



# New Hope for Africa (UK)

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## Newsletter – November 2021

The impact of the pandemic is gradually receding in the UK but in contrast, everyday life in Uganda remains challenging with lockdowns and curfews. The immunisation programme for a country of 44 million people is heavily dependent on vaccine donations from overseas. 12 million doses are expected to arrive by the end of the year. The Ugandan government has indicated the intention to reopen schools in January 2022.

Prior to the pandemic there were 678 children and young people registered to attend lessons. During the last 20 months the majority of pupils have missed vital education, they have missed their friends and some have been forced into work. The New Hope teachers set up study groups for those students with access to a phone or radio and ensured all pupils due to take National examinations were able to do so. The new computer suite was finished in August equipped with new desks, chairs and 30 new computers installed with up to date software to provide access to the latest technology for when the students return.



Around 45 children remained on school premises, as they had no one to care for them. A further 71 were taken into the homes of members of the Believer's Church, which is part of the New Hope for Africa Community Development Foundation. With a sizeable donation from 360 Vision for Africa, (our partner organisation in Minnesota USA) 140 care packages of food were distributed to these individuals. The packs comprised sacks of rice, maize flour along with cooking oil and other food items.

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of a 13 yr old pupil, Jordan, who following the school closure had to return to his family where he contracted malaria and died in hospital shortly afterwards. The family were unable to get access soon enough to the medical care he needed.



Maxene is doing all she can to confirm the whereabouts of all the sponsored children but it is unlikely the full picture will emerge until the school reopens. She would like to thank everyone who took part in the on-line raffle of the football memorabilia donated by Everton and Liverpool football clubs. A total of £420 was raised which was designated for the purchase of food supplies in Uganda.

In looking forward towards Christmas, it is hoped that as in previous years it will be possible to provide something extra for the children on Christmas Day in the form of a special meal at the school. Chicken is a big treat for them. If you would like to contribute, contact one of the trustees or email the website.

Two of the trustees are planning challenges in 2022. Julia Reeves is looking forward to enjoying the festivities so much she has already made plans to shed some of those extra pounds and raise money for a worthy cause. To quote her, *"I will be giving up chocolates and alcohol for the month of January. The raising money part is where you come in. I will be fundraising via JustGiving Sponsorship page for New Hope for Africa U.K., so please sponsor me. If you would like more info on how you can donate, please contact one of the trustees and we will send you the link. Happy Donating. Julia"*. On a more energetic note, Maxene and her daughter Elise are planning a sponsored climb of Mt Snowdon when the good weather returns next year.

It is 20 years this year since Annet Kayongo established the New Hope school. It has not been possible to mark such a milestone in the history of the work for obvious reasons. Similarly, it is more than two years since the trustees held an annual review of the work. The intention is to arrange this event for an evening in February or March 2022, once the school has reopened. A lot has happened during this period and the event will give a progress report, outline plans for the future, and provide an opportunity to answer any questions that may arise. It is intended to follow the review with some refreshments and a Fun Quiz. More details will follow in the New Year.

In early 2020 the plan was to create a library of teaching and learning resources at the school for both teachers and pupils. The school has identified the books they require and these were to be purchased in Kampala. This is one of the objectives for 2022.

We are glad that Katie Gamble has joined the team to help update the charities financial systems. She has visited the school in previous years and we look forward to her support in such an important area.

Godfrey Kayongo the director of the school has sent these greetings.

*"Greetings from the New Hope family. We praise our God who has enabled us, with our children, to sail through this time of year. Though it has been a struggle because even the teachers were stranded in their houses without food we just thank you for their salaries. Then we have had a challenge of some parents coming for food because they were locked down and don't work because of being cut off from their workplace. Then we have some stuffs from the church and some members too. The things like electricity, water and firewood, but all in all, our God has been faithful. We believe our God will find a way when there is none. Be blessed. Godfrey"*



As trustees we would like to thank you for your continued generosity in providing the monthly salaries for the teaching staff, who along with the children and families living in and around the school continue to face severe hardship during the continued lockdown of their society.

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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