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A message from the directors, staff and children. “We wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed, joyful, prosperous and fruitful year 2025. We cannot have enough and right words to thank you but may Almighty God bless you abundantly.”

The fund-raising events held in July by a number of primary schools within the Liverpool Diocesan School’s Trust (LSDT) raised a total of £3,568. We say a huge “Thank You” to all the staff, parents and children who made this possible. Events included Cake Sales, a Fun Run, Party in the Park not to mention a Crazy Hair Day. How best to use these funds was decided after a visit to the school in August by a team led by Gretchen Carlson, the founder of 360 Vision for Africa. During the ten day visit the team used the \$4,000 US they took with them to renovate one of the boy’s toilet/shower blocks. Additional much needed items were also purchased locally, including blankets, bed sheets, mattresses and items of underwear and food for a special celebration meal. More information on the visit can be found on the News page of the website. www.newhopeforafrica.org.uk/news

Following their return, it was decided the money from the LSDT fund raising day could be best spent on refurbishing the Primary and Secondary school libraries along with the purchase of items of school equipment. These were a new photocopier, a printer and a projector. The amount remaining to be spent buying school uniforms and hygiene products for the older girls.



The New Hope school comprises a Pre-school / Early year's school, along with a Primary and a Secondary school. Very few, if any schools in Ugandan provide such a wide age range for education at one



location. The team felt the general first impressions of the school could benefit from a face-lift to make it look more attractive to families who can afford to pay for the education. Gretchen and her team will begin fundraising in December with a target set at \$15,000 to bring about these changes.

It has been recognised that not all pupils will achieve the same level of academic success and there is a desire to help some students learn vocational skills such as welding, cooking, sewing and dress making skills. The school will shortly be provided with more sewing machines, an electric cooker, along with welding equipment.

No progress has been made this year to improve the distribution of clean water across the whole site and it remains an important issue. The latest indications are the whole project could cost in the region of £15,000, which puts the project out of our reach at present so other small-scale improvements are to be investigated.

Maxene will be sending to our child sponsors an updated photograph and letter from their child shortly. The process has taken longer this year than anticipated. If you prefer not to sponsor a child, you can give a regular donation or make one off donations. The bank details are Santander Bank UK, Payee - New Hope for Africa UK, Sort code 09-01-29, A/C No. 15432405.

The latest Trustee Report is available on the website of the UK Charity Commission along with the most recent accounts. This can be found by searching for the registered number of the charity which is shown at the bottom of this page. Donations were reported as totalling £44,182, so again thank you for all your generosity.

The trustees would like to remind those of you who have provided a Gift Aid declaration in the past to check it remains up to date. Under the existing rules from HMRC, the charity can claim 25% of your donation as Gift Aid provided the donation is from a UK income or capital gains taxpayer. If your circumstances have changed please contact the charity by email or the postal address shown above.

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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