



Latest News

Rainwater Collection

St Matia Mulumba Primary School, where over 160 of our primary age children are at school, has no mains supply of fresh clean water. To run the school efficiently requires approximately 13,000 litres of water per day for drinking, showers, handwashing, cooking, laundry and cleaning.

In November 2018, a water borehole was drilled in the grounds of the school and a solar powered submersible pump installed. A generous donation for this project was made through fundraising in St Joseph's Church, Bedford

The pump is operating well, but is insufficient to meet the needs of the whole school throughout the year. Another supplemental source of clean water is required.

It rains in this part of Uganda for approximately 8 months of the year, often very heavily. Therefore, it was decided to implement rainwater collection from the roofs of the school buildings and install bulk storage tanks. We are delighted to report that the charity, Wilmslow Wells for Africa, has given us a donation towards implementing rainwater collection on three of the school buildings. Some materials for this still need to be purchased and then work will begin. Over the next few months watch out for blogs on our website, showing the progress being made.

Update on Building Work at St Matia Mulumba

Work which began last October on the new five classroom block is now nearing completion. The charity, Wilmslow Wells for Africa, alongside giving a donation for the necessary water harvesting facilities, has also given the money necessary to build the toilet block needed for these classrooms. We, and all those at the school, are extremely grateful to them for this provision.



The boys' dormitory, together with its washrooms and toilets, is now complete and the boys are looking forward to moving in soon. The official opening will take place once pandemic restrictions allow.

Completed boys' dormitory

Part built washrooms

Completed washrooms



Lenten Library Appeal



St Matia Mulumba Primary School, where most of our primary age children are in school, has no library facilities. One of the classrooms in the new five classroom block has been designated as a library. During Lent, EVC Uganda has had a 'Giving it up for Lent' appeal running and, to date, £1,200 has been raised. These funds will be used to purchase books for the new library and, we thank all those who have donated towards this.

Focus on Secondary Schools – St Anthony, Kayunga

Our sponsored secondary school children attend a variety of schools. St Anthony, Kayunga, is a Catholic founded school in the town of Masaka. Children of all religions attend and are able to complete both GSCE and A level studies. Alongside teaching a range of academic subjects, the students have the opportunity to take part in many extra-curricular activities – music, dance, drama, scouting, football and netball. It is one of the best performing schools in Masaka and, at present, 27 sponsored children attend.



Return to School



Sister and brother, Prossy and Fred, return to school with all they need for the new term.

As most of you will know, due to the pandemic, Ugandan schools were closed on 18th March last year. Gradually year groups are in the process of returning, though for shorter terms than usual. The examination classes, Primary 7, Senior 4 and Senior 6 returned in mid October and completed their examinations by 6th April.

Between now and August, for other year groups, a staggered system of return is being operated. All year groups will have several weeks in school before the autumn, but not all year groups will be in school at the same time. We continue to liaise with our key workers in Uganda regarding the need for outreach education where it is required.

All government requirements for the re-opening of schools have been complied with and now, the focus will be on helping the children to catch up on the education missed during this past year and, enabling them to raise the level at which they are achieving.

Church Appeals

Lockdown has meant that, until recently, it was not possible to undertake appeals in churches. However, some of those cancelled during 2020, have been moved into this year and, currently, we are looking at visiting at least 23 churches during 2021. We would value your prayers for these times and thank God for the way He has blessed our most recent appeals.

'God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams.' Ephesians 3 :20 The Message

