



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Spring 2010 newsletter!

Here at African Revival, we believe that every child, no matter how poor, has the right to an education.

According to the Global Campaign for Education...

80% of the world's poorest countries are in Africa.

No country has ever achieved continuous economic growth without first achieving 40% literacy.

A single year of primary school increases the wages people earn later in life by 5-15%.

A child born to a literate mother is 50% more likely to survive past the age of 5.

7 million cases of HIV/AIDS could be prevented in the next decade if every child received an education.

Every day, our team works tirelessly to build schools, provide resources, train teachers, and engage parents and communities in support of their children's education. We thank each and every one of you for your incredible support of our vital work.

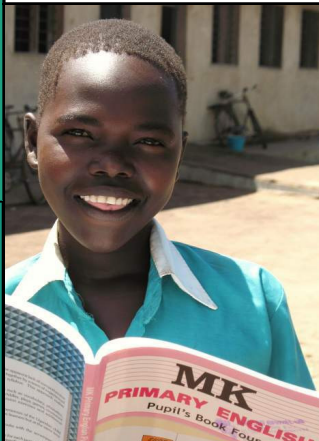
Happy Easter!

Best wishes,

African Revival Team

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Our vision is of an Africa where children have access to education, opportunity, and choice.

FACTFILE : 72 million children, of whom 39 million are girls, do not go to primary school.
35 million of these children are in Africa



News from the field

Northern Uganda



Brian (pictured centre)

Exam Results... Brian's Story

Each year, primary 7 pupils anxiously sit their Primary Leaving Examinations across Uganda, in the hope of moving on to secondary education.

One amazing pupil, **Brian** who attends **Cubu Primary School**, has defied all the odds and achieved a phenomenal 1st grade with flying colours. Brian is an orphan and so has had to work to pay his own school fees throughout primary school life. He cares for his 3 younger siblings and pays for their schooling as well as his own.

Just last year, African Revival built a library and provided full text books for Cubu Primary. It is the provision of resources like these which enables determined young people like Brian to achieve their qualifications against all the odds. Brian tells us *"the library and all the books helped me so much. I was borrowing books each day to revise at home in the evenings. I am happy about my first grade!"*

Brian recently attended a ceremony at Gulu Police Primary School for those pupils who have performed especially well in their PLE results. He now has sponsorship to enter secondary school and he is very excited!

We at African Revival are so proud of Brian, and wish him the greatest success for the future.



Betty, aged 8

Displaced schools come home

1.8 million Ugandans were displaced into camps during the civil war and so were their schools. As peace came and people returned home, children had to remain behind in the camps, separated by many miles from their parents in order to continue attending school.

They are children like Betty, aged 8, whose school **Maro Awobi Primary** was displaced for 7 years. Betty's home was destroyed by rebels when she was just 4 years old and her family fled their village. For 4 years, Betty has lived away from her parents in order to attend Maro Awobi at its displaced site. She told us: *"I miss my parents so much. Each weekend, I walk over 28km to Maro Awobi village to see my mum and my dad. I cannot wait to go back to my village and be with my whole family."*

For Betty and 300 of her peers, it was an amazing day when Maro Awobi finally returned home this February. Parents have worked to construct grass thatched temporary classrooms until the school can build permanent structures. On the day of the move we found Betty waiting at the original site with her family and other members of the community. The smile on her face spoke a thousand words.

Since 2006, African Revival has moved 7 schools back to their original sites and we have seen communities reunite and develop. Maro Awobi Primary was our only remaining displaced school. Now we are ready to work with the school and community to support teachers and pupils with everything they need to develop into a thriving school.



Celebrating at Maro Awobi

Northern Uganda Continued...

