

Hope Uganda Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!



Our children had a wonderful Christmas this year. We received so many photos of them enjoying their Christmas dinner, decorating their Christmas tree, playing games and drinking soda (a special treat!). It makes it more special knowing that without the support of each and every one of you, they would not have anything near a special as this, it really is down to you guys supporting us and the children; so thank you from the bottom of our hearts you have helped these children have not only a fantastic Christmas but also life opportunities to enhance their whole future.



Our new scout!

Above is Joshua, one of our children who is thriving in all areas since coming to live at Rainbow Hope Centre. Since joining the scouts, he has been learning how to live in the wild, how to build fires, camping skills and most of all has made lots of new friends His most recent jamboree took him to Nabugabo Scouts Centre for a regional scouting competition and also a week in Tanzania with an international African scout camp.

End of year results

Schooling and the education system in Uganda differs to how we do it here in England. If a child is making progress, they go to the next year group, regardless of age. If they are struggling or are new to schooling due to not being able to afford school fees previously, they start in year one (P1). This means that many of our children have started school in P1, even though they all differ in age. Our children have been working hard all year at school and many have been 'promoted' to the next year group. We even have one little star who is top of the class and has been awarded 1st out of 77 children!

Some of our children are going to be having extra tuition to help them improve in areas they find difficult. We have also hooked up lighting in all of the seating areas at Rainbow Hope Centre, which will now ensure children can complete their homework easily after school.



A Big Thankyou

Over Christmas we have been lucky enough to have led a number of fund raising projects, which have put us in a fantastic position for the start of 2018. The Holmes Chapel Christmas market raised £165 and the Alsager light switch on stall made a huge £253.50 - it was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to be able to chat to new people about our projects. A big Thankyou to Alsager Community Church for sponsoring our Christmas tree which was available to view in the Wesley Centre during the Christmas tree festival. Finally, our gratitude goes to the children and adults who attend Hungerford Primary Academy, who managed to raise an outstanding £183 on their Christmas jumper day by bringing in a donation. Due to your generous donations and support, we are able to pay for all of the children's fees for next term, and we also have a great chunk of money which will go towards building a security fence around the orphanage. This will make it an even more secure place for our children to live.

We are planning on expanding!!

We are hoping to take on another two children. As we expand, our aim is to care for and make a difference in as many children's lives as we possible can. Our English pound goes such a long way in Ugandan shillings so if you are able to help us with a one off donation or a monthly donation (however small that may be) please contact any member of the charity in person, or text Andy on: **07792651870**