



Spring Newsletter 2012

Investing in education



Children at Longamere Primary School in South Sudan taught under the trees, in January 2012 we completed their new classroom block. See page 3 for details.

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. This is our chance to update you on the school projects you are making possible in Uganda, Zambia and South Sudan. We've had a busy few months, with many projects completed, allowing us to start work with even more schools in desperate need of help.

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Thank you so much for all of your support.

Update from Uganda



Pictures: Inside the Teacher Training College in Gulu

Support for Gulu Core Primary Teacher College

In Uganda we not only support individual primary schools, but also the local primary teacher training college. This teacher training college is key to the quality of the education that can be delivered in Gulu district. The college not only trains new teachers, but is also responsible for the continued professional development of existing teachers.

Over recent months we have been working with the college on issues such as how to discipline children without using corporal punishment. It is still common in Uganda for children to be punished in this way but by working with a group of local Head and Deputy Head teachers at the College we are trying to show alternative ways of teachers controlling their large classes. This project is continuing and we will be rolling it out to more teachers in the coming months.

Another issue we have helped the college to address is a lack of basic text books for the teachers to learn with. We are in the process of purchasing new books for the college which will be delivered in March. We need to especially thank all of our supporters at the Cobham Uganda Partnership for their help with this work.

New books and teaching resources for Juba Road Primary school in Uganda

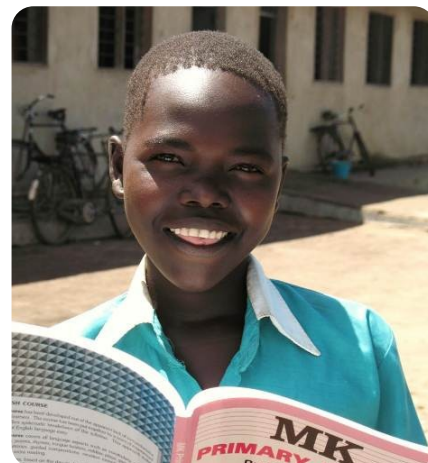


Over the past few months we have continued to work with Juba Road Primary school in Uganda. We are concentrating on helping this school to improve the achievements of their pupils.

We have been delighted to be able to provide not only the core text books that the children need to learn, but also teaching materials for their staff, to ensure lessons can be taught that actually capture the children's imagination.



We have also been able to provide basic examination equipment (pictured below left). This equipment is simple to use and durable, ideal for a rural school. By being able to formally test their pupils' learning this school can continue to improve the quality of education it can offer.



Pictures: The children and teachers at Juba Road

Update from Zambia

Zambia Bike Ride funds five new classrooms at Kasizi Basic School

African Revival is no stranger to Kasizi Basic School. Back in 2010/11, we built two staff houses in the school grounds and these have since helped to attract new and better teachers to the school as well as increased the retention of existing staff who now have adequate and comfortable on-site accommodation.

Following the enormous success of the 2011 Zambia Bike Ride Challenge, we have been delighted to be able to fund more work at Kasizi – namely the completion of a triple classroom block and the renovation of another double block. The double block in particular was in a shocking state of disrepair and had to be almost completely demolished and rebuilt. The completion of these five classrooms and two offices means that there are now eight classrooms at the school, which is *almost* enough for the schools nine year groups. The head teacher, Mr. Leonard Hamuziye, has recently moved into his new office, which has been fitted with a strong room to enable the school to become an examination centre as it can now safely store the exam papers.



Kasizi Double classroom before renovation



Classroom completed and ready for use!

Update from South Sudan

New classrooms for Longamere Primary School in South Sudan (picture on front page)



The unsuitable thatched classroom



New classroom block ready to use

In January this year we were delighted to finish building a new classroom block at this rural school in South Sudan. Longamere teaches over 340 children but with only three proper classrooms, resulting in children being taught outside or in thatched huts, with no walls or desks. In rainy weather children simply could not be taught and were sent home. Thanks to our supporters this new triple classroom block was completed in January 2012.

Moving Forwards

Our team of staff based in Africa are constantly sourcing new projects for schools who are in need of help. In the last few weeks we have agreed to fund even more new work:

New Teacher House needed for Muumba Community School, Zambia



Current staff housing at Muumba

Muumba Community School lies 36km from the town of Kalomo in Zambia's Southern Province. It is a poor, rural primary school, staffed by just three young, un-trained community teachers, yet the school was attended by 150 pupils in 2011.

The school was set up by the surrounding community in response to the need to provide an education to the numerous children living in the area. It receives no funding from central government, relying only on what small financial contributions the pupils' parents are able

It is important for Zambian schools to provide on site accommodation for their teachers. Providing staff housing is the first step that can be taken towards having Government trained and paid teachers posted to this rural school. Without accommodation, a school is looked at most unfavourably to by the District Education Board and prospective new teachers alike. This can mean low staff retention rates and poor motivation amongst teachers who are at the school.

Currently the only building at Muumba used as staff accommodation is the brick and thatched structure shown above. We are aiming to build a twin staff house, to ensure accommodation for two teachers and their families.

Update from the Big Give

We are delighted to report that from taking part in the Big Give and generous donations from our supporters we are now going to be able to start work on a much needed new classroom at Koch Lila Primary School in Uganda. We have also been able to attract funding for the vital books and desks that this schools needs.

We still have a lot more work to do at Koch Lila, the school urgently needs new toilets, classroom repairs and more teaching materials. However, we are really glad that we are now able to start work on the first phase of these projects.



Pupils taught outside at Koch Lila, Uganda

Discover Uganda! Next year's Bike Challenge is taking place in Uganda in June 2012. The challenge begins in Kampala and ends at one or possibly two of our African Revival projects in Gulu. This is such a truly unforgettable adventure. For an information pack please contact Mandy: mandy@africanrevival.org, tel: 020 8939 3983

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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