



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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The school reopened on October 15th as suitable hygiene arrangements had been put in place to meet the requirements set by the Ugandan Ministry of Education and designed to protect the students from Covid 19. However, only pupils in Primary 7, Senior 4 and Senior 6 can resume their studies. These year groups would have been sitting their national examinations in November and December this year. The examinations will now take place in March 2021. It is unknown when the government will allow all year groups to return to school, it may not be until January 2021.

Against this background, Maxene is in the process of identifying those sponsored children who are now attending school and the whereabouts of those yet to return.

The latest update from the directors of New Hope is good news. The staff and children living on the school premises are healthy and there have been no Covid infections within the New Hope community. Everyone there sends their thanks and appreciation for the continued financial support they have received during these uncertain times. The school has had to supply face coverings, hand sanitisers, plenty of hot water and pay for any testing that may be needed.

With visits to the school from the UK having been cancelled and several events that had been planned not now taking place, this has had an impact on the level of financial support the school would have normally received. The trustees would like to thank those individuals whose spontaneous generosity has helped the school to purchase much needed food and firewood as the pandemic has resulted in significant price rises and shortages of essential items.

The photographs overleaf show some very grateful children.



Gretchen Carlson and her team at 360 Vision for Africa along with the sponsors of New Hope children in the USA have been able to continue to provide for the needs of these young people. They have been able to provide money for food and help meet the additional costs associated with keeping the school Covid secure. They have also highlighted the need to replace the IT equipment at the school. The computers had come from a charity in Hong Kong over 10 years ago and are out of date and unreliable. To that end, Gretchen is planning a "Give to the Max" Day towards the end of this year. If you would like to find out more about this initiative contact any of the trustees, email the website or ring 0151 924 0840. The intention is to purchase the computers locally in Uganda.

It was not possible to hold the annual Cream Tea and Review Meeting in September but the trustees are pleased to report the total donations to the charity for the year ending 31st May 2020 amounted to £45,384 , so a huge "Thank You" to everyone who has contributed to the work.

Your support and generosity brings enormous benefits to these children and young people 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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