



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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Newsletter – March 2015



Jean Swain has asked me to put this newsletter together as I spent 10 days with Godfrey and Annet at the end of January and early February this year. Despite the snow in Manchester and delays with British Airways, I eventually arrived in Kampala a day later than scheduled. The football team were glad to see me as it was possible to present them with their new kit, thanks to Everton Football Club.

You can see the team on Youtube <http://youtu.be/e6ukKgrx1o8m> . Thanks to Pete Hughes who edited the video.

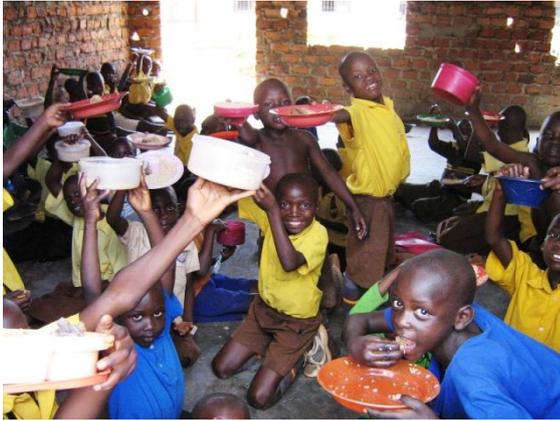
The school had just re opened and with donations taken from the UK it was possible to complete the Kindergarten that was started in August last year. This required five windows and two doors to be fitted and laying a smooth even floor. Now all the classrooms and dormitories are of brick construction and the whole site looks so much better.



I was able to meet the Headmaster, the Deputy Head, the Director of Studies, the Primary Headmaster and also the Bursar. All asked me to pass on to you their sincere thanks for all your support, as it is only through your donations that the school can continue to operate.

It was possible to meet former pupils who told me of how an education at New Hope had changed their lives. Peter in the photograph now works in Godfrey's office and drives for him, another former pupil is qualified to teach mathematics in the Secondary school. Also two members of staff described the huge improvements that have taken place over the last 10 years and together this will form the basis of a short DVD which when finished can be viewed through the website.





At the end of the first week of the new term the children enjoyed a special treat for both lunch and supper made possible by specific donations to provide some treats for them to eat and drink.

Another firm tradition with any visit is the distribution of new T shirts which this time had to be bought locally due to the weight of items I already had to take.

At 7.30pm on Friday 8th May at The King's Church in Thornton, Liverpool it will be our "Turn the Lights On" fund raising event which will feature an evening of live music from Eddie and the Parrots, a charity auction and buffet all with something of a 1970's feel to it. The monies raised will be going towards installing some solar powered lighting in the classrooms that are used for evening lessons. During my visit Godfrey indicated the rising cost of energy was becoming a concern and suggested that solar power would help reduce the monthly cost of electricity. If successful it is hoped to provide more solar lighting to illuminate the dormitories and outside areas after dark.

Jean is now living at James Page Nursing Home in Maghull and her former address should no longer be used to contact NHfA(UK).

For child sponsorship please contact Maxene at kidman.maxene@googlemail.com , for donations and finance issues then it is Sue at sue.jarrett32@gmail.com and for other general enquiries steve.lowe@simla.eclipse.co.uk.

The latest Trustee report and Annual Return will be published on the website of the Charity Commission at the end of March.

A further donation was received from the residents of Cornmill Lodge, Maghull following a recent performance by the ukulele ensemble "No Strings Attached". Thanks to the musicians and residents for their ongoing support.

The trustees would like to thank you so much for your continued support over the last 10 years which is helping to change the lives of this community of children and young people.

Steve Lowe - Trustee of New Hope for Africa (UK)

