



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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Unlike in previous years and for a variety of reasons there has been no visit to the school by any of the trustees. However, it has been possible to maintain a good dialogue with Godfrey and Annet who have had a number of very challenging situations to deal with.



A combination of factors brought about a serious financial crisis at the school in May, due in part to the escalating price of food and energy. This was combined with the non payment of previously agreed school fees from the local families who send their children to be educated at New Hope. Also, urgent costly repairs were needed to the water borehole to maintain the supply of fresh water after the school had to go for two days without this utility.

None of this stopped the boys of Primary school age moving into their new dormitory in June. Godfrey and Annet wanted the building to be named in memory of Jean Swain. Who knows what she would make of this! Jean was the founder of NHfA(UK).



By July it was possible to restore financial stability to the school and steps have been taken to ensure that school fees are paid in advance and arrears are not allowed to accumulate. Additional security is in place to ensure only children who are registered to attend school are in class. There are no truancy problems at New Hope; some village children have been climbing the perimeter wall before daylight in the hope of not being noticed and getting some free education.

The monthly cost of running the school is nearly £8,800 of which 30% comes from the UK to pay the salaries of the teaching staff. At the Annual Review and Afternoon Tea held on September 23rd, total giving for the period 1st June 2016 up to 31st May 2017 amounted to £61,692. This is a significant increase on previous years due to individual one off donations and a legacy gift from the estate of the late Jean Swain. The Trustee's Report and Annual accounts for the year ending May 2016 can now be viewed at the website of the UK Charity Commission while the latest accounts for the year ending May 2017 will be available from March 2018.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising events at The King's Church, Thornton in April and St Andrew's Leyland in July. Collectively a grand total of £2,180 was raised and was very quickly put to good use.

Plans have now been drawn up by Dr Bonny to establish a Medical Centre in an existing building which was previously the Primary boy's dormitory. The intention is to secure funding for this from UK charitable trusts that support initiatives to improve health and wellbeing in sub Saharan Africa. The first donation of £1,000 has been received for a project that will cost £4,000 to refurbish the building to a hygienic standard and a further £14,000 to provide the medical equipment. There are always a number of pupils with malarial fever so having a means to diagnose and treat the condition earlier will result in more effective treatment.



One of the drawbacks of not visiting this year is that it will be more difficult for those who sponsor children to receive the letter and new photograph from their child. Maxene will in due course send out these updates as she receives them.

Annet has been in quite a lot of pain and suffered respiratory difficulties which recently resulted in her spending a short time in hospital in Uganda before travelling to the USA where she is now undergoing tests and receiving medical care from the specialists at St John's Hospital in Minnesota. She is staying with family and is hoping this will be a short visit and is looking forward to being home in time for Christmas.

In order to avoid increased bank charges it was necessary to change our bank account and apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused. Can regular donors please ensure they are using the payment details for the new account.

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Thanks for your support and to everyone who provides sponsorship for 118 of the children; 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)

"For I was hungry, and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you invited me into your home. I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you cared for me"

I assure you, when you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me"
Matthew 25:35-36, 40



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