



# Still Smiling After 5 Years: Our 2010 Highlights

Investing in education



Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2011's Spring newsletter! Last year, our 2010 Winter newsletter highlighted some of the stories of the amazing people that we work with; from our inspirational teachers and hardworking pupils to our dedicated staff and fantastic donors, in celebration of over 5 years operating in Africa as a registered charity.

This quarter's spring newsletter is the final instalment of our series of newsletters documenting our 5th anniversary. 2010 was a great year for African Revival so we would love to take you through our successes of the last year!

We have a great deal of exciting news to bring you this Easter from our projects in Uganda, Zambia and Sudan,

as well as new fundraising initiatives in the UK.

African Revival will be featured in the BBC Radio 4 Appeal on the 15th & 19th May 2011. Best selling author Gervase Phinn has worked with us to produce a great piece that will promote the work that we do and raise more money for our amazing projects set for 2011. Make sure you check our African Revival Website and Facebook page for more details! Don't miss it!

We would like to give huge thanks to all of our amazing supporters who have helped us grow over the last 5 years. Having made a difference to over 250,000 lives, we are still smiling after 5 years! Please help us to continue to support the work we do to improve education in Africa and make 2011 a great year!

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[www.africanrevival.org](http://www.africanrevival.org)

## 2010 HIGHLIGHTS IN UGANDA

### Taking Development to the Next Level: Performance Enhancement



Over 20 years of conflict in Northern Uganda has had devastating effects on the region's education system. Many schools had to leave their sites when communities fled from the rebel army. When they returned, sometimes a decade later, many of the schools came back to just piles of bricks. African Revival has been building classrooms, latrines, libraries and counseling rooms for over 5 years. Buildings, however, do not necessarily lead to a higher **quality of education**.

Schools such as **Cubu Primary**, who we have been working with for over 3 years, now have a good

infrastructure, facilities and resources. 2010 saw the introduction of a new phase of their development; performance enhancement and motivational activities were implemented.

Activities ranged from refresher teacher training, School Management Committee training, the setting up of community and teachers' savings and loans groups to pupil visits to secondary schools, the provision of teachers' bicycles and girls' health workshops.

Cubu Primary has now reached a whole new level of performance. When African Revival first started working with the school, they did not have the resources to partake in Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE). Now, they are amongst the **highest performing school** in their division, with an astounding 100% pass rate amongst 2010 candidates! Cubu is an example of how a rural school within a poor community does not have to accept defeat or give into struggle. Teachers, pupils, parents and community members have persevered and used AR's support in the best way possible.

Our performance enhancement projects are also going on in Bwobomanam and Juba Road Primary Schools. They are all showing success which we believe is made through working with a school on a long term basis.



## SUDAN

### Lives changed in just 12 weeks!

On the 24th September 2010, guests at the African Revival annual ball started something really amazing. We told you about **Christ Town Primary School in Maridi**. They had only one mud hut classroom between 1,000 pupils, and no decent sanitation.

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your support Christ Town Primary School is now a fully functioning school, with 3 equipped classroom blocks and 3 blocks of modern latrines. Not only do the children now have a fantastic space to learn in, their health is also protected thanks to the sanitation we have been able to deliver.

Thanks to some very generous donors who pledged support at the African Revival Ball, all of this work was carried out in just 12 weeks!



# ZAMBIA

## Kinnertone Primary School is transformed and donors visit!



African Revival has been working with **Kinnertone Community School** in southern Zambia for the past 4 years. This school is situated 8 km from the District capital of Kalomo, and draws its pupils from a number of surrounding settlements, where families are mostly engaged in subsistence farming

When Kinnertone School was set-up in 1995, it was little more than a single open-sided classroom with a thatched roof and dirt floor. By 2008, the community had gathered enough money to start constructing a single-roomed brick classroom building, however funds ran out before it could be completed. In early 2009, African Revival funded the completion of that building and drilled a borehole close to the school, giving the children and teachers access to a permanent source of clean and safe water.

