



NEWSLETTER 2021

This report is a reflection of the 2021 covid year of disruption and restrictions.

However we have so much to thank God for. As you read the following, please join me in thanksgiving for what has been accomplished.

The biggest change in emphasis was a second year of school closure except for candidate students (those in final year of Primary or Secondary education). This led to emergency help required for food, clothing and medical bills (mainly malaria, typhoid and covid). This came particularly to our attention this Christmas where an extra 35 people (adults and children) were helped with some food and clothing costs in December. Can you imagine their gratitude and thanks for your help!

On behalf of all those in Uganda and South Sudan who receive our gifts, thankyou so much for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to the field. There are no overhead costs taken from your gifts.

COULD YOU SPONSOR A GIRL?

ACTION urgently required:

We have 5 girls Hellen, Doreen, Grace, Efrua and Nicole who would love to go to school or further vocational education but do not have a sponsor.



Hellen



Grace



Efrua

Could you sponsor a girl?

The cost of school fees vary per school and the commitment is needed for a whole primary, secondary or tertiary programme. Even a 50% scholarship would help make all the difference. Even in the villages, school means mental and social development. Spiritual values are especially valued.

PROGRAMME REVIEW

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

After 2 years of closure, schools reopen on Monday 10th January 2022.

Currently we sponsor the following:

2022

Kindergarten

1 (0 girls) Munguci

Primary

9 students (7 girls)

Zareda, Julius, Molly, Lillian, Lucky, Herbert, Gertrude, Rachel and Janet.

Secondary

4 students (2 girls)

Henry, Thingo, Peace, Beatrice

Tertiary

1 students (0 girl)

Dickson

Total students 15 (9 girls)



Gertrude with Specioza

Thingo



Peace

2021 update



Zenah at Uni

Zenah and Norman completed their degree programmes in December 2021 and they are awaiting their results.

Doreen and Hellen completed their secondary education (Uganda Certificate of Education).

Zenah co-ordinates much of the work in Uganda but the others are looking for employment.

Please pray and consider supporting. Every African family helped is determined to succeed and reinvest in their communities development.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP - 2021 SUCCESS STORIES

Janet Age 11

There are 7 years in the Ugandan primary school system with a Primary Leavers Exam (PLE) in P7. The result is critical to progress to Secondary school.

PLE has 4 subjects: Maths, Science, English and Citizenship.

On the right is Janet, age 11 years with her Mum. Dad died in 2018. Mum has HIV Aids (an endemic illness in Africa).

Janet is in Primary 4. She is very bright, near the top of her year with scores that put her in the top percentage in Uganda.

Without our sponsorship, there was no money to pay for her schooling.



Rachel Age 12

On the right is Rachel age 12 years. Janet's sister. Rachel is also in P4. She is also a bright girl and is sponsored by Let Hope Arise Africa.

Both girls have their school fees and all personal and school requirements paid for by a generous UK sponsor.

Without this hope the girls would be destined for a village existence of subsistence farming and very early marriage.

With this opportunity 'Hope Arises' for good vocational professional development.



SPONSORSHIP - 2021 SUCCESS STORIES

Specioza Age 18 months

On January 19th, 2021, Nancy, Specioza's mother sadly died aged 22 years. The family was devastated and rejected Specioza believing she would die as she was only 5 kgs.

But thanks to God's grace, Zenah and Yema were able to adopt Specioza. Now 18 months old, she is a very healthy child.

We were able to pay for the coffin for Nancy to be buried with dignity and employ a girl Gertrude to support the family.

We now have sponsors for both girls food and clothing and Gertrude's employment.

On the right Yema, Specioza's adopted mother with Specioza on January 16th 2022.



Gertrude Age 16

As a wage earner, Gertrude is able to send a little money each month for her siblings.

Her aunt Grace (only 14 years) is also now living with Yema and her family.

Yema is a leader of the women's work in her church and the family have a spiritual home.

Gertrude, having never been to school is also being given the chance of some primary schooling so she can read and write.

On the right, Gertrude with Specioza April 2021



COULD YOU BE A SPONSOR?

Henry Age 17

Henry started school late as there was little money to pay for school fees. When I found out he was a bright lad, Let Hope Arise sponsored his final years at primary school.

He managed to get entrance to Ocer Campion Jesuit College, Gulu, Northern Uganda in January 2020. It was established after the civil war with Kony and the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army) had destroyed northern Uganda and Southern Sudan.

The school is making a name for itself and now its results are amongst the best in Uganda.

Sadly covid closed the school for 2 years but it has now opened again and Henry is in S2 (Senior 2).

