



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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We would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief update as to what has been happening at the school in recent months and we look forward to it reopening soon and lessons resuming. The Ugandan government has set the date of 1st March for schools and universities to re-open.

There have been nearly 40,000 cases of Covid 19 in Uganda and less than 400 deaths. Two directors of New Hope, Godfrey Kayongo and Michael Ntulune have had the virus and both have made full recoveries.

After the government closed schools the students returned to guardians, some were taken into the homes of church members and some remained on the school premises. It was very reassuring to find out that the school knew the whereabouts of all the children who have sponsors in the UK.

Two students had left school having completed their studies; another had left for other reasons. One young girl had run away from an abusive guardian and she was traced to another institution some distance from New Hope. The directors arranged for a car and driver to return her to the school. Maxene has been able to have a video call with her in which she expressed her thanks and was happy to be back at New Hope where she feels loved.

During the pandemic, it has been possible to provide church families with extra food for the children in their care. There was a Christmas Day lunch at the school for the whole New Hope community. The photographs below show some of the children tucking in, with chicken and matooke being on the menu. Thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible. All the children and young people continue to be cared for and are happy and healthy.



Over the past twelve month's it has not been possible to hold the familiar style of fundraising events but in January, New Hope took a technological leap and organised an on-line Quiz Night and Raffle. The evening raised £860 making it a big success so "thank you's" to Steve Kelly, the question master, to Sue and Pat for organising the raffle, to those people who provided the prizes and to everyone who supported the night. The additional money will help cover the costs of the additional hygiene measures and testing that needed to protect the staff and pupils from infection.

The children at New Hope will shortly have access to a new computer suite. Supporters of 360 Vision for Africa in the USA and of New Hope in the UK have donated \$13,691 USD (around £10,000) to purchase new computers. They will replace very old unreliable ones with devices that run modern software and have internet connectivity. The school has been hiring modern equipment, it being necessary for examination purposes. The original target was to buy 20 computers at a cost of \$10,000 USD; this has clearly been exceeded. The school has been able to find space in an existing building to set up the equipment but have not ruled out the need for a new building in the future.

The annual report from the trustees of NHfA(UK) to the UK Charity Commission relating to the period June 2019 – May 2020 has recently been published on their website. Your support and generosity brings enormous benefits to these children and young people. 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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