



KIJJABWEMI ORPHANS' PROJECT
(CHURCH OF UGANDA)
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Date: 24/1/09

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Particulars: *Church of Uganda*

Amount: 100,000.00

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Kijjabwemi School refurbishment

KIJJABWEMI ORPHANS' PROJECT

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**3 countries;
7 hotels;
19 days;
20 Projects;
2,000 km
of road**

A necessary trip

Our plans to visit Africa in early February 2009 were shelved as we simply did not have enough time to organise our itinerary. No doubt we could have done better had we started earlier, but until the start of 2009 we were not even sure if we were going at all. Odile (David's wife) had wanted to join the team of David (Director of Operations) Paul (Logistics Manager) and Carmen (Financial Controller) but school commitments made this impossible. Nevertheless, we all thought this trip was necessary - and so it was.

Too adventurous..?

We knew we were being adventurous planning so many visits in so little time, but when it takes almost 36 hours to Africa and back and costs a small fortune in fares, you do not want to miss a single opportunity.

Thanks to the Archbishop

We are so thankful to Archbishop Emanuel Kolini of Rwanda who not only assisted us by contacting all the dioceses we were to visit in Rwanda, but also provided a vehicle and driver (also called Emanuel) throughout our stay.

Many, many, miles

We started off in Rwanda, visiting 7 of the 10 dioceses, then off by car on a 12 hour drive to Kampala. We visited the school refurbishment and mosquito nets projects at Kijjabwemi and travelled to Kibaale where a new vocational skills centre is being built that we want to assist.

Burundi

We flew to Bujumbura to be met by John & Nadine Riches who took good care of us during our 3 day stay. The work on the New Hope Centre has gone very well and we are now looking for the finance for Phase II. The orphans project overseen by Chrissie Chapman had the best informed children who seemed to know more about their sponsors than we did!

Very worthwhile

We have come back with much to think and pray about. Problems to solve, new ways to work and opportunities to be grasped. A worthwhile trip? **YES !**



see a combination of clips from our visit at www.christianhope.org.uk or request the clips on a DVD



Meeting with some of the sponsored children at the Kijjabwemi Orphans' Project

First thoughts on our Africa visit

It is difficult to sum up our three weeks of discussions and observations in a few lines. However, some issues appeared everywhere we went. Below are some of the issues raised and our first thoughts on how CHI might tackle these over the next 12 months.

Improving the work in Africa & at home

Ray of Hope:

We were impressed by how well Ray was working in all three countries. Sponsored children in Burundi knew their sponsors' names and expected us to know each one by name. (Something for us to work on....)

- As we visited the children, we realised that we need to produce an "easy-to-understand" guide to Child Sponsorship to give to the more mature children who are part of our programme.
- Many of the bishops and people responsible for the sponsorship programme said the same thing: "It is the older (secondary school) children who really need sponsorship". This age group, however, is the most difficult one to link with UK sponsors. Over the next 12 months we need to share this important message with our supporters.

Education:

After over 40 years, the education curriculum in Rwanda is changing from the French Baccalaureate to the English GCSE & "A" levels. This massive change ties in with Rwanda joining the community of East African nations - all of whom are English speaking. However, nearly all school and university books in Rwanda are in French.

- Over the next few years we hope to send thousands of English school text, exercise and reading books to Rwanda to assist in this changeover.
- Computers are now as necessary to schooling in Africa as in the UK. We saw school computer departments with as few as 20 computers for 1,000 pupils. Laptops are easy to send and require little electrical power. We would like to send several dozen in the next two containers destined for Uganda and Rwanda. Do you have a working laptop looking for a good home?

Visiting so many projects was really hard work - but why come so far and then miss something out?

Hospitals & Health

We were deeply moved by the dedication of the Christians working in under-funded and ill equipped church clinics and health centres. Despite severe shortages, people still attend these centres because they know that they will receive real care.

- In our future containers, we would like to be able to send microscopes and other laboratory equipment to help them offer an improved service.