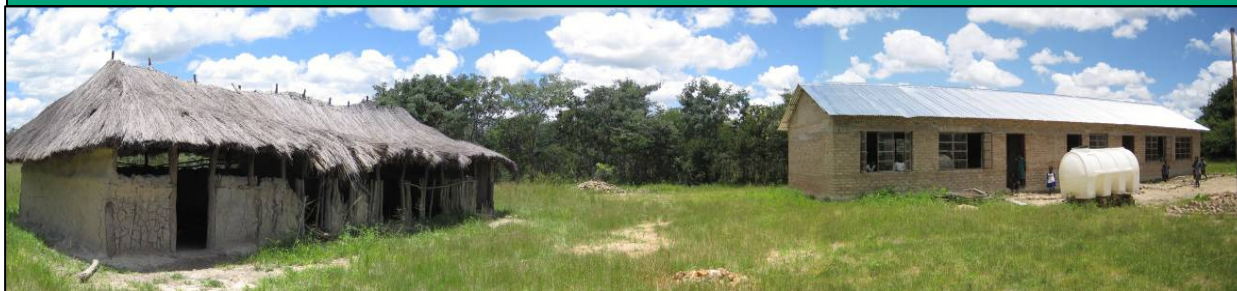
Training Teachers - enhancing performance

African Revival has worked with **Gulu Core Primary Teachers' College** since last year and a lot has happened in the last few months. The **Cobham Uganda Partnership** has raised approximately £12,000, a fantastic total allowing the college to properly furnish their classrooms, as well as provide text books and teaching resources. Working with teachers and students, we have also set up an ox and plough project. This will enable the college to make best use of their land and generate valuable income. African Revival has now installed a solar power system at the college which will not only save them huge amounts of money on electricity bills but will also provide the school with a regular clean water supply.



These activities are vital in providing a comfortable environment where student teachers can pursue their studies. African Revival Education Officer Richard Ayella, tells us: *"when we first started working with Gulu College, it was on its last legs. Now, thanks to your support, it is becoming a thriving centre of training again. Students want to attend Gulu as their first choice to become the future teachers of Uganda."*

Zambia



Bowwood Community School—from strength to strength

Bowwood classrooms, old and new

Bowwood Community School teaches pupils from grades 1-5. Run by the local community, it originally started with one teacher in a small building, with 30 pupils and no resources at all! The school gets no funding from the government, and teachers are paid by the community, showing their commitment to the school despite their own lack of income. African Revival has worked with the school and local community to make many improvements, including improving building and infrastructure, drilling a borehole, and holding a training workshop in leadership to build staff capacity.

On a recent visit to the school we met **Ottak**, a community teacher who had just relocated to the school and whose salary is paid by African Revival. He was very pleased with the progress of the classrooms at Bowwood, and keen to discuss the way forward for our partnership. Since then we have delivered 24 new double desks. The community chairperson transported these to the school in his own truck (10km down a difficult dirt road), showing the level of community commitment to the school.

Desks and a decent classroom block are essential for the provision of quality education, but often more is needed to help schools sustain a productive atmosphere. African Revival has committed to fund a **school feeding programme** which has improved the conditions for students by offering them a good meal each day. This has been shown to increase attendance in schools, as well as making students more productive and able to concentrate.

Bowwood has an active local community which has provided teachers, builders and funding to help the school develop. African Revival is working with the community at Bowwood to help the school become as sustainable as possible. Bowwood Community School has evolved from a small mud-hut building into a well resourced community school, and African Revival is committed to making sure this progress continues into the future.

Case study: Beth Siabasimbi

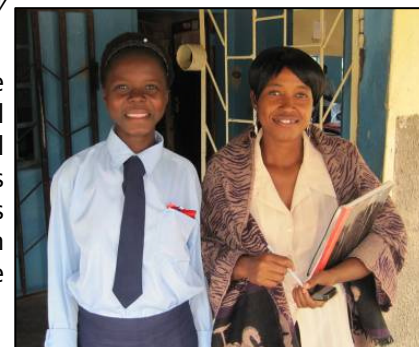
15 year old Beth attends Mutala Basic School. Beth's mother died of an AIDS related illness when she was young, and now she is cared for by her Aunt who is also her Grade 8 Teacher. Despite experiencing personal tragedy at a young age, Beth did very well in her recent exams, and is determined to graduate and become a nurse.

Beth is lucky to be in a stable environment with her extended family, and tells us: *'I have lots of friends here, we study together and my auntie helps me with my education'*. Thanks to extra classroom space provided by African Revival, Beth will have the privilege of progressing to Grade 9 at Mutala Basic School, and can then continue her studies at a secondary school in town.

For Beth, the benefits of two extra years at Mutala Basic School are clear. The next basic school is around 8km away and significantly more expensive. Apart from the long walk through the bush, the school fees would have greatly hindered Beth's chances of continuing her education. Now when Beth leaves Mutala school she will be seventeen and in a much better position to support herself.