Last year saw yet more changes at Kinnertone, with AR able to provide more assistance - this time to extend the school building and make it into a double classroom block with an office. The work was completed in August 2010 and we furnished the new classrooms. Due to the number of pupils, classes must still operate on a

rotational basis – some in the morning, some in the afternoon – but the completion of these classrooms has made an enormous difference to the learning environment. Today, Kinnertone has around 130 pupils and 4 members of staff, catering for primary grades 1 to 6. Although the pupils' parents and local community struggle to support the school financially, they have proved their commitment to the school's development and have actively participated in any work that takes place there, usually by providing raw materials and/or unskilled labour.

In February of this year, Kinnertone School was visited by two of AR's long-standing donors, Ian and Robyn Clark, whose donations have helped to transform life at the school. They received a very warm welcome from the children and spent time talking to the teachers and parents about their hopes and aspirations for the future of Kinnertone School. Before leaving, the children performed a number of poems and readings and were delighted when the visitors handed over a bag of assorted sports equipment to the head teacher, Patricia Samende.

## UK 2010 EVENTS

### Our most successful Ball ever! Plus House of Lords event...

**Our UK fundraising team worked extremely hard to deliver some amazingly successful events last year.**

Over 80 loyal donors joined us at the House of Lords as part of African Revival's 5<sup>th</sup> Year Birthday celebrations which bore witness to the amazing support for the work the charity does.

The event was endorsed by Lord Brooke and many other high profile guests who were invited to celebrate our achievements and look ahead to our future success!



Our annual African Revival Ball was also another great success, raising over £120,000 for our projects in Uganda, Zambia and Sudan.

Guests were entertained at the Dorchester Hotel by X-Factor star Danyl Johnson!



# WHAT 2011 HAS IN STORE...



Our programmes in Uganda are ever expanding. With **new funding from the EU**, we are working in partnership with other charities in Northern Uganda to start up the 'Farmers

for the Future' project where we will create demonstration gardens to help teachers build a practical element into the agricultural curriculum.

AR Zambia is working hard to develop their programmes beyond construction and provision of resources to projects that will enhance the quality of education in the schools that they work with.

Our new projects in Sudan have proven to be a great success so watch out in 2011 for more developments!



A huge thank you and **CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2011 Virgin London Marathon runners **Anton Black, Antoine Pesenti and Josh Skeens**.

If you are interested in running the Marathon in 2012, the ballot opens on April 26th at [www.virginlondonmarathon.com](http://www.virginlondonmarathon.com).

Please contact us on **020 8939 3190** if you choose to run for African Revival — we will be here to support you every step of the way!

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Appeal

[bbc.co.uk/radio4/appeal](http://bbc.co.uk/radio4/appeal)

On-air at 07:55 and 21:26  
Sunday and 15:27 Thursday

We are delighted to be the focus of the BBC Radio 4 Appeal on May 15th and May 19th. The appeal will be made on our behalf by the popular author Gervase Phinn. We would like to encourage all our supporters to listen to the appeal, tell friends and family and help us spread the word about our work!

## ZAMBIA BIKE RIDE 2011

Meet the people behind the challenge



# Manfrotto

Ed Spencer, an employee of Manfrotto in the UK is taking part in African Revival's challenging bike ride through Zambia.

Ed and 25 other cyclists will ride from Lusaka to Livingstone in May, raising much needed money for a number of different African Revival projects and visiting some of the schools that we work with.

Manfrotto is kindly sponsoring African Revival — look out for the riders personalised shirts, and a video of the event which will be available shortly after the riders complete their challenge!

Good luck to all of the cyclists!



## NEWLY LAUNCHED AFRICAN REVIVAL WEBSITE, BLOG & SOCIAL NETWORKS!

March 2011 saw the launch of our Brand New Website! Keep updated with what's going on 'in the field' by visiting our AR Blog.

It's so easy for you to connect with us...

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Check out our videos on Youtube: [youtube.com/africanrevival1](http://youtube.com/africanrevival1)

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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