Self-Help projects:

We encountered several well run self-help projects using equipment supplied by our supporters in the UK. In particular, sewing and knitting machines were being put to good use.

- We would like to send more machines out for locally managed projects.

• We were also challenged by a Christian mission working in Rwanda in the area of Micro-Finance, to consider the impact of

supplying equipment free of charge to the church whilst non-church small co-operatives have to pay for theirs. This will need some serious thought and prayer over the next few years.

Overseas contacts:

In Rwanda, all our projects are currently sponsored through the Anglican Church. In the past we have liaised directly with the project directors. However, this has led to problems when staff changes meant we lost our local contact. After discussions with the Bishops and Archbishop, we believe it will be to everyone's advantage if we work more closely with the church authorities who will act as auditors on our behalf.

Stitches of Hope - "Thank You" from Europe

Over the past 7 months we have been sending the bulk of our beautifully knitted blankets and children's clothing to Eastern Europe rather than to Africa. Working with our partners, Mission Without Borders, we have been able to distribute these much needed items much quicker than we could have done previously by container to Africa.



Orphans receiving your beautifully knitted goods

Even better news is that because you have been busier than ever, we are now ready to send a further 50 sacks of carefully sorted knitted items to orphans in Eastern Europe in the next few weeks.

Thank you!

David



Our sorted sacks ready to dispatch



Sponsored Moonlight Fun Walk 2009

Paul Guyver and Carmen Denham, fresh from their gruelling three weeks in Africa, are now about to embark on yet another round of self-inflicted pain in the guise of a 13.1 mile long ($\frac{1}{2}$ a marathon distance) night walk in the dead of night to raise funds for Christian Hope International.

The walk takes place in Southend-on-Sea (on the mouth of the Thames Estuary) and includes "some of the best views and scenery that Southend has to offer".

If you would like to sponsor Paul or Carmen, please give the office a ring (01708 - 377795) and leave your details with a member of staff. Paul and Carmen will deal with the paperwork and keep you in touch with their success on the night.

For details of the event see:
<http://www.moonlightcolourthon.co.uk/>




! RUN THE RACE TO WIN THE PRIZE



CHI news update

Did you know that it is now possible to donate some (or all) of the value of the items you sell on eBay to Christian Hope International through "Mission Fish"?

Simply click on the  "donate to charity" icon when setting up your sale details and from 10% to 100% of the sale price can be donated to a charity of your choice - including Christian Hope International. If you make a donation this way, do let us know so we can check to see all is working fine.



Never too old?

This teddy was made by a lady of 101 years old. It was sewn together by her daughter just weeks before her mother died.



Thank you!

Be part of the CHI web-site

Even if you're not an Internet user, we would like to add a photo of your group to our CHI web site. Send us a photo with your group's details and we will add you - then tell your friends!

Coffee morning - raising £475 for Africa



Hannah and Olivia, manning their stall at the St. Mary Magdalen North Ockendon coffee morning.

Hannah and Olivia raised an amazing £475 for the purchasing of tool boxes, and computers for Kijjabwemi. Have you thought of running a CHI coffee morning?

STOP THIEF !!!!!

Sadly, a computer was stolen from our offices last year by "person or persons unknown". The theft was not immediately discovered as the computer had been boxed up awaiting repair due to a system fault.

Clearly there are people in this world who are quite happy to steal from anyone or any organisation, including charities dedicated to helping others in need.

Whilst there was no important information on the machine, its loss is a blow to CHI. We can only pray that the thief finds God - and maybe returns our computer.....

The stolen computer is an I Mac 20" Core 2 Duo.



CHI "Container Corner"

As I write this report, we (David, Carmen and I, Paul) have been home from Africa, just under 2 weeks. Our visits to many of our projects were so encouraging, not least one that involved our container work.



The last few items being unloaded from the Burundi container

Several years ago we sent a container to the Diocese of Shyogwe in Rwanda to support vocational work among orphaned youngsters at risk. Some of the items sent were tools and workshop equipment. When we turned up to visit the project there were 3 containers, one of which I recognised from it's number as being one that CHI had sent (Yes....I am a very sad person!)

