



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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A team of four from the UK spent ten days at the school in August and were able to see firsthand the many changes that have taken place since the last visit in 2016. At the time of the visit Annet was extremely frail and was receiving medical care at home and sadly she died on September 1st. You can read a tribute to her life written by Gill Gifford by visiting the website <http://newhopeforafrica.org.uk/news>. Shortly after her death the family met with the teaching staff to reassure them of their commitment to support the work that Annet had begun.

The total number of pupils registered to attend school is at an all time high and totals 674. It was discovered that a large number of sponsored children were no longer attending school. Some had completed their education but the majority had been forced to relocate to other villages as the Ugandan government had used compulsory purchase orders to buy up land and property to develop the railway system. The total number of children being sponsored from the UK is 129. Staff at the school will now keep a register of sponsored children and report on a monthly basis if a child has left the school. Maxene would like to thank all the sponsors whose child had left, for their understanding and agreeing to accept an alternative child. It has been an administrative nightmare for her. The child sponsorship programme, 360 Vision for Africa based in Minnesota, has secured sponsors for 27 children and in September began transferring donations directly to the New Hope bank account in Uganda.



The donations received from the fundraising day at St Andrew's school, Maghull were used to buy 270 T shirts which the team took out and distributed to the children. So a big "thank you" to the pupils, parents and staff for their generous support which also provided medical and healthcare products. The team were also able to use money given to them before their trip to buy a whole range of items for the school. From a new battery for the solar powered lighting to firewood for cooking, along with school uniforms, shoes, mattresses and food.

Progress on the Medical Centre is slow but the team were able to buy some paint to decorate the walls and the floors have recently been tiled. The school nurse provided a good insight into the various illnesses and treatments she deals with and highlighted the need for a fully functioning health centre. The team did take with them an assortment of proprietary medical supplies for which she was hugely grateful.

The number of children without a mattress was of particular concern to the team. A mattress does not last forever and some have to be discarded when they become soiled and unhygienic. They were able to buy a small number that were much needed. A new one costs £16 and it is hoped that a forthcoming fundraising event might provide the means to buy more and bring about an improvement to the sleeping arrangements.

There has been a large increase in the number of children in the pre-school nursery section which now total 83 children. The building constructed in 2014 is too small and is also needed when the students sit their National Examinations at different times of the year. This disruption is bad for staff and the children and a new building is planned which will locate the Nursery section away from the older pupils and also create a play area. The new building will be dedicated to the memory of Annet Kayongo.



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Fashion Shows for Fundraising and Charity Events

There will be a Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-Up Shop at The King's Church, Thornton, Liverpool L23 9YP at 7pm Thursday 22nd November. The event is being staged by Colours (Fun)Draising Fashion Shows and admission is by ticket only, priced at £5 and refreshments will be available on the night. After the fashion show you will be able to shop for your favourite High Street brands at 50% off, or more! There will also be a charity raffle and the chance to win

a £50 Colours Gift Voucher that can be redeemed on the night. Tickets are available by contacting Sue through the website.

Also to mark 10 years as a UK registered charity we will be holding a Christmas party on December 15th. This will be an evening of live music, dancing and quizzes again at The King's Church, Thornton, Liverpool L23 9YP at 7pm. Money raised on the evening will be used to provide something extra for the 100 children who will spend Christmas at the school as they have no friends or family to be with at this time of year.

A financial statement was presented at the Annual Review on September 22nd for the year June 2017 – May 2018 which showed total money transferred to the New Hope Foundation in Uganda amounted to £43,940.

It is with great sadness that we learnt recently of the death of Mugabi Joseph, a member of the non teaching staff at the school and coach to the football team. He was 24 yrs old and was killed in a road traffic accident locally. Our thoughts and prayers are with the staff, pupils, his friends and family as they mourn this tragic loss of a young life.

Thank to everyone who supports the work 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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