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Dear Friends

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We've been working hard to complete schools projects in Uganda and Zambia only made possible by the generosity of our supporters.

We would also like to welcome all our new supporters from our successful Radio 4 appeal earlier this year. We were delighted to be selected by Radio 4 and know that spreading the message about what we do will help many more vulnerable children.

Thank you for all you do for these children who live in extremely difficult situations. We do hope you enjoy reading about just some of the changes you have made possible.

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# Update from Uganda

## New classrooms at Maro Awobi Primary School!

Two years ago, Maro Awobi Primary School in Northern Uganda was just a field. The school's structures were destroyed by rebels during the conflict in Northern Uganda. Although the conflict ended over five years ago, the community was still reluctant to move back to their village because of the lack of infrastructure there.

Parents and community members built mud hut classrooms as a temporary solution until African Revival began work on the construction of proper classroom blocks in December 2010.



**Above: The first day back at Maro Awobi**

The newly built classrooms were officially opened in June - pupils are now learning in a clean, bright and productive environment.

The school now has five classrooms in total but requires a further two, so that pupils can move out of the squeezed grass thatched huts completely.

**Left: New Classroom at Maro Awobi**

## A great day for Cubu Primary School

Over the last few years we have been working hard at Cubu Primary school in Uganda to provide proper classrooms and resources. Yet we know that education does not end with proper buildings.

We are now working with Cubu to ensure that the school can deliver a quality education – involving parents, teachers and the local community.

We have very recently hosted an education week at Cubu, the theme of the week was: coming together, keeping together, and working together for success. The main aim was to involve the parents in the schools.

The week ended with an award day for the pupils. According to the head teacher it was the very first time in the history of Gulu that this was held.

It was a wonderful day with parents coming to cheer for their child or children when he/she received an award.

***Thank you for your support - it is your kindness that has transformed these children's lives.***

***"There are many organisations working in the Gulu municipality but within education African Revival, you are still number one".***

Municipal education officer Mr. Omona Darlington.



**Above: Children at Cubu enjoying their new resources**



# Update from Zambia



**Above: The old toilets at Lubombo school**

## **New toilets at Lubombo Community School**

In Zambia we are working with a number of rural schools to provide new toilets, where the need for improved sanitation facilities is most urgent. One school to benefit from this work has been Lubombo Community School, a small rural primary school in Kalomo District.

Lubombo School caters for 130 pupils aged 5 to 13. Although facilities at the school have slowly improved over the past few years, the resultant increase in pupil numbers has placed renewed pressure on the school's infrastructure and teaching capacity, meaning the need for further development.

The impact of a lack of adequate sanitation on health and education is profound. It is a critical barrier to school attendance, particularly for girls, as well as being directly responsible for the spread of diseases such as diarrhoea and dysentery.



**Above: digging the foundations for the new toilets**

Lubombo's toilets were in a desperate state – simple holes in the ground covered by unstable thatched brick structure, and even then some were without a roof! With each rainy season, these structures have weakened and are now unsafe to use.

In April 2011, we began building four new double toilets, to provide safe, private and clean facilities for the children. As in all our work, the local community played a vital role in the project, digging the latrine pits, providing basic raw materials such as bricks and sand, and even supplying several labourers. With this sort of cooperation, the toilets were completed within two months.

*"We are most thankful for these new toilets. They will greatly improve the school environment and make a big difference to the lives of our staff and pupils."*

Lubombo's head teacher, Karisto Hamaimbo

**Below: Lubombo's new toilets**





# New Projects

We have many outstanding projects that we are working hard to fund.

## **Kasizi Basic School, Zambia.**

Kasizi has 480 pupils and is one of the few schools in the area to offer primary education right up to Grade 9 (the end of Primary education).

However, Kasizi only has three classrooms to teach all of their pupils.

In 2009 the community started to take action – they started work on a new triple classroom block, yet sadly their money ran out before it could be completed.



**Above: the very poor state of classrooms at Kasizi**

We are working hard to raise the funds to complete this triple classroom block. The community have worked hard to get this far – we need to help them finish their goal.

We are also planning to help Kasizi with teaching resources – they are very badly off for textbooks, writing materials, and have no sports equipment or musical instruments. With the help of our donors we are sure we can provide Kasizi with the classrooms and teaching resources they so urgently need.



**Above: Children at Kasizi**

## **Koch Lila School, Uganda**

Koch Lila is the newest school to join our schools projects in Uganda. Koch Lila was forced to close during the conflict for over five years. When the community returned to their school they found very limited infrastructure and nothing in the way of resources.

We've already made progress with the installation of a bore hole for water and some classroom furniture but there is so much more to be done.

We are now concentrating on building new classrooms, training for the teachers and even providing bicycles for teachers to enable them to get to and from school and reduce absenteeism.



**Above: Children at Koch Lila, Uganda**

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