Opening the container....**WOW**.... a fully equipped workshop with tools and equipment neatly displayed on the walls. An adjacent container revealed welding equipment and some of the students' handwork, ranging from desks and chairs to hand carts. I have to admit that a tear was in my eye as I saw all that had been achieved through this work. That was before the visit to the classes where sewing and knitting skills were being taught along with making banana cards and shoe re-

pairs. The gifts of our supporters – **YOU** - have helped to achieve that whether by your prayers, your gifts (financial or material) or practical support.

In early March we visited projects in Bujumbura, Burundi which was also the destination of our last container dispatched last December. When we left the UK we knew that it had arrived in Burundi but had yet to be cleared by the customs authorities. Sadly, it was not cleared in time so photo opportunities had to be deferred.

Imagine my delight upon returning to work to find the following email on my computer from Chrissie Chapman, our partner in Bujumbura:

I have been trying to get on my computer all week to e-mail you - but we have been excited and exhausted unpacking the container !!!! For sure, I have asked the school team to take some photos of all the desks and chairs which are now already in use in the classrooms and are wonderful. The books and school equipment are in the process of being

unpacking and the school team is very excited indeed.

John Riches has all his boxes and has been here at my house this morning connecting the generator.

The boxes of children's clothes we will start to sort out next week – I noticed you sneaked a few knitted jumpers in the book boxes !!!!!

They brought a smile to my face! Anyway, a very huge thank you to all of you..... God bless you and the work you are doing at that end which is such a big help and blessing to us at this end!

..we have been excited & exhausted unpacking the container !!!

Uganda Container

Work has started on filling the Ugandan Container destined for the Kijjabwemi Orphans Centre. The goods required carry an educational emphasis with stationery, reading books and computers in great demand. We are ordering specially refurbished desk top computer packages from a UK charity costing £50 each but we would also like to send laptops. Please contact the office if you are able to help. We hope that churches or other groups might like to raise the funds to buy one of the computer packages. Again speak to us if you would like to get involved.



Empty Container being delivered (free of charge) to our warehouse to be filled with goods for Uganda

UGANDA CONTAINER AID

Children's reading books (in English)	125cc^(ish) Suzuki or other Japanese motorcycle	
Sports Equipment (football, netball, tennis, etc.)	Wool	Tools (building & DIY - drill bits, chisels, planes, etc.)
Towels Sheets blankets	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Shipping (It costs around £5,000 to transport the container to Africa - donations really help!) </div>	
Educational Toys Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)	Laptop Computers (Pentium III or equivalent if possible please)	School Equipment (pens, pencils, exercise books, rubbers, etc.)

Container Requirements - Please

The Uga have b... locally requested for this...
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 means... The it...
 For any questions please speak to...
 International on 0170...
 Name: _____

The next container will cost around £5,000 to send to Uganda - can you help us with this cost?

Bible by the Beach

Bp. Wallace Benn is not only our Patron and a bishop (obviously) he is also one of the founders of "Bible by the Beach". This is a Bible teaching event for all ages and will take place from the 1-4th May in Eastbourne. Bible on the Beach is a non-residential conference, deliberately trying to keep the cost down. People book their own accommodation from camping and caravanning to B&B or luxury hotels. Those attending might be sleeping in a local church hall or commuting!



Bp. Wallace Benn, Patron of Christian Hope International



For more information see:
<http://www.biblebythebeach.org/>

The theme of the event is "Building the Church" and the organisers pray that local churches and churches in the South East might use the event as a church house party (one church has hired a whole hotel!) and that many will be encouraged in their faith as they hear the Bible taught in a lively and accessible way and experience the joy of celebrating their faith with many other believers.



BUZZ Off..!

No, not you BUT please keep on reading because it's those 'buzzing mozzy critters' that we want to get rid of.

