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The first visit to the school, post pandemic, took place in February this year. Maxene was accompanied on the trip by Paula and Sara, two of her work colleagues from the Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust. Prior to the visit, individual schools within the trust organised fundraising events raising over £4,700 for the team to take with them. One of these events had Maxene undertake a sponsored mountain climb. In addition, seven schools undertook to sponsor a child.

A fundraising night of live music, quizzes and a raffle along with a donation from The King's Church provided £1460 for the team to spend on meeting the needs of the children and young people. The team took with them 140 kg of items, including 250 red 'T'-shirts, children's shoes, sports equipment and a new football kit for the school team donated by South Sefton Football Club.



There are more pupils attending the school post pandemic than before. The most recent figures showed 349 pupils enrolled in Secondary school, 391 in Primary, and 70 in Early Years, those under 6 yrs of age. The team were impressed by the good standards of teaching and learning and the respect shown by the pupils to the staff and likewise the staff to the pupils. The pupils spoke of high aspirations for their futures and discipline within the school was of a high standard. The team met two former pupils, Martha and Gordon. Gordon is planning to go to university and Martha is teaching dance.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of reading material for the Early Years children; however, the team had taken with them books that were suitable for this age group. Outdoor play equipment was purchased for these children. Some of which you can see overleaf.



Regarding the health and wellbeing of the children, all children appeared happy and well fed with rice a part of the diet along with kidney beans. There was a tuck shop, selling for example, boiled eggs. There were some children suffering from malaria and 75 mosquito nets were bought. Money will be sent shortly to purchase drugs to treat malarial infections. 54 new mattresses were provided so every child living at the school had one to sleep on.

On the last visit, a need became apparent to provide feminine hygiene products for the girls who need them. This time it was possible to provide a year's supply of Afri pads for the girls and they received training in how to use them. The team were also able to purchase large quantities of toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and Vaseline locally. New school uniforms were also bought for the newly sponsored children along with 50 bibles for the young persons Bible Study Group.



There is only one bore well on the site and there was a need to create additional above ground water storage. In no time at all a tank was purchased and a concrete base constructed and extra storage was available.



Godfrey and Roger Kayongo explained some of the priorities for the further development of the school. One was the need to reduce overcrowding in the girl's dormitory and another being the limited kitchen facilities that feed over 800 people every day. After careful consideration, the trustees took the decision to provide £11,000 to build and fit out a new kitchen block.

Our next fundraising event night is planned for 7.00pm Saturday 13th May at The King's Church, 2 Drummond Road, Thornton, Liverpool L23 9YP. This will be an evening with live music from Eddie and the Parrots, and the Ukulele band, No Strings Attached.

The trustees would like to thank all the head teachers, staff, parents and children in the LDST for their support, along with South Sefton Football Club and the executors of the estates of the late Judith Lake and David Lake Snr. A big Thank You to Paula and Sara who along with Maxene achieved so much in the 10 days they spent at New Hope school.

Thanks also to everyone who sponsors a child or donates to support the work of New Hope for Africa (UK). We hope this latest update impresses on you the value of your continued support.

Sue, John, Maxene, Steve and Julia. 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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