NEWSLETTER

RUKUNGIRI ORPHAN PARTNERSHIP

DECEMBER 2022

We, the Trustees, Alice & John, the staff and all the children at RMPS would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy 2023. and thank you for all your support. May God bless you and your families and grant you His peace throughout Christmas and the coming New Year





ALICE'S VISIT TO THE UK

Alice visited the UK this year in May, June and July, visiting supporting churches up and down the country to thank them for all their support. She managed to cover most of the country, from Bristol to Carlisle - coming back with an additional suitcase from almost every place! We had a job whittling down what she could take back. Thank you to everyone that hosted her and also donated. Thank you also to COAT (Cumbrian Overseas Aid Trust) who donated £500 to provide much needed benches for the classrooms

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for new trustees to join us to future proof the charity and bring fresh ideas. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Sue at susanread736@gmail.com

SHOP WITH AMAZON?

Do you shop with Amazon? Sign on with Smile Amazon and add Rukungiri Orphan Partnership as your charity. We receive 0.05p for every purchase. Everything helps!

GIFTS TO CHILDREN

If you would like to make a gift to your sponsor child, you can do so by sending a donation to the charity bank account with the reference marked as your childs name. Notify us that you have done so and we will arrange for the bursar to take your child shopping

OUR VISIT TO UGANDA





Five people from the UK, including 4 trustees, visited Rukungiri back in October. We spent just over 2 weeks in the school. It has been difficult everywhere, but particularly in Uganda, following on from the deprivation during lockdown, cost of living increase, and now the threat of Ebola coming ever closer.

There have been many challenges but thanks to your kind donations, we have been able to continue support. The Teachers asked us to thank you for continuing to pay their salaries and for the food parcels that needy families received.

The children sat their P7 leavers exams in November and are expected to do as well as ever. The school closed early due to the threat of Ebola although at the time of writing, it is concentrated about 164kms away. Please pray for them. They do not need another epidemic.

While we were there, we managed to do some governance work, organise writing letters to the sponsors, cook 1500 doughnuts (yes 1500 and it took all day!) and took 55 children shopping, with money supplied by sponsors connected to our churches. We also bought mattresses for the baby class and some new chairs for the nursery classes.

If you would like to visit but don't know how to go about it, please contact Sue who will be happy to advise. You will be given an excellent welcome. There is always something to do and you don't have to be a teacher. Everyone who has ever visited will tell you there are a lot of ways you can contribute and the children and the teachers would be delighted to see you! The kids send their love to their sponsors and are always asking if you are coming!



THE TEACHERS



SLEEPING BABY CLASS

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

WE NEED YOUR HELP

When we went out to Uganda, we needed 20 sponsors. We came back with a further 110 children which is a tall order given our economic situation. The school are currently funding the children to support needy parents but it is not sustainable as some of the fee paying parents are unable to maintain their fees and are only paying in dribs and drabs.

Some of the problem has been alleviated as most of the sponsors who sponsored P7 leavers have taken some of the children who have been on the sponsor list for a while and we have managed to find 10 new sponsors since we have been back - but there are still 100 more. Can we ask you to publicise the charity to your churches, to your family and friends, your workplaces, thinking about twinning schools if you have children of school age or sponsoring as a group..

We have leaflets we can send to help. Contact Sue or Judy and we will arrange to send them to you. Thank you. Without you we wouldn't be able to help in the way we currently do.



THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES (AND THE KIDS!)

SUE LETSON - CHAIR, JUDY CAVE - TREASURER
ROGER FARNWORTH - SECRETARY, STEVE READ - GOVERNANCE
SUE READ - SPONSORSHIP



SPONSORSHIP FEES

The current sponsor fee is £20 per month for sponsoring a child and has been for at least the last 13 years. We do not intend to increase it at this moment in time, but we cannot rule out the possibility later in the year. The teachers (for whom we pay a portion of their salary) have not had a rise for 5 years and are paid less than their fellow teachers at government schools. If you sponsor a child and are not paying £20 at the moment, we would be grateful if you could, but if not, the payment for any subsequent child when they leave the school will be £20.

We are so thankful to all of you who sponsor in any way, especially in the current climate, but as the charity has been going for over 20 years, some of our sponsors are now retired and we have lost the bonus that gift aid brought and made up some of the deficit.

Club 6/7 is specifically funded by some of our sponsors to allow those children in P6 & P7 who have been on the sponsor list most of their school life, to have someone to write to and call them sponsor. We have now had to extend it to P5 this year due to lack of sponsorship.

Please help us raise awareness, we would be very grateful.