

### Newsletter

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## CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF AFRICAN REVIVAL



African Revival has worked tirelessly for 5 years to give African communities practical support to improve their own futures.

As we celebrate our 5th anniversary, we are proud to announce our achievements and the positive change that we have made in the lives of over 250,000 people on the world's poorest continent.

Today, our vision is of an Africa where children can access education, opportunity and choice. Education can improve future earning power, reduce child mortality rates, improve health, and lower HIV infection. We believe education is the key to a brighter future for Africa.

We are deeply proud of what we have achieved and the lives that we have touched thanks to your support. But the need remains great, and this year we aim to raise over £1M to continue and expand our vital work building schools, training teachers, and overcoming barriers to education.

We hope you enjoy reading our 5th anniversary newsletter. We trust that you will continue to be a proud supporter of African Revival and help us to build on our fantastic success so far.

From all of us here to every one of you, **thank you** for all that you do.

## One small charity One big vision 5 years of tireless work

51 classrooms built and equipped 400 teachers trained each year

124 teachers supported through housing, salaries and transport

130 students provided with vocational training

12 nursery schools constructed

4 school kitchens built, feeding 2,800 children per year

137 wells sunk, providing clean water for communities

26 boreholes drilled, providing clean water for schools

92 latrines constructed to promote health and hygiene

169 schools linked between the UK and Africa

35 teacher exchanges facilitated between Africa and the UK

3 hospitals built, equipped, and staffed

3 health clinics up and running

6 library and computer rooms provided for schools

3,130 lives improved through income generation

1,540 orphans supported and cared for

4,100 children trained in HIV awareness

Solar power and electricity provided for 1,700 people

Washrooms and dormitories built for 2,435 students

OVER 250,000 LIVES CHANGED

**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!** 

#### **News From The Field**

#### Zambia

#### Choonga — a community committed to change

African Revival works in partnership with determined communities who, despite their lack of resources, will do anything necessary to improve their children's educational opportunities.

**Choonga Basic School** has a desperate lack of classroom space to accommodate 600 pupils, resulting in very overcrowded conditions. In 2008 the local community did their best to raise the money to construct a new classroom block by selling locally harvested maize. Unfortunately they ran out of funds before it could be completed.





Children at Choonga Basic School

**African Revival** has joined the community in their efforts and is constructing 3 new classrooms using funding raised from the **2009 Zambia Bike Ride**. The community have sourced builders, collected river sand and water, and provided tools and labour to assist with the build.

Thanks to the hard work of community builders (with our support), the classroom block is almost complete. Teachers and pupils alike are very excited about being able to use all their classrooms in the near future.

Could you take part in the 2011 Zambia Bike Ride in support of projects like Choonga Basic?

For more information about how you can take part please contact jody.halstead@africanrevival.org

## Introducing... Caristo Humaimbo, Headteacher of Lumumbo Community School

African Revival has been working with **Lubombo Community School** to construct 3 new classrooms, funded by **Crusader and Prolegal Insurance**. The building work is now complete and the school is able to teach in its new classrooms. The local community were heavily involved with the building work and students are improving the school surroundings by planting trees and tending the school garden.



Caristo in a new classroom at Lubombo

African Revival has been talking to the Head Teacher of the school, **Caristo Humaimbo**, about the impact of our work. He tells us: "With

the completion of the 3 new classrooms I have seen a tremendous change, especially in enrolment rates which have really gone up. At present there are 109 pupils but we only have 4 teachers. I'm teaching grades 5 and 6,



Children outside their new classroom

currently the 2 classes are combined due to lack of teaching staff. Building more staff houses would attract teachers to come to Lubombo. Thank you to all those who are supporting us. With your help we will continue to develop this school."

African Revival needs to raise £18,300 this year to build on Lubombo's success by building 2 teacher's houses and improving sanitation facilities. This will reduce classroom sizes and improve health, resulting in a better school life for both teachers and pupils.

To find out how you can get involved in fundraising, please contact Amy Hatton at amy.hatton@africanrevival.org

## Northern Uganda

### Enhancing Performance at Cubu Primary School

**Cubu Primary School** in Gulu recently launched a Performance Enhancing Project supported by African Revival. The new initiative aims to improve the quality of school life for both teachers and pupils.

Earlier this year we provided Cubu with a library full of books, built and equipped guidance and counselling rooms, and established a school

canteen. We also installed a duplicator, so that pupils can do lots of practice exams!

Teacher attendance and motivation is a huge challenge in Uganda. Many teachers are very young and have little training, and struggle to travel long distances to school by foot. African Revival has provided Cubu Primary School with 5 bicycles. These will be given to the 5 best performing staff each term to enable them to travel to school every day without difficulty.



Enjoying new resources

This is just the start of a project that will later include a community awareness workshop and refresher teacher training, as well as establishing savings and loans schemes to help parents meet the costs of educating their children. We would like to thank **Steve Jones and the Cleansheet Foundation** for their continued support of this project – without their help our work at Cubu just would not be possible!



