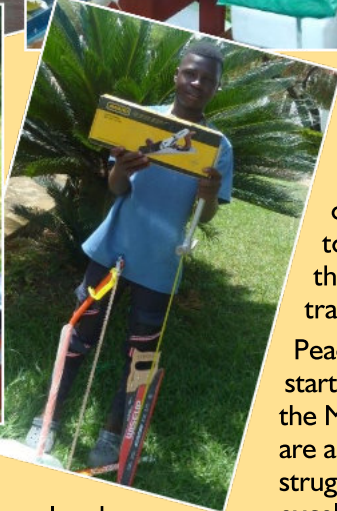


Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

It is always a pleasure to send you our latest Newsletter which gives an insight into the many lives you are transforming in Uganda. We sincerely appreciate all you do in Jesus name, both practically and prayerfully.



undertaking a range of courses and we pray that in 2027 we will be celebrating their success.

Children's Village (CV)

Over the past years it has become increasingly more difficult to provide enough water for the CV and the BOH School. During the prolonged dry season our rain water harvesters frequently run dry

and finding another water source is time consuming and uncertain. However, we are now pleased to confirm that the National Water & Sewage Corporation (NWSC) have completed the installation of the piped water to the CV and School. This has greatly reduced the pressure on the need to locate and transport water to both sites.

Peace, one of our teenagers who lives at the CV, started a Tailoring Course in February this year at the Mothers Union Training Centre for girls. We are all so very proud of Peace, although she struggled with academic work in school, she has excelled in her chosen Vocational Course.

Furthermore she presented the young children at the CV with clothes and bags that she had made for them.

It is really encouraging to know that our flexible approach to educating children is providing them with the right opportunities and support.



Vocational Graduates

This year another sixteen young people who have been part of our child sponsorship scheme successfully completed their Vocational Training in their chosen skill. We were delighted to be able to provide each of them with a *Small Business Start-Up Package*. Ben, the manager of BOHCM, reported that the event was very colourful and well attended by families and Care Givers. The equipment presented to students included sewing machines, carpentry & building tools, hair dressing essentials and craft materials. All these young graduates are now trained in a skill to work and be financially independent.

Currently we have another nineteen students

Child Sponsorship

We currently have 129 children on our sponsorship scheme and all those of school age are attending either Nursery, Primary, Secondary School or Vocational Training.

Although we have many encouraging stories to share, we also at times receive some very, very sad news. Recently we heard from our manager that Unique, a boy with special needs, had died. During the funeral service BOHCM and Unique's sponsor were thanked for all the support given to this young boy and his family over the past six years. Unique will always be remembered for his lovely smile and friendly character and we are so glad that BOHCM was able to make his young life more enjoyable and comfortable.

Bridge of Hope Nursery and Primary School

We are very excited to confirm that plans are in place to construct a much needed school hall. This will not only enable the teachers and children to hold assemblies together and meet with parents, but also the Primary 7 leaving exams will then take place on site, fully completing the Education Department's requirements as an approved Exam Sitting Centre. We aim to commence construction early February 2027.

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T-Shirt Appeal

A very BIG thank you to everyone who provided T-Shirts for the children. We now have a full luggage allowance and aim to take them to Uganda in 2027.

The children will be so happy to receive these gifts.

Community Projects

A kitchen has been constructed for an elderly grandmother and the children in her care, giving her a safe place to cook meals throughout the year. Plans are now in place to construct two more kitchens this year.



A new kitchen, with two more planned.

Two other families received a much needed latrine, providing them with the dignity that we all require whilst also enabling them to improve their health and overall wellbeing.

Recent Events

Thank you to everyone that supported the Spring/Summer Craft Fayre on 6th June at St. Luke's Church, Enfield. Despite the weather we had a really successful event to further support our Free School Meals programme.

On Saturday 25th July the North London Singers (NLS) enchanted their audience with a wonderful summer concert aptly named *Inspirations*.

Their hard work and commitment will now provide a much needed clean water



source via a Protected Spring for a community in Uganda whilst additionally supporting our other programmes.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Bridging the Gap. Thank you once again for making it possible to support so many children. God bless you all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night Saturday 31st October at Enfield Baptist Church.

Tickets £10 in advance from Pamela Farrant:

pamelafarrant17@gmail.com or 07782324548. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start. Please bring your own food and drink.

Christmas Coffee Morning with stalls, Saturday 21st November at Enfield Baptist Church 10.30am-12.30pm. **Please note that we will not be holding a Clothing Collection.**

Just come along for a pre-Christmas chatter while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and of course homemade cakes.

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the provision of clean water
- Give thanks for the growth and development of BOHCM
- Pray for the planned construction projects to move on successfully
- Pray for all the families who depend entirely on the weather for their crops to survive and grow

Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