The mosquitoes that you get in certain parts of the world (not in the United Kingdom) carry a disease called malaria which, in Uganda alone, is responsible for killing an estimated 353 people every day – that means that every 4 minutes someone dies as a result of this preventable and treatable disease. The likelihood is that 8 out of 10 deaths will be of a child under 5 years old.

We at CHI have come up with a fun way you can help to make 'Mozzies' and Malaria 'BUZZ OFF' by:

Providing mosquito nets to stop the mosquitoes getting to children while they are sleeping.

Supplying the medical treatment that will prevent someone dying when they actually contract Malaria

Our Appeal aims to focus attention upon the problem of Malaria and raise money to buy the nets or treatment. Whether as a group or an individual you can take part. We want churches, other organisations, children's groups and families to get involved. There is no age limit. We have fact sheets suitable for all ages that also contain puzzles for youngsters (and the young at heart!)

The idea is to cover an enlarged picture of a mosquito with small pieces of sticky netting. Each piece costs £1 and all you do is stick the net on the 'Mozzy' picture piece by piece until it is covered. There are 2 sizes of the enlarged 'Mozzy'. The 'Mini-Mozzy' which takes 25 pieces to cover and the 'Mega-Mozzy', which takes 50. Don't worry - they are not really that size! Cover the picture and send CHI a cheque.



**Treated nets
are available
for only \$6**



Handing over the first of many nets to the pastor and nurses at the Kimwanyi Health Centre near Kijjibwemi, Uganda.

Keeping Children Safe

let's give the
"Mozzies a Mauling
in Masaka"

Christian Hope International will use the funds raised to provide real nets plus the treatment for Malaria through a church founded Medical Centre in Masaka, Uganda. They will be purchased locally. We recently visited the Centre and in the last 6 months alone they have treated 3021 cases of Malaria so each £1 raised will make a real difference.

Contact the office for the pack which includes the fact sheets, mozzy picture and nets. The material is not date specific.

Let's give the 'Mozzy' a 'Mauling' in 'Masaka' (Uganda)


(Paul Guyver)

The project is fun for children, raises awareness of the issues, and helps those in need in Uganda.



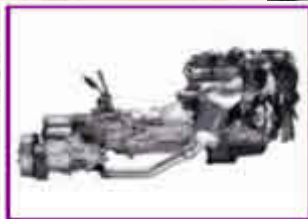
WANTED - Land Rover 2.5 litre engine

As a Land Rover enthusiast, I wanted to take a look at the Kigali Diocesan Land Rover to see what engine it had. The answer was "NONE". It was stripped out for repair and when it became too expensive to rebuild, it was returned to the church where various "bits" were borrowed for use in other dioceses.

Now various bits of the engine fill the boot - like a VW Beetle!

We would like to assist the Kigali diocese resurrect this much needed vehicle.

We need a second-hand 1988 2.5 litre non-turbo diesel engine (do you have a suitable one to offer?) or funds of around £1,000 to buy a second hand replacement engine and parts to be shipped in our next container to Africa?





New Hope Centre (Burundi)

We visited the New Hope Centre in Bujumbura whilst in Africa. We were very warmly welcomed by Pastor Rubens and the 49 children living there.

We were proudly shown around and the improvements financed by Christian Hope International from the \$6,500 we had sent. Later in the evening the children treated us to a time of shared worship with dancing and prayers led by the children themselves. Paul Guyver (our Logistics Manager) got into the spirit of the evening by teaching them a new song in English with actions.



Children pushing forward to see the "Bazungu" visitors



Orphans dancing for us during our evening of worship



New bunk beds and furniture bought with the money CHI sent out to the centre in January 2009



We would like to send additional funding in 2009 to Refurbish rooms and equip the "shop"



In 2009 we would like to send additional funding to the New Hope Centre for the items noted below. The New Hope Centre would like to set up a small shop where basic foods can be prepared in a small in-door kitchen and sold to students at the local schools. This would not only provide employment but contribute a small income to the orphanage itself.

