



Latest News

‘And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus’ Philippians 4 :19 NIV

Cool, Clean Water

As you will know from our last Newsletter, we have been installing rain water harvesting tanks adjacent to some of the school buildings at St Matia Mulumba Primary School. This was made possible through a generous grant from Wilmslow Wells for Africa. This grant is also enabling us to build a toilet block for the new five classroom block, soon to be completed.

Just as we started the project on 31st July this year, Uganda entered another lockdown and schools were again closed. Movement of tradesmen and materials across local boundaries became, and remains, difficult. Despite this, we have made remarkable progress.



10,000 litre tanks were purchased in Kampala



Two tanks were positioned beside each of the boys’ and the girls’ dormitories and also next to the new classroom block.



As it rains for approximately 8 months of the year in Uganda, rainwater is collected from school building roofs and runs into the storage tanks. On their return to school the children will be able to collect fresh, clean water from taps throughout the school grounds. This will mean that, together with the solar powered water pump we installed earlier, there will be cool, clean water on demand within the school, all year round.

Toilet Block

The toilet block on the new five classroom block is nearing completion and will provide eight urgently needed toilet cubicles and urinals. All the works will be complete by the time the children return to school. We sincerely thank Wilmslow Wells for Africa for their important donation towards clean water and sanitation for the school.



New Five Classroom Block



Despite lockdown, work on this classroom block has progressed at a pace. We are now at the point of fitting out the classrooms, which will house a library, an IT suite and the classrooms needed for the teaching of vocational skills.



Current Situation in Uganda

A staggered system of year groups returning to school was operating from October 2020. However, in July this year, the President announced that schools would close again and, at present, the likely date for their return, is January 2022. Outreach education has been continuing for our primary age children and teachers have been employed to go out into the villages to teach students individually. Our secondary children have been given self study materials to help keep them focused on learning. As children have been at home for such a long time, we have also been making sure that they all have sufficient food and, close contact is being kept with them and their families during this time.

Focus on Secondary Schools

St Theresa's Secondary School in Bwanda is a girls' school with a Catholic foundation. It is headed by Banna Biikira nuns and takes children from Senior 1 to Senior 6. All religions are admitted and the school teaches a range of Science and Arts subjects. In free time the girls are involved in many different extra curricular activities, such as music, dance and drumming, netball, volley ball and scouting. It is one of the best performing schools in the the Masaka district and provides all children with a sound academic grounding. Both teachers and the nuns, place a high priority on the Christian faith and making this a priority in life. Before lockdown, five sponsored children from EVC were studying there, four in Senior 2 and one in Senior 4. Catherine, from Senior 4, sat her GCSE exams this year and will return in the new term to begin A level studies.



Donor Care Evenings

Prior to the Pandemic, you may recall that we asked your opinions on a number of topics. One of those topics was whether you would welcome the opportunity to join a group of other sponsors and donors, meeting with Trustees to share an update on our work in Uganda and, with the opportunity to give your views on how we can serve you better. Many of you felt that you would value this in order to further your interest and build upon your engagement with us.

We are now able to move ahead with these meetings, the first of which will be held soon. In order to ensure that we give all of you an opportunity to attend a meeting in your region of the country, we will continue to work with our contacts in the church communities to identify venues for these meetings during 2022. We look forward to meeting you and being able to share with you the impact of your generosity on the children in the Masaka region.

