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Six months have passed since the last newsletter and during that time there have been a variety of events and activities organised to support the work of the school. In May, the staff and year 5 pupils at St Andrews School, Maghull, sold cakes and toys and the monies raised bought 200 T shirts that were taken to Uganda later that month. A big “thank you” also goes to the parents who supported the day which focused on the Christian value of generosity.

Maxene Kidman and Gloria Reeves spent 10 days at New Hope Foundation in June and between them were able to take out all the items that had been donated along with a substantial amount of money which was used to provide additional food, fuel, school uniforms, beds, mattresses, bibles and a variety of teaching resources. It was also possible to pay for further construction work to make the new school building usable. Railings were fitted to the stairs and first floor walkways, windows were purchased along with paint in order to make the facilities more attractive.

Also, in May the Melling Community Gospel Choir and Eddy and the Parrots played to raise money for NHfA(UK). Again, thank you to everyone who supported the musical evening / charity auction and to the Premier Football Clubs and local businesses who provided the auction items. Over the same weekend generous donations were received from the Cutting Edge Ministries Conference that was held in Cumbria. It was through these donations that it was possible to bring about the improvements at the school and provide for the many needs of the pupils.

A further visit to the school was made in July by a team from St Andrew’s Church, Leyland. Julia Reeves accompanied by Sue, Adrian and Lawrence spent two weeks at the school. Prior to the trip, a fund raising afternoon at St Andrew’s in June along with additional donations meant the team took with them clothes, medical supplies, hygiene products, teaching resources and over £3,300 to be used to help with some of the more pressing issues at the school.



The latest figures show there are 617 pupils registered to attend school. 312 pupils live at the school during term time and for over 100 of them New Hope School is their permanent home during school holidays. There are 305 pupils who are day students and their families have agreed to pay for the education provided, this is an important revenue stream and is used to buy food and fuel. Unfortunately school fees are not always being paid which is putting increasing pressure on the limited resources. The entire teaching staff comprises 45 teachers with a further 11 non-teaching roles of cooks, matrons, nurse and security.

After distributing the variety of donated items the team set about organising their major project for the year which was to improve the Kindergarten block so that three classes could take place in the building. In no time at all builders got to work on creating a moveable partition and new blackboards were provided while plasterers set about rendering the external brickwork in order to make the block more attractive to the parents of prospective day pupils.



Another major item purchased was a new photocopier for the school as the old one was always breaking down. This was a major headache for teachers preparing resources for their lessons, as well as being very costly to repair. The children enjoyed their customary special meal with food treats of meat, rice and vegetables and it was also possible to replace their dance costumes and drums that had been stolen by a former teacher. These items are very important to their cultural identity so having them replaced was hugely appreciated.

The annual review of the charity was held earlier in September when the financial report was given which showed donations for the year ending 31st May 2016 amounted to £44,021 of which all goes to the school. The costs of running NHfA(UK) continue to be met by the trustees and does not come from your donations.



If you sponsor a child you should by now have received an update from Maxene. This took a little longer this year as she had a house move to organise and this delayed getting the information to you. If you are still waiting for information you can email info@newhopeforafrica.org.uk.

Thanks for your support and we continue to be amazed by your generosity and may God bless you through your giving.

Steve, Pat, Sue, Julia and Maxene – trustees NHfA(UK)



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