We have high hopes for Henry. He loves the school and is strong in Sciences and Maths.

He has gained a reputation for his excellent football skills and is very popular because of this.

Henry was being sponsored, but the sponsor has had to withdraw, so we are looking for a sponsor for Henry.



General sponsorship

We greatly value any donation made and every penny goes to Africa.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of the children mentioned in this newsletter or giving a financial gift to help us with our work.

Please don't hesitate to call me on +44 (0)7966 491673 or email david@lethopeariseafrica.org

I am heading out to Uganda in late February to spend a month catching up on all our projects.



Yema, Henry, Gertrude, Thingo, Specioza, Grace, Rachael and Lynette

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Bright City girls football club, Gulu

We have helped continuing to finance 'Bright City' girls Football Team. Zenah is the President and I am the International Patron. 24 girls are currently involved. We have seen some humbling successes. 3 girls went for the Ugandan National under17 female trials. 2 were successful and are now enrolled in a scholarship in the national academy in Jinja. The third was selected to represent northern Uganda.



20 girls have won secondary school scholarships. Fantastic!!

During the year community development workshops were run to train the girls in making soap, detergent, body lotions to take back to start village businesses.

A Patron's cup tournament will be run in February 2022 for teams from across northern Uganda. David is thrilled to be able to travel and be at this tournament.

Please pray that faith and spiritual fitness is developed alongside skills development.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Kigoma Land – BEULAH 2 (3.5 acres)

This is also the area where the 7 lads died over New Year. WOW!!

Sadly several challenges occurred in 2021. Elephants escaped from a local game park and ruined the harvests of many families. We provided financial help. A gift of 4 piglets were strangely poisoned and the rabbit breeding programme was decimated by wild dogs. This programme is slowly being restored.

But inspite of the disturbances, life goes on. We support several families who all attend the local Church of Uganda and continue with a sustained faith. I shared the following chorus many of you might know :

Have you trials or temptations, is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged, take it to the LORD in prayer!!

Kinene Land - BEULAH 1 – (1.4 acres) The CITY of JOY

A really fertile land producing excellent yields. We have planted 600 pine trees. The complex of building the 'City of Joy' has begun. We have a family hut, Guest hut, kitchen hut, together with a base construction of a 5 roomed house. Plans are in place to construct latrines and a security compound when finance permits.

We rented 3 acres of farm land to grow ground nuts and casava. This provides employment for local women.

Also allowing us to buy cooking oil etc in bulk and selling daily very small quantities (at cost. No profit!) to local villagers. They are so grateful.

Zenah manages the City of Joy project. Dema and Aniku live and work there.

Beulah 3 and 4 is land growing further crops and trees to support sponsorships and projects.



Foundations at Kinene for the huts

EMERGENCY AID

We work in villages where there is little or no aid.

Throughout the year money has been given to countless families. Climate change has caused poor harvests, malaria, typhoid and covid has brought sickness. Even this New Year 7 boys were killed in tribal reprisals in one of our village supported areas.

As you donate and pray, here are some of the folk you have supported with food, hospital bills, clothes :

Rosetta (+ 6 children), Adule (+ wife and 7 children), Odongo (helped 4 grandchildren with no food), Denish, young boy (4 siblings, parents suffer from epilepsy)
Roseline single mother (5 children), Thomas and Judy, Drile and Stella

The message I received back was:

'THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS'

GOVERNANCE

Many of you will know the history of looking to register 'Let Hope Arise Africa' with the Charity Commission.

The outcome from that process was not to continue as a registered charity but for me to be a 'Christian philanthropist' with good people gifting financial help. During the coming year we expect to register 'Let Hope Arise Africa' as a Community Development organisation in Gulu, Northern Uganda.

This past year has seen my generous family and friends respond to my calling and what God has laid on my heart especially in Uganda. **We can't thank you enough for your support.**

In the 'Message bible version' Jesus says '*children are at the centre of life in the Kingdom*' Mark's gospel ch:10. Jesus goes on '*no one who sacrifices ... for me and my message will lose out*'.

Whatever your motivation to support Uganda or South Sudan through my Christian calling, I give thanks to our heavenly Father for your love and compassion.

In 2021, £20,747.40 (nearly 97,000,000 Ugandan shillings) were sent to Uganda (in Jesus name).

Currently the work is managed, monitored or advised by:

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My thanks go to everyone who has put their trust in the work completed over 2021 and above all 'to the God of all grace and forgiveness' who has guided us through this difficult time. God Bless, David