#### Koch Lila - A School In Need

**Koch Lila Primary School's** original site is deep in the Ugandan bush. During the conflict heavy rebel activity caused the school to shut down for 5 years until it was displaced.

The school moved back to its original site in 2008 but enrolment is still low due to the lack of facilities. There are only 4 small classrooms for 7 year groups. Many pupils are currently learning under mango trees, making teaching very difficult during rainy season.

Pupils at Koch Lila Primary School

African Revival needs to raise £35,000 to transform the school by building and equipping additional classrooms, providing text books, bicycles for teachers, and establishing savings and loans scheme for parents. We hope that the coming year will see Koch Lila go from strength to strength with our help.

For more information about our work in Uganda visit our website at www.africanrevival.org. Or take a look at our events page in this newsletter for great ideas as to how you can help!

#### Other news

#### **Thank You to CUP**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the **Open Case Players** from the Royal College of Music held a concert at St Andrew's Church, Cobham to raise money for the **Cobham Uganda Partnership** (CUP). CUP is supporting the Gulu Primary Teaching College, which trains young Ugandans as teachers for the future. CUP has already raised £12,000 for furniture and is now raising money for new classrooms.

As a result of the concert, £600 was raised towards the rebuilding work at the college. A great effort for a very worthy cause!

Our sincere thanks go to the Open Case Players and everyone involved in the concert.

For further information about CUP and details of future events, contact John and Jeanette Holt on 01932 701712 or at jholt@danielholt1992.com

#### **African Revival in the community**

African Revival recently spread the word about our work at the **Hampton Hill Summer Festival**.

The Mayor of Richmond Borough, Cllr David Marlow, and our local MP, Dr Vince Cable, kicked off our Beat the Goalie competition at the start of a fun packed day where we also offered face painting, a cake sale and a sale of African art to raise funds for our work.

We are so grateful to our volunteers on the day for their hard work, and to the Hampton Hill Traders Association for organising such a fabulous community event!



Vince Cable MP kicks off African Revival's Beat the Goalie competition

#### Fundraising News and Events - Get Involved!

Nik Darington running the Marathon

#### **Pushing the boundaries for African Revival**

In April 2010, 6 brilliant runners showed amazing resilience and commitment to African Revival by completing the **London Marathon**, raising an incredible £20,000 between them. Runner Nik Darlington tells us: 'Those first 16 miles were the most amazing of my life, but the final 10 were the hardest. However I would recommend it to anyone. Nothing can prepare you for the scale of the event or the size of the crowds lining the route.'

Meanwhile, intrepid cyclists braved the streets of London to complete the incredibly challenging **Nightrider**, the capital's first ever moonlit cycle challenge covering 100km of the city. Our own Elaine Miller led our team of 30 riders who have raised over £5,000 so far with sponsorship still coming in.

Keen supporters Chris Boot and Will Manfield completed the **London to Paris cycle Challenge**, raising almost £3,000 between them. Thank you all!

Do you have a ballot place reserved in the 2011 London Marathon or another sporting challenge? Why not choose to support African Revival? For help and support contact jody.halstead@africanrevival.org

#### **Art and Literary Festival**

In June 2010 African Revival supporters turned out in force for our first Art & Literary Festival, held in the beautiful venue of **Kings** College School, Wimbledon.

The celebrations kicked off with

a literary lunch, hosted by respected author Jane Robinson, who gave a fascinating talk on her popular book, Blue Stockings.



A silent auction of artwork donated by local school children proved enormously popular, and in total the evening raised almost £4,000.

Our sincere thanks go to all of our hosts and sponsors, and especially to our team of volunteers who worked so hard and did a fantastic job!



Our team and sponsors at the Festival

#### **Zambia Bike Challenge** May 2011

Join us for an amazing trip of a lifetime!

A 10 day cycle challenge over 500 km from Lusaka to Livingstone. Raise funds for our vital work, and witness first hand the impact of our activities in some of the most remote areas of Zambia.

To enquire, or to view a DVD about the challenge contact us at

jody.halstead@africanrevival.org





#### adidas Women's 5K Challenge 5th September 2010

This year we are looking for more wonderful ladies to run the adidas women's 5K **challenge** in Hyde Park—a fun event for ladies only.

Contact Jody Halstead at iody.halstead@africanrevival.org for an entry form and combine getting fit with supporting African Revival's work in Uganda and Zambia!

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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# AND SUPPORT AFRICAN REVIVAL WIN A BRAND NEW MINI FIRST

This is a fantastic chance to win Mini's latest model. A brand new Mini First is up for grabs in the Big Small Charity Car Draw, and you can buy tickets and support African Revival at the same time!

Tickets are just £2, of which £1.90 goes directly to African Revival in support of our vital work offering children in Africa access to education, opportunity, and choice.

It couldn't be simpler to enter. Just visit www.thefsi.org/charityprofile/african-revival to buy tickets online. Or if you would like to buy tickets offline just call us on 0208 939 3190, or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:lucy.crisp@africanrevival.org">lucy.crisp@africanrevival.org</a>



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Draw closes 6th September 2010. Winning tickets drawn 14th October 2010







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