



# New Hope for Africa (UK)

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## Newsletter – October 2019

It is now seven months since the last newsletter and this one should have been written sooner in view of everything that has been happening and particularly after the team spent 10 days at the school in August. So a bit of catch-up.



In April, a group of keen Dragon Boat racers took to the waters of Liverpool's south docks to raise money for the school. £230 was taken in August and used to buy new mattresses for children who needed them. Many thanks to Mark Thorpe for organising and taking part in the event. He is looking for crew members for Team 2020 so if you wish to take part email New Hope using the address at the top of this page.

A Quiz Night in June raised a further £675 and a Midsummer Night event at Christ Church, Aughton added a further £350 to be used to meet specific needs that became apparent during the August visit. The latter amount was used to purchase AfriPads, washable feminine hygiene products for the teenage school girls.

Prior to the visit it was possible to purchase 305 T shirts having received an unexpected donation of £680 along with specific donations were received from sponsors requesting the money be used to purchase items their child might need. A collection from The King's Church, Thornton of £656 was used to benefit not only the school children but to meet some of the immediate needs of poorer families in the village and also the wider community.

In total the team took with them £2856 and their shopping list included, 400 AfriPads, 20 mattresses, 16 school uniforms, 84 toothbrushes with toothpaste, 75 blocks of soap, 23 food bowls, 35 mosquito nets, 25 new desks and a new water storage tank. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards making all this possible and we hope you feel the money was well spent.

For some more facts and figures. The number of students attending school has reduced by 23 as some had completed their schooling with one student going on to university and another going to train at a nursing institution. In some cases, pupils had been taken out of school by their guardians for them to look after sick or elderly family members. The monthly registration of sponsored children set up last year has helped Maxene to keep track of children who leave school and the reasons for their departure.

There are currently 651 pupils registered to attend school of which 323 live on site during term time, the remainder attend on a daily basis. The Nursery section has 87 pre-primary children, the Primary section 300 with 264 in the secondary school. The Nursery building is too small for so many children and more space is needed. Godfrey Kayongo requested the latest Gift Aid tax rebate of £5000 be used to extend the existing building so work will be getting underway shortly if it has not started already.



The consignment of second hand shoes provided by the parents and children of St Andrew's School, Maghull at the end of this summer term was a huge blessing to 84 children who otherwise would be barefooted. Used footwear is very expensive in Uganda. The shoes were cleaned and

polished beforehand and more shoes were donated than the luggage allowances permitted so around 40 pairs remain in storage to be taken at the next opportunity.



At the Annual Review meeting held on October 5<sup>th</sup> a detailed report of the August visit was presented and a special thank you to the people who made cakes and served the refreshments and to everyone who contributed to an amazing donation of £348 that was collected that afternoon and a further £60 the next day from refreshments after our church service.

The latest financial report was presented by the Treasurer of the charity and this showed a reduced level of charity income for the year ending on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Combining this with higher costs and food prices in Uganda has meant the monthly salary bill for the staff has not always been covered from the U.K. The cost of food has risen significantly and this has led to the children getting a poorer diet. The school nurse highlighted this was affecting some of the younger children and requested the school management team to introduce rice into the diet one day a month and this has begun.

Another concern highlighted during the visit in August was the number of boarders who do not have a mosquito net. Although several hundreds of nets have been provided in recent years they are easily damaged and quite often do not come back to the school when pupils return from school holidays. Quite often they have been taken off the child by their guardian. After much careful thought, the Trustees felt the need to take steps to improve the children's diet was currently a greater priority.

In response, a fundraising event will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in The King's Church, 2 Drummond Road, Thornton Liverpool L23 9YP. This will feature live music from a new line-up of Eddie and the Parrots and the proceeds from the night will be used to purchase rice in Uganda. One tonne of rice costs around £850 and would allow the children to have rice once a week for 4 months. If you are able to come along we are sure you will have an enjoyable evening.

The newsletter closes with some words of thanks from one of the directors of New Hope for Africa Schools, Mr Ntulume Micheal.

*"It's a great pleasure as the sitting director of New Hope for Africa Schools to have this chance once again, and I thank the Almighty for keeping us all alive up to today. Let the name of the Lord be praised!*

*I take this opportunity to thank our friends and sponsors from the United States of America and the United Kingdom for the endless support that you give to us all, together as the New Hope for Africa community, and the comfort you rendered to us when we lost our beloved dear Director Mummy Annet Kayongo. May her soul rest in peace. We thank you for keeping the candle burning as we struggle to keep the vision of Annet."*

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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