

# Hope Uganda Newsletter

## April 2017

### Our children...

The children have now all settled into the daily life at the orphanage (Rainbow hope center). They have all completed their first full term at school and had promising reports from their teachers, considering for the majority it was the first time they have ever been to school.

Sadly, over Christmas, a lot of our children suffered from illnesses such as colds, Queen's flu, malaria but they are all fighting fit once again with lots of doctor visits and the right care and treatment. As a preventative, we have ensured their diet has an increase in eggs, proteins and vegetables to try and build up their immune systems further. A Christmas party was just what they all needed and they had a wonderful time eating and playing. (Photos below.)

Congratulations Joseph for graduating Nursery! (Photo above.)



### Upcoming events...

There will be a HUG charity ball this summer so get looking for the perfect ballgown and tuxedo! We hope to organise a charity fashion show where you can get your hands on some high street bargains. On 20<sup>th</sup> March Andy and Roy will be visiting the children at Rainbow Hope Centre to check in on our children and the crops, as well as purchasing chickens, goats and a chicken coup. In May 2017, John Holford is doing a sponsored cycle ride (coast to coast) from St Bees head in Cumbria to Robin Hood's bay in North Yorkshire. He is looking for sponsorship, so if you would like to sponsor him please contact us.

### HUG quiz and curry night!

The HUG quiz and curry night on February 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success and thank you to everyone who attended. As always it was a fun filled evening and there was not a spare seat in Nobannos! Andy did a brilliant job of organizing the event, and once again was a super quizmaster! Through selling the entrance tickets, raffle tickets and craft, we raised a fantastic amount of £1458.00 -all of which will go towards the building of the orphanage and the children's needs.



Some of our crops so far!

## Fancy a trip to Uganda?

Our September 2017 trip is now fully booked. Anybody interested in our 2018 trip, please contact Sue Field. It will be organised around when volunteers can go and we already have seven people who are interested!

## The Journey Begins...

Originally, HDCC (Hope Destitute Children's Centre) was the result of a young man, Steven Collett, visiting Uganda on a University project where he saw the plight of the orphans (street children) and decided to start the journey. HDCC was born. HUG (Hope Uganda) was formed in 2011 and it has continuously evolved. A decision was made to remove its self from its funding of their previous orphanage and vocational centre (HDCC). In 2015 the board of HUG felt the support of the street children was our vocation and we agreed to purchase land, as the trustees wanted it to remain true to our mission and values, and Rainbow Hope centre was born. Situated in Lukaya, Uganda, our mission is to build on the strengths that exist by using local and trusted staff, from the local community. So, our children can thrive and grow up to be empowered citizens. Our values are grounded in working and partnering building on local strengths and capabilities and protection of our children. We aim to be trustworthy and transparent. We are accountable to our supporters and donors. Our project land was bought in 2016, buildings were started in the March and today we have a large dorm for 30 children:

- Building 1 - Dorm (30x20)
  - Building 2 - (20x40) Kitchen/ Store (20x12)
  - Building 3 - Office/ Mothers House (20x12)
  - Building 4 - Washroom (12x12)
  - Building 5 - Toilets (12x12)
  - Building 6 - Dining Hall (20x12)
- Our vision is to build another dorm so we have a boy's and girl's dorm, each holding up to 30 children.

A major planting program (we need funds to purchase  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land), to make the orphanage self-sufficient and give the children vegetables in their meals, breed chickens for eggs and have a cow or goats for milk. This is all important for their diets. Hug need now to start raising funds for our future vision, to see our children educated and grow to be healthy and to be the future of Uganda.

## Child Sponsorship

Our child sponsorship program was started in November, and we have been so overwhelmed with the amount of support people have offered our children! Seven out of our ten children are now sponsored and we are currently arranging ways for the children to contact and update their new sponsors. Two of our children have been sponsored by children from Hungerford Primary Academy so we will be setting up safe ways for the children to keep in touch with each other so that they can learn about each other's cultures and traditions.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To ensure the children have a future, they need to be educated, and unfortunately, this costs money in Uganda. We are in desperate need of regular donations-every little helps- and our English pound goes such a long way in Ugandan shillings. If you would like to be a part of this brilliant charity and help our children, please contact any member of the charity in person, or text Andy on: 07792651870

