

RUKUNGIRI ORPHAN PARTNERSHIP



SPRING 2021,



While Rukungiri Modern School was closed because of the Covid 19 pandemic we asked the staff to provide food parcels for the pupil's families who were most in need.

Modern School was closed in March of last year because of the pandemic. P7 pupils were allowed back to school later in the year so that they could complete the syllabus and take their P7 Leaving Exams even though they were delayed by 4 months. The PLE exams were taken on the last 2 days of March and the results should be out in June.

P6 children started back at the beginning of March and years 4 and five have just returned to school. The other

classes will follow soon. Please keep the children and staff in your prayers as it will be a difficult task to get back into routine after such a long break.

Alice and John have both been ill over the last few months with diabetes and spent some time with Claire in Kampala getting medical help. Thankfully they have both improved and are now in good health.

We are delighted to tell you that we now have two more trustees to add to the team. Sue and Steve Read have been regular annual visitors to Rukungiri for 10 years or more and know the staff and children well. Dilys Gower has stepped down and Roger Farnworth has taken over her role as secretary. There are now seven trustees for ROP.

What a memorable year it has been for all of us! We have been amazed that so many of you have managed to continue supporting ROP through this very difficult time. A big thank you to all of you and also to those whose circumstances meant they had to stop their sponsorship.

In our last newsletter we talked about the pavers that were being made to improve the school courtyard. The photo below shows the pavers in place as well as two pupils wearing masks to comply with the Coronavirus regulations.





Claire and Rogers had a baby girl called Zuri at the beginning of February, a sister for Dante and Yannis. Alice and John were delighted to have another granddaughter.

Claire had the difficult job of looking after her parents while they were unwell, taking them to hospital appointments and caring for her young family as well as her work for ROP. She's a star!

Thankfully the coronavirus pandemic hasn't been too severe in Uganda. There have been just over 40,000 cases reported and only 334 deaths. There have been very few new cases reported recently.

Restrictions are being gradually lifted and hopefully things will soon return to normal.

Let us tell you a bit more about Rukungiri, the town and district around Modern School.

Rukungiri district is located south of the Equator in the southwestern region of Uganda. The district is approximately 250 miles by road from Kampala, Uganda's capital city, and covers 950 square miles.

It is a beautiful area, and the high rainfall, up to 47.5 inches received during the two rainy seasons, ensures that the town of Rukungiri is surrounded by rolling green hills. Rukungiri's pleasant climate normally ranges between 15°C to 20°C.



matoke (a green cooking banana see photo above), sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, rice, beans, cabbage, peas, and greens.

Most families eat what they grow or barter with neighbours. Meat is eaten when it can be afforded or on special occasions. Usually goat, beef or chicken.

Below is a small duka or shop in Rukungiri town similar to a market stall under cover!

Financial Report January to December 2020

Incoming:-

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| Sponsorship | £77,139 |
| Donations | £16,695 |
| Gift Aid | £16,139 |
| Total | £109,973 |

Outgoing:-

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| Sent to Rukungiri | £91,110 |
| Bank charges | £162 |
| Charity admin | £50 |
| Accountancy | £100 |
| Total | £91,422 |



This is the view from the gate of the nursery.

Most people in this area are subsistence farmers.

Common foods grown include:

