

# Bridging the Gap

## Dear Friends of BOHCM

As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas season we truly thank you that so many families in Uganda will enjoy the festivities and have food to share. Your gifts have transformed lives in a very practical way whilst also showing the love of Jesus to some of the poorest people we have ever met.



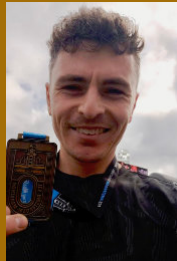
### Bridge of Hope Nursery & Primary School

With over 460 energetic children at the school, our old school fence which has served us well for eleven years finally collapsed and needed replacing. A local carpenter took on the challenge of constructing a strong and serviceable replacement which has now been painted in the colours of the Ugandan flag.

Further improvements were made when electricity was installed in the Head Teacher's office and the two adjoining classrooms. This has enabled the older students to stay later and receive additional tuition to prepare them for taking their very important Primary 7 leaving exams.



**A BIG THANK YOU** goes to John Roberts who successfully pounded the streets of Amsterdam and completed the Marathon in 3hrs 35mins. He raised an amazing £2,053 to support our “Free School Meals” programme. Thank you to everyone who supported John.



## Visiting Uganda January 2025:

### Child Sponsorship

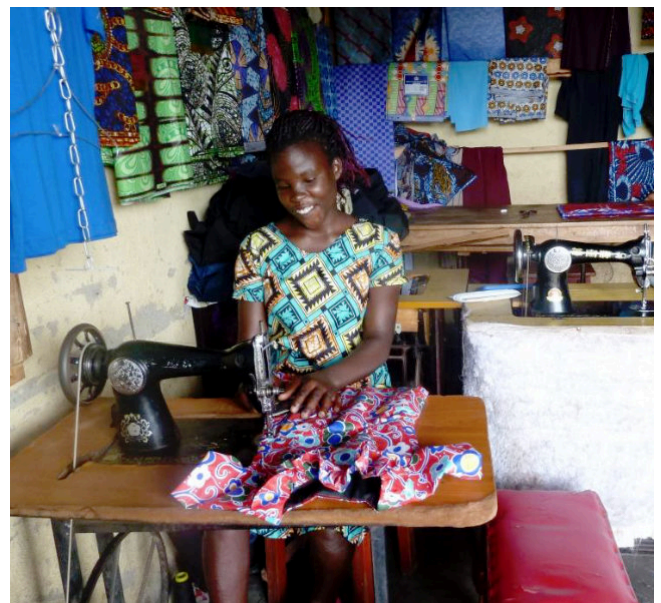
January is always a very important time for us to visit Uganda. The children are still on holiday until 2nd February which gives us the opportunity to meet with all 141 sponsored children. Each child will have time to write their annual letter to their sponsor and sponsors will be contacted soon regarding sending a letter to their sponsored child.

The annual letter writing is a major task involving all of our teachers as translators and every child will also have a photo taken to send to their sponsor. Some of the children will have completed Primary School and we will be planning whether they will progress to Secondary School or Vocational Training.



### Vocational Training

We are very pleased to report that the following eleven students will have completed their Vocational Courses this December. We have two nursery teachers, a motorbike mechanic, three builders, a tailor, a carpenter, a hairdresser, an electronic technician and a car mechanic. We are now planning to buy them some start-up tools to further their independence, enabling them to use their specific skills and support their families.



## Children's Village (CV)

Spending time with the children at the CV is always a blessing. They are so excited to see us and we look forward to seeing how they have all grown. We are pleased to report that the two abandoned little girls that joined the family last February have settled well and our Manager is currently processing their Care Orders with the local court. The older children enjoy attending Secondary Boarding School which is the normal practice in East Africa. However, they will be with us at the CV for some of our visit before continuing their education. It will be very important to talk to them and to hear how they are doing and whether Secondary Boarding School still meets their needs. Being at the CV is also a time when we can personally encourage and thank the House Mothers & Aunts for all their hard work, dedication and care of the children.

## News

**The BOHCM Thanksgiving Service** held in September was a very special event as we celebrated God's Faithfulness and Heart for the Poor. Thank you to everyone that helped make this time so special.

**Our Bible Based Holiday Club** is planned to take place during the Dec/Jan school holidays. Our aim is to run two clubs in different locations and we expect 400-500 children to attend each one. These are fun based sessions where the children learn a variety of age related skills and stories from the Bible.

**Moving On Programme:** a kitchen has been built at the twin house and we are currently planning to construct the latrine so that all the building work is completed before we visit in January.

**Protected Springs** are vital for communities that do not have access to clean water and BOHCM has been blessed with the funds to construct two more of these essential facilities. Work will commence in the new year.

## Prayer points

- Give thanks for our UK Team that work tirelessly behind the scenes
- Give thanks for the dedicated staff in Uganda
- Pray for the safety of the team going to Uganda
- Pray we can reach out to more vulnerable families



**Day of the African Child (DAC)** held in August was a great success and BOHCM were delighted to be asked to host this area event. The two major components of the programme were "Education for all" and "the time is now". Everyone present heard just how important education is for the future of their children and their country.



**Alternative Gift Cards – Make Christmas special and buy your loved one a gift card that will support a child in Uganda. A range of cards are available to provide school lunches, school bursaries or a bag of essential food to feed a family. For a full range of available cards or more information please email [info@bohcm.org](mailto:info@bohcm.org) or ring Monica Wood on 020 8363 4555.**

*Thank you again, we are so grateful for all your support which is releasing many children from poverty. God bless you all.*

**Hebrews 10:23**  
Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

