



New Hope for Africa (UK)

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Newsletter – April 2021

It is 20 years this year since the New Hope for Africa school was established by Annet and Godfrey Kayongo in the village of Nantabuliriwa. A village located a short distance from Kampala, the capital of Uganda. The work receives financial support from donors across the UK and in recent years from supporters in the USA too. Prior to the pandemic, over 650 children and young people were registered to attend lessons.

The last 14 months has been the most challenging period in the history of the school and it has been a huge encouragement to hear from the directors that normality is gradually returning. The Ugandan government has indicated that schools can open fully for all year groups from 1st July. Schools were re-opened for pupils taking their National examinations this year and a government announcement concerning the reopening of Kindergartens has still to be made. In the meantime, staff members are coaching pre-school children and children in Primary Years 1 and 2 who are unable to attend school.

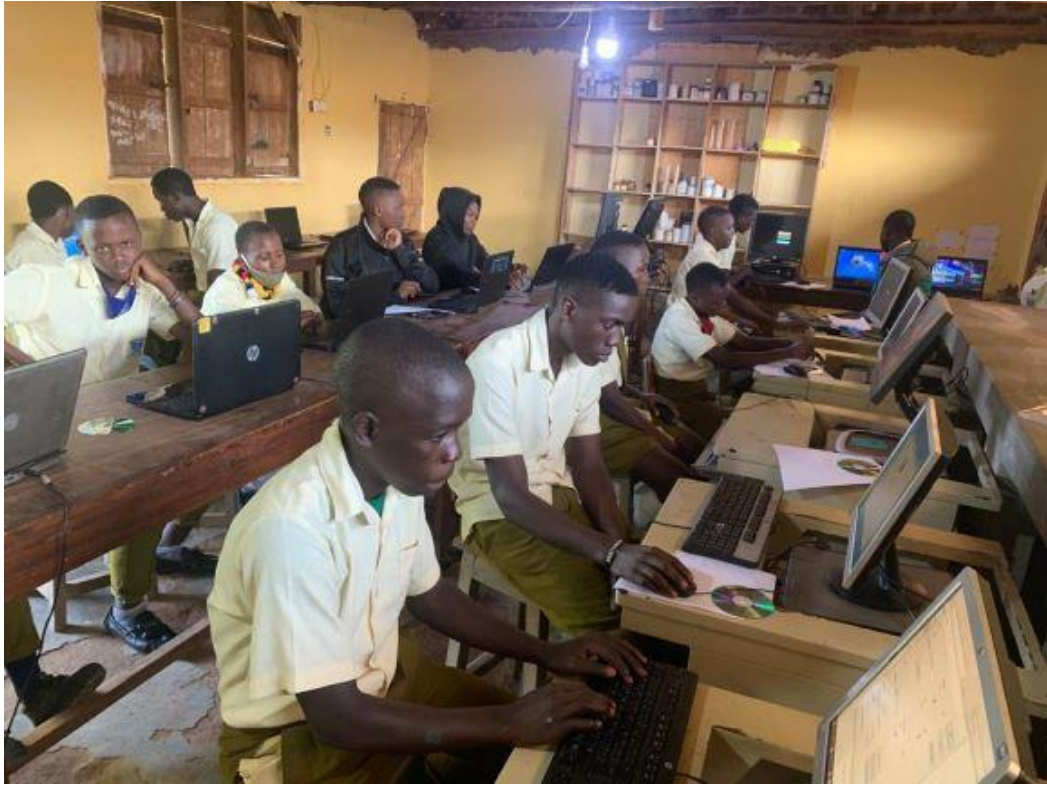
There are 154 Primary pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and 164 Senior pupils in Years 1,2,3 and 5 due to return to lessons having had to make do with distanced learning using resources provided by their teachers. In addition, there are 47 Primary Year 7 pupils and 133 Secondary Year 4 and 6 students in attendance taking their National examinations. This takes the total headcount to 498.



All examinations will be complete by the end of April and the teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure all aspects of the curriculum have been covered, and in accordance with the government's exam timescale. The directors give thanks to God for this and hope all students achieve good grades.



Recent donations of over £10,000 from supporters in the USA and UK will result in the installation of a new Computer Room with 20 brand new devices by the end of June this year. This will mean the school will no longer have to hire computers for the examination periods and replaces the old computers.



There is much to give thanks to God for in our prayers. For the recovery of the Directors Micheal and Godfrey from Covid infections, for the protection of the children and staff as none were affected by the virus. For the families of local church members who took children, who had nowhere to go, into their homes when the government closed all schools last March. For the generosity of everyone who contributes to the work. For school life to get back to normal. For the food situation is becoming an increasing concern as more students return and food prices continue to rise. Stocks are running down and the rice has all been eaten.

The planned visit in May 2020 did not go ahead and it is unlikely to take place this year. However, if you would like to find out more about New Hope you can talk to any of the trustees or you can go to our website www.newhopeforafrica.org.uk

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*