The New Hope Centre mini-bus is now dead, but neither they (nor we) have sufficient funding to purchase a new one. We are investigating a replacement engine to put it back on the road or a second-hand mini-bus purchased locally or in neighbouring Rwanda.

Funding we would like to send in 2009

Refurbishment of common rooms:	\$ 3,000
Freezer for the small shop	\$ 1,450
Shop equipment (plates, cutlery)	\$ 600
Improved outside drainage	\$ 300
Repairs or replacement mini-bus	\$12,000

Total we are seeking in 2009 **\$17,350***

(funding is sent in US dollars - aprox £12,200)

Kibaale Vocational Skills Centre (Uganda)



Christian Vision Uganda

This is a new project for Christian Hope International, though work on the vocational centre started back in 2007.

The total cost of the work is estimated to be around £70,000 - a lot of money by any standards.

To date all the funding has been raised by Christian Vision Uganda and it is CVU that has asked CHI to join with them on this project. So far £17,000 has been raised and the foundations have been built and 40,000 bricks are now on site to begin construction of the walls.

Watch our web site for more news on this project - and look out for a flier that will soon be heading your way.

When we visited the site we were very impressed by what had already been accomplished and we would like to see the centre opened as soon as possible to provide real vocational training to young people as mechanics, electricians and plumbers.

The church under whom the vocational school is being built especially wants to offer places to those young teenagers who are unsuited or unable to attend secondary school. This would give them a real boost looking forward to a career.



Visiting the site with Rev. Jackson Kasozi (previously one of CHI's trustees) the local pastor, the school headmaster and our driver, Rev. Emanuel.

**More on this project in
our next magazine**

Kijjabwemi School - Phase II

see a clip of our visit at
www.christianhope.org.uk
or request the DVD



When we visited Kijjabwemi school we were most impressed by the work already done on the classrooms. The roofs were bright and shiny and the walls and floors newly cemented.

As yet there was no glass in the windows or doors as this was waiting for Phase II to commence. I am delighted to say that on top of the £4,000 already sent, we have now raised £1,400 towards the cost of Phase II. This leaves us needing to raise just £2,100.

£1,400 of £3,500 raised



Students in front of the newly repaired classrooms

It would be good to finish off this project before our container full of school equipment (desks, pens, paper, school and library books, bicycles, sports equipment, etc.) arrives some early summer.



David

The Christian Hope Shop - "giving it all away"

Have you ever wondered what happens to the money you donate via the online-shop or the magazine?

Well, we had the privilege of taking some of the money from the shop sales and gifts with us to Africa in March and handing it over to the schools, clinics and churches it was given for.

We gave \$354 for mosquito nets and medication to Kimwanyi Medical Centre, \$240 to Kijjabwemi Orphans Project for school materials, \$400 for English Bibles, \$300 to buy bicycles in Byumba Diocese and \$600 to buy goats through the Agrivet School.

We have now just transferred (via the bank this time)

£1,500 to assist the work at the Seeds of Hope project in the Byumba diocese overseen by Meg Guillebaud and we will be sending a further £1,700 to India next week.

One of the greatest pleasures working for Christian Hope International is being a channel for Christians' gifts to those in need overseas.

Please do keep on using the shop as small amounts quickly add up to something significant!



Dear Paul,

Praise the Lord.

This is to bring to you what transpired at Kimwanyi Health Centre on the 10th March.

First of all, we exchanged the \$354 and got shs 679,100= (Uganda Shillings). The management went to Uganda Joint Medical Stores and bought malaria drug at shs 460,443.28 and the remaining amount of shs 218,656.72 was used to buy mosquito nets. The drugs and mosquito nets were handed over officially to the Health Centre administration on the 10th March, by the Supervisor, Kijjabwemi Orphans' Centre who thanked the Management for being faithful to the cause as expressed by our UK Friends whose efforts to rid us of malaria need all support from both the benefical and the medical staff.

He handed over the mosquito nets to some of the benefical who could not conceal their joy.

Many had turned up hoping to receive nets but we couldn't as we had just for those invited.

