on again for next year - Saturday 30th April 2011.

Thanks Lisa and to everyone who supported this great event.

A lot more photographs and much more information is available on our NEW website: www.ghdcafrica.org.uk

4. Gilead Spring Ball -



Nobby Clarke

5. Sponsor Children.....

We now have 59 Sponsor Children.....

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



It is always great to welcome new sponsors and pass the good news on to the children in Uganda, who become very excited on hearing what is often life changing news with 40% of children in poor rural areas not going to school. We have recently been passed some new details of children awaiting sponsorship like the boy pictured above, the details of which can be seen on our website: www.ghdcafrica.org.uk

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.

6. Luwero Project Update....

As at September 2010 we have recently sent funds to complete the inner ring beam which will support the roof (see pictures below of the Community Hall). But we still need to raise £25-30,000 (subject to increased costs and exchange rates) for the roof.

The Next Stages and Projected Costs..... (approx £40,000 spent to date)

Description	Estimated Cost £'s
Construct Toilet Block inc Septic Tank	8,000
Provide and fit Roof	25,000
Fixtures and Fittings (connect electricity etc)	10,000



Total: 43,000



Thanks for your support!

Nobby Clarke - Chair of Trustees