

**Dear Supporter**

I made a visit to Uganda in May /June this year with the purpose of visiting the 4 schools we have been supporting, seeing how they are developing and working with our friends there and with the villagers and community leaders to work out what is needed and where we should focus our efforts for the future.

**St Zoe's near Mubende** now has 330 children, continues to achieve excellent school results and is committed to being a champion of renewal technology. Biogas from all site toilets generates the methane now used for cooking each day and this reduces the need for charcoal and wood. But this year nearly 850 children in the 1600 sq. kms around the school have no secondary school to go to. There is just one in the area and it has one form entry.

**St Kizito's near Kampala** continues to do well with the same high number of children (440) We need to help the teachers to both develop their own skills and some project leadership talent so that the school can achieve at a higher level.

**Good Shepherd at Fort Portal** is well ahead of expectations. We met all the District Officials, representatives of the Kingdom of Toro, and a number of business leaders to both gain recognition and gather local support. These meetings were very productive. The Banyateresa Sisters are committed to making the school a success and we aim to open in September this year. The challenge will be in getting the school sustainable from local resources and forming a team of competent teachers.

**Strive Secondary School at Hoima** is a school which we have given specific targeted support to by funding the provision of school laboratory equipment. While we will give some local support this year we came to the view that it is more appropriate that this school seeks funding from other sources long term.

**UK School Sponsors.** I visited Northern Ireland and met the Governors, teachers and some pupils at St Columbanus' Secondary School in Bangor. They are going to both twin with our schools but are also committed to fund raise for Good Shepherd when term starts again in the Autumn. The local Parish has offered to do the same and I will be going back to speak to the parishioners to tell them all about the work. St Catherine's in Marple Bridge have already started to fund raise for Good Shepherd.

**Our Funds and the future plans.** At the end of the visit we summarized our action plans for the next few year as;

- Form a local Uganda Charity (and NGO) which would advise and later determine all spending allocations for the schools which we are working with.
- Start to build a secondary school at St Zoe's and give great attention to renewable issues as well as using all the resources so that the whole complex becomes an Educational Institute which will develop the skills of the wider community during vacation periods. This might take 8 years.
- Strengthen the skills and abilities at St Kizito's but at the same time sponsor 10 very poor or handicapped children, provide school uniforms and give other local support.
- Continue the work of building Good Shepherd school at Fort Portal . This will take about 7 years

**Fund Raising. HUGS** has really done well over the years thanks to all your efforts. It is the regular planned giving by about 120 donors which makes it all possible. The occasional large donation is great but you cannot plan for these. If you have not changed your standing order for a long time could you consider increasing it? If that is not practical perhaps you might run a fund raising event like a coffee morning for your friends or something similar. Maybe you could tempt a friend to join us? We can provide information.

**HUGS Accounts and Annual Report** are available. Please e mail for details.

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Children at St Kizito's



Mathew in his gap year



Peter with the King of Bunyoro



Special Needs children at Fort Portal

**What you have helped to achieve since 2006;**

**At St Zoe's;**  
Fresh Water catchment system  
250,000 litres  
Photo voltaic power supply  
A first bio gas plant for cooking.  
Accommodation for teachers on site  
A new dormitory  
More classrooms

**At St Kizitos**  
Water catchment system of 150,000 litres  
Photo voltaic power supply  
More classrooms  
A primary 7 class  
A school hall.

**And starting Good Shepherd** with phase one and 3 classrooms nearly finished

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