We shall continue to pray for more provision as you continue to raise funds for this noble cause. Continue to be blessedEriab

The Archbishop Kolini of Rwanda with Rev. Emanuel and two of the English bibles bought in Uganda.



Christian Hope shop - as easy as 1-2-3

www.hopecharityshop.org

1. Write the number of each item you would like to buy below and mark the total in the box
2. Fill in your name and address and that of the recipient below
3. Indicate in the box at the bottom of the page the greeting you would like us to put in the card, *happy birthday, congratulations on your wedding, driving licence, Happy Christmas, Easter greetings, etc.*

When you have done that, return the order form & payment to us & we will send a card in your name.

- £5** School equipment, pens, pencils, etc. for children in Africa or India
- £5** Malaria medication for 1 sick child in Uganda, Central Africa.
- £10** Mosquito net for a family in Uganda, Central Africa.
- £10** Children's Bible (Rwanda)
- £10** Adults Bible (Rwanda)
- £10** Buy a box of seed for a Byumba family through the Seeds of Hope project.
- £15** Buy a primary School uniform for a child in Africa.
- £25** Contribute 50% towards the cost of a goat for a needy family (Africa)
- £30** A gift towards Phase II school refurbishment project at Kijjabwemi
- £35** A contribution towards a party for a group of orphaned children
- £45** Contribute 50% towards buying a bicycle for a pastor in Africa.
- £60** Help us supply clean water through our contacts in India

**Total
value of
Gifts**
£ _____

Your name and address

Your name: _____

Your address: _____

Post code _____

Recipient's name and address

To: _____

Their address: _____

Post code _____

Greetings message in the card

3 To: _____ from : _____
(John, Liz, mum/dad, granny, etc)

Special Occasion: _____ Date to be delivered: _____

Ray of Hope - update

“One simple idea with a million different ways to make it better”

This is one of the conclusions from our recent visit to see the children in Africa.

We knew before leaving the UK that our work in India, where we currently sponsor 18 children in three homes, is quite different to the way we work in Africa.

From day one in India, it was quickly recognised that many of the children needed somewhere to live BEFORE they could start schooling. This is why CHI built two homes in 2007/8 at Coimbatore and Chennai to care for these Children.

These orphanages have now been handed over to Christian Hope India who manage and run them whilst Christian Hope UK (that is to say - me and you) continues to support children in these homes through the Ray of Hope sponsorship.

little did we know.....

We thought the Ray of Hope programmes in each of the 11 main areas where we sponsor children were all run the same way.

- All the children at one school
- Funding used to pay school fees.
- Leftovers used to assist families.



Most of the 38 children sponsored through CHI at the CRIB Orphans centre in Bujumbura

Some of our children sponsored in India



However,what we discovered is that each country, diocese, parish and school applied the system differently depending on local needs and structures in their area.

- In Bujumbura all the children live in an orphanage which manages the program on our behalf for the children. Very simple!
- In Kibungo Diocese, all the children attend the same secondary school who ensure contacts are maintained between the pupils and their sponsors.
- In Byumba Diocese the 58 Children now attend 16 different schools but all meet up twice each year to have a party organised by Josephine, the bishop's wife, who oversees the programme. Gifts from sponsors are given out at these joint meetings.
- In Kijjabwemi the children had all been through the same primary school, but as some moved away to other secondary schools (following not-too-successful end-of-year exam results) this was causing problems for the parish who oversee the programme.

**Which system is best?
No idea.....yet!
We'll let you know as
soon as we do.**

None of the work of Christian Hope International is possible without YOU.

We now have produced a new (regularly updated) PowerPoint presentation available on CD with leaders' notes and a short introduction DVD (4 minutes). We will also shortly have a DVD covering all the centres we visited during our recent trip to Africa.

All of these materials are free of charge and all you have to do is contact us with a request for any or all of them and they will be sent out as soon as they are available. Some (smaller) clips are already "available on-line". Look out for the disk symbol and the "WWW".



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