Miss Siabasimbi, Beth's aunt and teacher, says that Beth and her fellow pupils will benefit hugely from the new classroom. *'The building will help us a lot, we no longer have to teach different classes simultaneously, and the children are very happy with their new building'*.

By working closely with the staff, students, and local community, African Revival seeks to improve the chances of children like Beth. She is keen to pursue her education to the full, and we aim to give her that chance.



Fundraising News and Events - Get Involved!

Art and Literary Festival

4th-5th June 2010

King's College School, Wimbledon SW19

Come and view an impressive & diverse collection of art from established artists and the African Revival Art Prize 2010 finalists at our two Day Open Art Exhibition
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Literary Lunch hosted by Jane Robinson
On Friday 4th 12.30-2.30 Tickets £15

Cheese and Wine Evening - The Teddington & Richmond Cheese & Targai Award Winning Wine Estate
On Friday 4th 7.30-9.30 Tickets £20

For details contact: elaine.miller@africanrevival.org

Virgin London Marathon 2010 / 2011



The Virgin London Marathon is only a few weeks away on the 25th April and we want to wish our runners Anton, Nikki, Roy, Nic, Leonard, Antoine and Aaron lots of luck! We will be at the event to offer support and all are welcome to come and join us

If you, or someone you know, wants to run the 2011 marathon, please contact us. Make sure you enter the ballot early to avoid disappointment. We will be with you every step of the way!

For information on any of these events, or if you are interested in organising an event yourself on behalf of African Revival, please contact 0208 939 3190 or email us at events@africanrevival.org

Masquerade Ball, The Savoy, 24th September 2010



African Revival is hosting its annual charity ball at the prestigious and newly refurbished **Savoy Hotel** in London.

We urgently need donations for raffle and auction prizes. If you have unwanted gifts, or have contacts somewhere who would like to donate items we would be grateful.

For more information and tickets please contact: jody.halstead@africanrevival.org



Well done Anton Black!

Anton organised a hugely successful pub quiz raising over £6500 for African Revival. A phenomenal effort and a brilliant event!

Zambia Bike Challenge May 2011

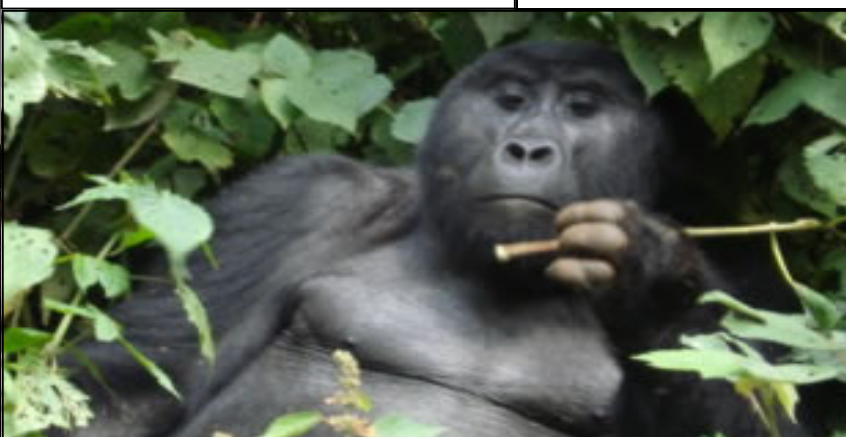
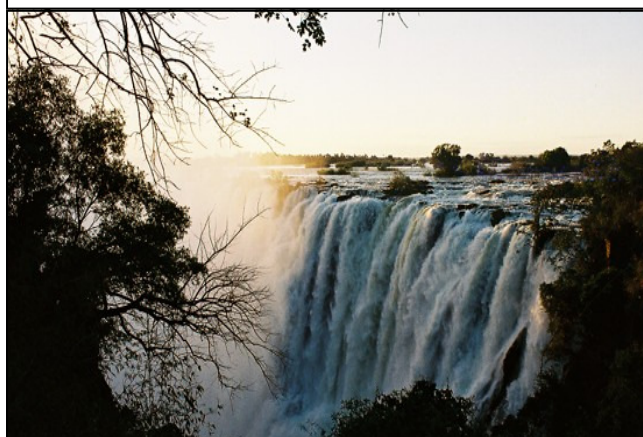
Join us for an amazing trip of a lifetime!
10 days / 500 kms / Lusaka to Livingstone
Contact us to view a DVD of the challenge

