



THE STORIES BEHIND THE SUCCESS

Investing in education



In Summer 2010, we at African Revival were delighted to report that our work has changed the lives of an incredible 250,000 people in the past 5 years.

Its an amazing number but our work is about more than numbers. Behind our achievement are 250,000 individuals, each with their own unique story and experience, each as committed to investing in education as we are.

Welcome to our Christmas 2010 newsletter. We are proud to be able to show you the human impact of our work — the stories behind the success. We reveal to you the past heartache of communities in war torn countries, the hope for future generations through education, the commitment and drive of parents , the impact of our teams who work so hard, and the reality that we can change lives today, tomorrow, and in the future.

Read on and find out more about the African Revival story and how you can help us by donating to our Christmas appeal and giving a gift that lasts more than a lifetime.

**OVER 250,000 LIVES CHANGED
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!**

THE SCHOOL

Remembering the past, looking to the future: Cubu Primary School



Daniel, born in Northern Uganda, always knew his ambition: "Teachers are such an important part of society. I loved children and dreamed of becoming a teacher".

He began secondary school during Idi Amin's regime. "In 1977 my friend was murdered by Amin's soldiers. I was frustrated and angry and ended up being expelled." Daniel regained his focus, completing his O Levels at Gulu High School.

Daniel's dreams of becoming a respected teacher came true but he still wanted to do more. Aged 46 he enrolled at University in Kampala, moving away from his family of 16 children in the hope of providing a better future for them and the many children in need of an education. His plans were shattered. "On September 3rd 2003, I was told that 13 of my children had been abducted by Lord's Resistance Army rebels. They took our children and every possession we owned. That night I was ready to end my own life."

It took five months for most of his children to return from captivity but he never saw his family complete again. "Two of my boys became child soldiers, one returned after 2 years and the other...I don't know where he is even today."

Daniel was posted to the severely under resourced **Cubu Primary School** in 2005, where he singlehandedly taught the school's 4 classes. The school and community were really struggling. When African Revival received funding to drill a borehole there, it was just the start of our work with Daniel and Cubu.

During the conflict a 12 year old pupil was abducted from Cubu Primary and murdered by rebels on the site. His body was found by the teachers. The school grieved, but Daniel refused to be defeated. Supported by loyal donor Steve Jones a library was constructed as a memorial to those lost in the war, and a symbol of hope for the future. A counselling room, canteen, text books and classroom furniture were provided and more teachers were posted to the school. Cubu is now a thriving hub of learning thanks to Daniel, who with our help has never given up on the dream that we share: an Africa where children have access to education, opportunity and choice.

Memorials to the past, dreams for the future: Cubu Primary School has refused to be beaten thanks to Head Teacher Daniel Lutwara



THE CHILD

Hobson Mungayera — enjoying education at last

Hobson lives with his parents in the very remote community of Kinnertone, Zambia. After suffering from cerebral malaria Hobson was left with severe learning difficulties and could only begin attending school last year, aged 10.

Kinnertone Community School only had a single mud hut, and simply could not cater for his needs. He had no choice but to remain at home whilst fellow children in his village went to school every day.

Thanks to African Revival's support the school now boasts a new furnished classroom block. Due to its continued improvement the school was recently able to attract a new teacher who has experience of working with children with learning difficulties. Hobson has been given the chance to enjoy the best education possible. Despite the challenges that he faces, we have ensured that Hobson looks forward to a bright future.



THE COMMUNITY

Mending broken lives through sport



Sport is so important for young people in Northern Uganda and has helped to reunite communities who were shattered during the 22 year conflict.

Situated 7 km from the Sudanese border, **Juba Road Primary** in Northern Uganda was in desperate need of assistance. Classes were held under trees and sanitation was woefully inadequate. Whilst African Revival provided classrooms, sanitation facilities and educational resources, the community worked incredibly hard to create a full sized sports pitch. Parents cleared and graded the land whilst pupils planted and tended the grass

In Autumn this year parents, pupils, and teachers marked the success of the sports project. The celebrations lasted all day and included football, netball and volleyball matches. With the support of committed villages like

Juba Road we can ensure that education extends beyond the classroom, and brings shattered communities back together.

THE DONOR

Trustee Glen James gives his all to African Revival

It started with a visit to Uganda in 2008. Already a Trustee of the charity, Glen recalls that the African Revival's work became real to him during "a simple visit to a simple school. Just that basic opportunity for education, to learn to read and write, can be the start of breaking the cycle of poverty".

Although accustomed to spending time in the developing world, Glen was shocked at the lack of even basic education in rural Africa. "If we can just get something started — build a classroom block or provide basic resources, then communities and the state will follow and build something concrete for the future."

In 2009 lawyer Glen left the comforts of the boardroom to complete a gruelling 500 km cycle challenge through the heart of the Zambian bush, raising money for our projects there. "I would recommend the challenge to anyone" he says. "It's a chance to see the unseen Africa and to experience first hand the work the charity supports". The bike challenge raised an incredible £150,000 after costs. Without the support of our committed fundraisers like Glen and every one of you, we simply would not be able to achieve our goals.



THE SUPPORTERS

Hampton Hill Traders commit to African Revival



Situated in Hampton Hill High Street, where our Founder Tony Allen kindly gives us office space and resources, African Revival enjoys huge support from our local Traders Association and our team of volunteers.

We are indebted to **Susan Green** of **Greenacres Day Nursery** for helping us raise over £1,000 this year through our fantastic "Santa Conga" which took place during the Hampton Hill Christmas Parade!

Meanwhile, back on the high street **Mr Salim Rushan**, owner of the friendly and popular **Lunchbox Cafe** (and originally from Kabul) continues to support African Revival by having one of our collection boxes on his counter. Over the past months Mr Rushan's and others' donations have raised significant sums for our work. This support is integral to us and we greatly appreciate the backing of our local community.

Here as well as in Africa, community support is at the heart of what we do. Without it we could not deliver education for the many thousands of children who rely on us. Thank you.

THE IMPACT

In just 5 years African Revival has touched the lives of an incredible 250,000 people in some of the poorest areas of East and Southern Africa.

For as long as we find inspirational teachers, committed communities and children eager to learn, we will continue to develop our work in current countries and branch out to new regions.

Christ Town Primary School in Sudan had over 1,000 pupils eager to learn, but only one mud hut structure and a severe lack of resources.

In September 2010 we appealed for help and supporters came forward to fund the construction of the school's first classroom block. As a result of this support, other donors have come forward to fund 2 further blocks.

Just 10 weeks after our original appeal a brand new school with 9 classrooms is being completed and 1,000 children will have somewhere decent to learn in time for Christmas. The school will offer children education for at least 30 years to come.

It is only with your support that we can achieve results for children like this now and into the future.

Find out about our Christmas appeal below. You can make your donation this Christmas go even further by investing in a gift that lasts more than a lifetime!



CHRISTMAS APPEAL



A gift that lasts more than a lifetime

At African Revival we believe that real change happens through investment in schools, teachers, children, and the communities who are inspired to work with us to change their own futures.

- **It costs just £30,000 to transform a classroom block in a school, which will last for 30 years**
- **That school will educate over 23,000 children in its lifetime**
- **The children educated there will be more likely to live longer, earn more, and educate their own children**

We need your support to invest in the future of Africa's children

This Christmas, make a donation that will truly last

If every supporter donates just £10, we can secure the future of over 23,000 children in the next 30 years

Donate now at www.justgiving.com/xmas-appeal

Or send a cheque using the leaflet enclosed with this newsletter

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of our Newsletter. If you are interested in finding out any more about our events or projects, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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