



Capstone Projects News Letter

A small team travelled to Uganda in March 2009 to visit a few of the churches and to get a first hand report of the three projects. It was a very worthwhile visit and we came away very encouraged with what we saw and heard. Our friends in Lugazi are very grateful for all the support and encouragement that they have received from all our supporters in the UK.

Living Water Medical Centre and Dispensary



The Medical Centre and Dispensary continues to be an essential life line to many in Lugazi. There has now been 29 babies delivered and about 7500 patients have been treated. A weekly outreach clinic is also run in partnership with the local hospital. Outlying villages are visited and about 150 villagers receive free treatment each week. This is funded at present by one of our supporters who was on our team which visited in September 2008.

Child Development Centre

We were enthusiastically greeted by 47 young people ranging from 3 to 17 years of age. They entertained us and we managed to get more photographs of the children which will be uploaded to our web site. At present 27 other children have been reunited with their families. The centre has rented 23 acres of land which they hope to use to grow crops to help feed the children and also as an income generator to help support the project. They have managed to clear some of the land and have successfully harvested a crop from 1 acre of the land. A second crop is planted using two acres and they are praying for rain to help bring this crop to harvest. It has been very dry recently. As more finance can be found then more of the land will be cleared and crops grown.





Skills Training Centre

This project was funded by a generous grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland. The following training is available to men and woman. They can choose from one of the following: Carpentry, Fabrication and Welding, Tailoring, Electrical work, Motor vehicle maintenance, IT training.

At present there are 35 students enrolled for this term. Like all forms of education in Uganda fees are required and that can be a real barrier to prospective students. The Centre has just won a contract to make some windows and doors. They will be actively looking for more contracts and other outlets to raise finance to move the project to self sufficiency. The finance to get the raw materials to make the various items is a real challenge. We are hoping that we will be able to raise some funds to help in this area.



Coffee Exchange



Capstone Projects started a café in June 2006 with the intention of giving all profits to the work of the charity. The café is a bright modern premises where you can enjoy really good Fair Trade coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

We organised an acoustic music night with cheese and wine, as a fundraiser, which was very successful and we are having a second one on the 25th of March. Tickets can be bought at the cafe at 20A Exchange Street Dundee.

If you want to find out more about Capstone Projects or see some of the more recent photographs then go to our website.

<http://www.capstoneprojects.org.uk>

We would like to thank you for all your support and encouragement throughout the last year and hope you will continue to share with us in this life changing work throughout 2009.

Like countries throughout the world the people of Lugazi are being affected by the economic downturn and the support we get does not go as far in meeting the needs. If you think any of your friends and family would be interested in supporting the work in Lugazi then please forward this email on to them and please feel free to be ambassadors for Capstone Projects.

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