

Hope Uganda Newsletter

November 2018



The Volunteer Trip August 2018

What an eventful summer we have had here at Hope Uganda! Another group of nine wonderful volunteers spent two weeks at Rainbow Hope Centre and made such a difference to our children's lives! The children were over the moon to see the group of volunteers arrive, and they sang songs, danced and introduced themselves to everyone.

It was evident that the centre was well maintained and looked after. The children all had their own chores to do, and thoroughly enjoyed showing everyone around their home.

The volunteers were able to help paint and make reading areas for the children to relax and enjoy during down time. The children enjoyed showing off their English and maths skills and learned new things from our volunteers too! In order to make Alice, the house mother's life easier, the kitchen was stocked up with tables, stools and shelving and her bedroom was completely painted and renovated!

It was so lovely to see the children thriving in their schooling, life-skills and relationships with each other and the people who care for them! What a heart-warming experience had by all!



ABOVE: The children reading 'Funny bones' one of the donated books from Hungerford Primary Academy. LEFT: The volunteers ready to start Alice's bedroom.

ABOVE: Pete...you were supposed to get the paint on the walls!

What the volunteer trip enabled us to do...

- Paint fun and colourful images on the children's walls.
- Create reading areas in both girl's and boy's dorms.
- Mosquito grids on all buildings.
- Curtains created in both dorms.
- Alice's room decorated.
- New football kits donated.
- Clothing, toys and books delivered from donations.
- Bras given to all ladies.
- Kitchen table, stools and shelving put up.
- Shelving put in both dorms.
- Donate to local villages.
- Organise the medical boxes and first aid room.
- First aid training given to all adults at the centre.
- Outdoor perimeter security fencing started.
- Visit our eldest children's school and give out school supplies.
- Replace some mattresses and give out donated crocheted blankets.
- Replace all mosquito nets.

Photo updates...

We have regular photo updates from Steven and Lydia at Rainbow Hope Centre, showing us how the children are getting along. They also share updates on security, chickens, vegetables and building work. Here are photos of the new gate and fencing...and a bunch of bananas (Matooke) !



The HUG Ball!

The HUG ball at Wychwood Park was a huge success, and everyone had such an amazing time. It was lovely to have an excuse to put our glad-rags on and dance the night away, while also raising money for such a good cause.

The HUG Ball included a three-course meal, live music from an amazing band of retired policemen, (NiteJacks) who played right up until the end of the night, and chad everyone on their feet dancing! Such a great atmosphere!



We had a raffle and some amazing prizes, which were donated from local businesses based in Alsager and Sanbach.

The craft looked incredible as always, and the décor and photo booth props really helped to bring a little bit of Uganda into Wychwood Park!



What is coming up next?

- We will have a stall during the switching on of the Alsager Christmas lights on Sunday 25^h November, 4pm-8pm.
- We will also have our annual stall at the Holmes Chapel Christmas markets on Sunday 2nd December, 4pm-7pm.
- Our website has been updated with photos from our events and trips, so please head over to www.hopeuganda.org to have a look at everything we have been up to!
- We are also on Facebook, so if you haven't already, please go and like our page and help us share any news of the upcoming events! This will really help us spread the word!

A typical day at Rainbow Hope Centre...

Children get up early, get any morning chores done as a team and eat breakfast together under the lean-to.

All children walk to school together. Our eldest three board just for this final year of primary school. Meanwhile, Alice maintains the centre, and starts cooking children's evening meal. Children come home after school and complete any homework. Henry is in charge of the chickens, so he makes sure they have feed and water and cleans them out. Dorcas and Shakira can be found helping in the kitchen and playing with the younger children. Joseph and Joshua are in charge of washing dishes, while Juliet and Eva help with washing clothes. The children are all involved in the day to day routines, helping them grow life-skills and become self-sufficient. The children have their evening meals, wash up and then get ready for bed.

Ladies swap and shop evening

The swap and shop evening was a huge success this year, and helped us raise £300 for HUG! Ladies were able to bring three pieces of clothing to swap, and also were able to peruse beauty stalls and get facials and massages from Tropic beauty. A big thankyou to all who took part and made the evening so memorable!



ABOVE: Sorting out curtains for the girl's dorm.
BELOW: Donated watches, blankets and kits. Paul in the reading area.



Thankyou!

We received an overwhelming amount of donations and just want to thank each and every one of you who gave us items to take over to Uganda. The children loved their new clothes, bedding, blankets, books and toys. The underwear and socks were given out and stationary went down a treat! The kitchen goods, spice sachets, stock pots and squash were gratefully received and we managed to find a home for everything that was given!

Would you like to sponsor one of our children?

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**.