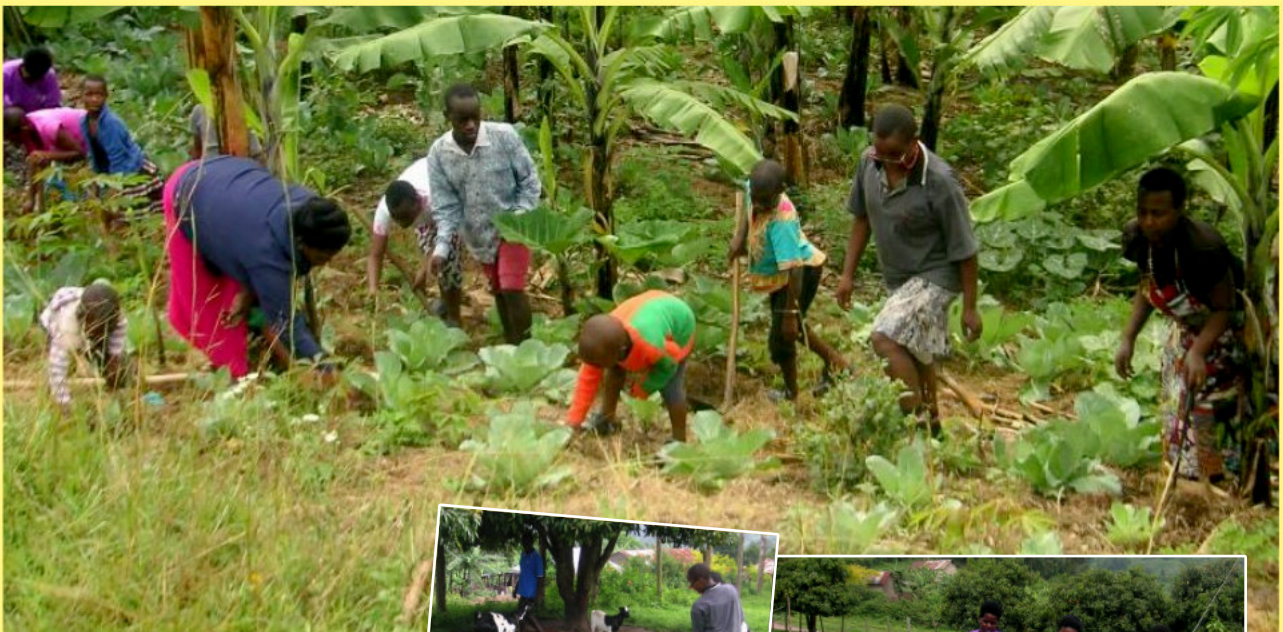


Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

As we near the end of 2025 we are so grateful for your faithful support that will enable many families to enjoy and celebrate the Christmas festivities. Your kind gifts truly show the love that Jesus has for each and every one of us.



Children's Village (CV)

Recently Ben, the BOHCM Manager, was asked by the local Probation Officer and the Head of the Women's Prison if we could take a young boy to live at the CV.

Some mothers in prison are allowed to keep their child with them but only up to the age of two years. Unfortunately they have been unable to trace any relatives of the mother and contacted BOHCM to request a home for this little boy. We have agreed that this young boy should join the CV family and await further details and a date for his arrival.

The children at the CV are starting to get excited about Christmas as they soon will welcome the older children home from Secondary Boarding



School and can then plan together to decorate their homes. They continue to keep busy at weekends with many activities including caring for the goats, washing clothes, house work and cooking. They are also developing their gardening skills and are growing sweet potatoes, cabbages, carrots and maize. Plus they have a small plantation of banana trees. One of their favourite relaxation treats is making crafts such as traditional baskets and they are becoming very skilled at this.



Twin house

We are pleased to confirm that the two teenage boys who moved into the Twin House as part of their preparation to live in the community are settling in well. As they both have lived at the Children's Village (CV) for many years it has not been an easy transition for them but with the guidance of their live-in carer and BOH staff they are doing well. We arranged for all the CV children to visit them at the Twin House. They spent time praying, chatting and enjoying time together so that they are all felt included and reassured that the boys were nearby, this was followed by a time of celebration with cake and soda of course!

Sponsored children

At the beginning of December all the schools will break up for a two months and reopen at the beginning of February 2026. It is very encouraging to know that so many children have been able to attend a school regularly due to your sponsorship. This simply would not have been possible for the families to achieve without your support.

In December the children and their guardians will all meet together to pray, sing, dance and give thanks for God's love. At this special gathering your extra Christmas gift of food which is already included in your sponsorship will be given to the families along with their monthly support. It is so heart-warming to know that they will enjoy such a celebration.

We are currently praying about our next visit to Uganda in 2026. We would like to visit in January to see all the children before the schools reopen. However, the Presidential elections are due to take

place on the 15th January and travel will be restricted within the country. We therefore need to monitor the situation and plan accordingly.

Please keep in mind your annual letter for your sponsored child. This can be a Christmas card, a letter, or simply email us your letter and we will print it out for you. The children are always so excited to receive your news and they will have the opportunity to write back to you. We need to receive these letters from you at the beginning of January 2026 but feel free to give them to us before then. As we can no longer take individual parcels with us we suggest you send an annual gift of £10 which you can transfer to the BOHCM account or pass to us to process. We will of course take a photo of each child which we will distribute to you along with their letters.

Bridge of Hope Nursery and Primary School

Respa, our Head Teacher at the BOH School, has been very busy organising the annual exams which determine whether a child is ready to graduate to the next year. The Primary 7 exams are the final exams in a Primary School and the children have to attend an Exam Sitting Centre. Unfortunately two of our teachers left in October to take up other posts thus putting more strain on the remaining staff. A shortage of qualified teachers, due to a change in the law, has become a problem for all schools as the Government have substantially increased the training period



required. Many people simply cannot afford the additional fees and are looking to find other work.

We are pleased to report that we continue to provide every child at the BOH School with a daily free school meal plus bursaries, uniforms and scholastic materials for the children who could not otherwise attend school. They are so proud to wear a uniform and feel a real source of pride to be like the other children that they know.

News

Congratulations

Doreen, our Senior Field Officer, has given birth to a healthy baby boy and she is now at home enjoying her maternity leave.

Fundraising

A big thank you to Anne Drew who organised a Barn Dance in September, it was a fun filled evening enjoyed by all who attended and raised £638.

The Coffee Morning & Clothing Collection held in October raised an amazing £1,173.12 and we have lots of clothes suitable for Uganda. Thank you to everyone

who supported this event, donated cakes, clothes or new items.

Pit latrines

We are pleased to report that another pit latrine is almost completed for a family who could not afford this facility. Plans are also under way to begin work on another latrine.



Above, a new pit latrine under way. Below, a completed latrine



Thank you once again for caring about the children in Uganda, your support is truly changing lives in Jesus name.

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 or ring **Monica Wood** on **020 8363 4555**.



Prayer points

- Give thanks for the safe birth of Doreen's Baby boy
- Give thanks that we have space to take in another vulnerable child
- Pray for a successful recruitment of teachers
- Pray for the Presidential Elections and the wellbeing of the people in Uganda
- Pray that we can travel safely and arrange our next visit

Philippians 2 v3 – 4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

