

HELPING UGANDA SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2008

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Annual Report for 2008

Trustees

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth annual report for the charity Helping Uganda Schools

The Charity was a direct successor to the private fund raising efforts which have been supporting the education of children in Uganda. The focus of our work is in Kagoma, Gayazza, and Fort Portal but we have also given smaller support to two other schools in Jinja and Hoima. We started in 1995 but registered the charity in 2003. Over the 14 years we estimate that about 1500 children have completed their primary education at the schools we support. Our first school, St Zoe's at Kagoma near Mubende was built in 2000 and in 2003 we started to support St Kizito's near Kampala. We have also supported Strive Secondary at Hoima and PMM Girls Secondary School at Jinja.

In 2008 we started to fund the building of the Special Needs School, Good Shepherd at Fort Portal and this is the only school of its kind in the western half of Uganda.

2. CHARITY INCOME

Financial support to the Charity during the year totalled was as follows;

Item	
Gift Aided Donations	£33851.55
Non Gift Aided Donations	£7304.85
Donations from CAF/ Rotary and small charities	£1658.40
Donations from Charitable trusts	£7500.00
Bank Interest earned	£488.72
Donations made for overhead purposes (see 6 below)	£4478.12
Inland Revenue Tax credit	£14350.45
TOTAL INCOME	£69632.09

The Charity closed the year with a cash balance of £36042.40

Recent income figures are;

Period	1995 to 2003 8 years	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Grand total to Dec 2008
Funds raised	£35040	£20,662	£9449	£12239	58480	£69632	£205502

The generosity of so many people is making a real difference and opening opportunities for many young people. But looking at the size of the challenge there is so much more to do and we need our supporters more than ever.

3. USES OF FUNDS

During the year the charity spent £56332.00 supporting our schools in Uganda and a full detailed analysis of this expenditure is given later.

The major work in Uganda during the year has been to build and to start running the first Special Needs School in the west of Uganda. This has taken priority during the year. But we have also invested in the development and operation of St Zoe's Day and Boarding Primary School in Kagoma near Mubende and support and development of St Kizito's School at Gayazza. We have small farms in Fort Portal and Kagoma Mubende allowing us to feed the children during term time. We have no farm at St. Kizito's.

A more detailed analysis of the expenditure or commitments made in the year is as follows.

Application of funds	Capital	Revenue	Total
Bank Charges		£180	£180
Good Shepherd School	£21200	£1850	£23050
St Zoes	£9081	£9273	£18364
Strive Hoima	£1000	0	£1000
PMM Jinja School	£3000	0	£3000
St Kizito's	£964	£4763	£5727
Unapportioned revenue attributable to all schools		£1894	£1894 See note in accounts
Overhead and travel expended but not charged to donor contributions		£3127	£3127 See note in accounts
Percentage	62.56%	37.44%	
Grand Total	£35245	£21087	£56332

4. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2008

Attached to this report are the Annual Accounts for the year to December 2008.

5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Charity has created a series of designated funds held within the charity bank accounts but held for specific donor or other purposes. The only difference is that the designated funds are 'earmarked' for specific projects or work.

These are;

- Sponsor Fund for paying Charity overheads and at the end of December 2008 this held £1941
- Swire Charitable Trust for revenue support to Good Shepherd Special needs school. £2500 received in 2008 and sent to Good Shepherd. Nil at December 31st 2008.
- Oglesby Charitable Trust for specified developments and for support to Good Shepherd School. Nil at December 31st 2008.

- HQ Coaching fund to provide sports equipment to our schools. Nil at December 31st 2008
- Dr. Scampion Fund to purchase a vehicle for Good Shepherd School. £703 held at December 31st 2008

6. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS

St Zoe's continued to gain great academic success and once again for the fifth year running are in the very highest group in the Uganda regional leaving certificates. This is the top five out of about 450 schools. This year St Kizitos entered children to the Uganda leaving certificate examination. Results at St Kizito's were significantly better than those achieved at other schools but there is some distance to go to achieve the sort of results we are seeking,

During the year the Trustees decided that we could raise our fund raising targets and support the building of a school for special needs children near to Fort Portal in Western Uganda. These are children for whom there really is no provision and it will be our toughest challenge yet. Land was purchased and building work started in the autumn of 2007. The land is 5.5 acres and there will be classrooms, dormitory accommodation, teachers' accommodation and wash and toilet rooms.

The fund raising support from our benefactors was exceptional and the school opened with the first children attending from September 2008.

We have had success in finding revenue support from the Swire Foundation and the Oglesby Charitable Trust for the next three years and have also started a Truck Rental enterprise which is in its early stages but could raise about £3000 per year.

In this report we have not included any recent pictures of progress but our web site contains these.

Following a decision we took in June 2008 the villagers, parents, teachers and leaders at Kagoma made a very rapid start on the project to build our first secondary school. This opened for a small number to attend in January 2009 with the first main building opening in the late spring of 2009. Over the following years we plan to build at least one set of classrooms each year and to equip them fully. We are also starting the thinking about how we make the St Zoe campus into a Vocational Centre and have started.

The future plans for HUGS are;

- At Good Shepherd. To develop the school and its buildings and land resources. To start the outreach programme along the lines recommended by Consultant Paediatrician, Dr Scampion. To create as far as possible a sustainable school over the next 4 years. Look at the possibility of providing gap year or volunteer accommodation both to contribute to teaching but also as income generators.
- At St Kizito's. To help the school to improve the quality of its buildings and teaching and results.
- At Kagoma. To upgrade St Zoe's Primary School buildings and site. To develop the secondary school and create a plan for the Vocational Institute with a range of costed options. To develop and install computerised accounting systems. To acquire further land for farm expansion and training purposes. We are keen to

develop a visitor centre which can both generate income but also provide volunteers to assist in the Vocational Centre and schools at Kagoma.

7. OVERHEADS

In line with Trustees wishes all benefactor donations go to the schools. To cover postage some travel and other administrative and regulatory costs individual sponsors make separate private donations to the Charity and they are specifically to cover such items. These are shown in the accounts and in the year 2008 they amounted to £4478. Some of this fund was used during the year covering overhead costs which are listed. We closed the financial year with a reserve for the future overhead costs of £1941.

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Trustees during the year were.

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Mrs Denise Ead
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Mr Bob Blundell
Mr Chris Bishop

Peter W Mount
Chairman of Trustees
Wednesday, 1 April 2009