Uganda Bike Challenge 2011

Join us for a bike challenge - experience Africa's pearl, Uganda inc. trek to see some of the last few remaining gorillas

The London 100km Nightrider

is now closed to new entries. Contact us if you would like to register for June



To find out more about our challenges contact jody.halstead@africanrevival.org (for Zambia) or elaine.miller@africanrevival.org (for Uganda) - 020 8939 3190

African Revival News

Volunteer Open Evening February 2010

On 24th February African Revival hosted our first Volunteers Open Evening at our office in Hampton Hill, where we met lots of people in the local community who expressed an interest in volunteering with us.

The evening was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come and find out more about our work.

We look forward to expanding our Volunteer base—the extra help will be invaluable for our small, dedicated team.



A new arrival

Congratulations to Ouma Sam, our Construction Projects Supervisor, and his wife Jennifer on becoming parents! Their baby boy, Rubangakene Fabien, was born on January 10th 2010 (*pictured right*).

Congratulations...

We are so proud of Opiyo Joseph, our Ugandan Officer, who recently graduated with a Degree in Business Administration from Gulu University. Juggling a job and university studies is not easy, so well done Joseph!



Uganda comes to schools in the UK

Children and teachers were thrilled to enjoy a visit from Richard Ayella, African Revival Uganda's Education Officer, in March. Richard's visit provided feedback to UK linked schools on the funds they have raised and how they have helped in Uganda. Through delivering lessons and assemblies, Richard was able to give children a taste of what life is like for their peers in Uganda.

Richard told us "the visit was very successful, and I will take back some great ideas for our Ugandan schools and communities. In particular I noticed the importance of parents in supporting the activities of schools here in the UK—and I was really struck by the colourful resources that decorate the walls of English schools. The visit made the schools linking programme come alive for schools in the UK—and the children I met were inspired to want to help their friends in Uganda after learning more about life there.

So many people were involved in making Richard's visit a success—sadly too many to list here. But to each and every one of you we want to say thank you for offering such a warm welcome to our Ugandan guest!

Left, Richard Ayella demonstrates a traditional African dance with the help of a pupil from St Andrew's Primary School, Cobham

Schools Linking Teacher Exchange

Last year's teacher exchange enabled teachers from the African Revival schools linking programme to travel between the UK and Africa to share knowledge and ideas. This year, Ugandan schools **Holy Rosary** and **Agole P7** will take part with their partner schools **King's Road Primary School** in Essex and **Ashley Primary School** in Surrey.

Ugandan teachers Nelson and George have just arrived back from the UK. Both teachers enjoyed the trip thoroughly and had much to share with their fellow teachers and pupils on their return. We are now awaiting the arrival of the UK teachers in Uganda and wish them a great experience.

Our thanks go to the British Council for funding this valuable programme.

A Big Thank You To...

- ◆ **Our 34 Nightriders** who have taken up the challenge to cycle 100km through the streets of London by night on Saturday 19th June. To sponsor our Nightriders please visit www.justgiving.com/AfricanRevivalNightrider2010. Good luck!
- ◆ **Our volunteers** who continue to give our office staff fantastic support every week—Cheryl, Andrew M, David, Molly, Ben, Sophie, Wesley, Andrew R, Fiona. We really appreciate all of your help!
- ◆ **Lucy Crisp**, our new Office Intern, for editing this quarter's edition of the Newsletter.
- ◆ **Lucy Rowe**, who has been organising our **International Development Discussion Group** held on Friday lunchtimes, and everyone who has attended so far. We have discussed some very interesting topics, and look forward to continuing to do so in the future. Anyone who wishes to join us is very welcome, please call **0208 939 3190**.
- ◆ All of **our schools in the UK** who have joined up with our new Virtual Link Programme. We hope you enjoy finding out more about the school you are linked with in Uganda or Zambia. A really big thank you to those schools who have raised extra funds for their school through Christmas collections or cake sales, you are all superstars!
- ◆ **Harry, Jamie and Hugo** and the twins **Hugo and Charlie** who took part in the Hampton Hill Christmas Parade, cycling down the High Street to raise money for African Revival. Thank you boys!

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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