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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.

Bible Based Holiday Club (BBHC)

With Christmas fast approaching we have planned ahead with our Team in Uganda the dates for our very special BBHC. Schools are closed in December and January and we aim to provide the BBHC for 4 days prior to Christmas. The theme they have chosen is "*The Birth of Christ*" from the Gospel of Luke. Then after Christmas for four days, they are looking at Mark 10:13 "*Jesus blesses little children*". They are also planning many other activities and of course the very popular snacks will be provided for the children at the end of each session. As we generally have 300-400 children attending, this forward planning is essential and will ensure they have a safe, fun and special time together.

Children's Village (CV)

An emergency occurred recently whereby one of the sponsored children called Joseph, who had lived with a foster carer since being found as an abandoned child, has moved into the CV as his carer is no longer well enough to look after him. Joseph is already well known to the other children as he attends the BOH Primary school. We are so grateful that we could offer Joseph a safe and loving home and we have been assured that he is settling in well and very happy to be there.



Joseph as a baby

The children are already getting excited about Christmas. In December the schools close for two months and they will all be at home together. The schools then reopen in February which is the start of the academic year. The older children are very skilful in creating decorations by recycling plastic bottles, tops and other colourful items. They use these to beautifully decorate a large branch and create a tree for each home. Even more excitement is anticipated when we send funds in December for each child to go to the local market and choose a Christmas outfit for themselves. This is especially popular with the older children who are all developing their own style. They will all look very smart and confident when they attend the Christmas morning church service. This special time will be followed by a family meal together and of course a large cake to celebrate.



Joseph now

Bridge of Hope Nursery and Primary School

The children have been working hard and have now completed their exams to determine whether they are ready to move up a class. Some children, due to their circumstances, commenced their education late and may benefit from repeating a year to gain more confidence and basic skills. We are pleased to be able to offer these children this opportunity.

The Primary 7 children all took external exams and hope to gain a P7 Leaving Certificate with

a good grade, a very important document for them to receive. We also have 55 children attending Secondary Schools and eleven of these children will complete Senior 4 this year. Discussions will then take place with them regarding their Vocational Training and how to give them skills to enable them to become independent.

Child Sponsorship

Our child sponsorship scheme continues to support 128 children and their families in the community. In December they will meet together in two groups to dance, sing and share Bible stories, testimonies and prayers in preparation for Christmas celebrations. Every family will receive their usual monthly support, plus extra food and funds to provide a special meal. Thank you for making this possible for your sponsored child and their family.

We are praying that we can return to Uganda in January 2027, so please prepare your sponsored child's annual letter and send it to us. Email or post is fine.

News

Clean Water Saves Lives

The Protected Spring provided by the North London Singers (NLS) that was mentioned in the August newsletter is now providing clean water to a whole community and they are of course overjoyed at this gift.





We are also delighted that another community have recently been blessed with a Protected Spring, funded by a private donor.

Community Projects

A widowed mother has been assisted by BOHCM to help her build a house after their old shelter collapsed. The community around her have been very supportive and also provided some basic materials. This mother is caring for her own three children plus her young orphaned nephew. She is very hard working, and we were pleased to support their need for a home.



Recent Events

On Saturday 31st October the BOHCM quiz night, expertly run by Andy Hatvani and his team was great fun and a very successful event, raising £1,137.

Thank you to everyone that came to the November "Coffee Morning with Christmas Craft Stalls". With the Gift Aid we can claim, we raised an AMAZING £1,472 and are further blessed by a matching donation of £500.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you know the love of God and be blessed with His peace. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment.

Prayer points

- *Give thanks for the supporters who are changing lives in so many ways*
- *Give thanks that despite their own poverty people still reach out to help one another*
- *Pray that the Bible Based Holiday Club will bless many children*
- *Pray that in God's timing we can return to Uganda*

2 Timothy 3 v 16-17
All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry