



Helping Hands
inspiring change together

News from Uganda...

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Happy New Year to you and your family! At Helping Hands we've had the privilege of seeing God at work in 2009 as He demonstrated his love to thousands of children and their families through healthcare, feasts and fun. It has been life changing for those of us involved practically. This year we want to reach out to more children in two new areas. You can join in and help make this happen.



Andy and Keeky with some of the orphans on Lingira Island

Extending beyond Kamuli...

Everyone is still enjoying their long holiday but as they do so we have **some exciting news to share**. For some time we have felt that God wants us to extend and care for more children and specifically to become involved with the communities on some of the islands on Lake Victoria.

Our friends, Andy and Keeky, have been keen for us to work alongside them and **to focus on the neglected younger children on these islands**. So as to make an immediate impact on the health of the 1000 children on Lingira Island we wanted to be able to supply a net for each child. We estimated that **we would need £5000** to cover the net costs and we are delighted to say that KPMG has provided that for us. All of those hours writing out the proposal bore fruit!

At the same time Church Relief International has given us **£1000 to supply nets for 200 children** on the mainland where we plan to establish a new health programme focused on malaria. **We are very thankful to KPMG and CRI for their "kick-start" gifts.**

We will be looking for **one or two new members of staff in February**. We are looking for individuals who are quick to learn and faithful but most of all with a heart for each boy and girl. These children need love as well as medicine!



Extending can have its moments!



True Vine School in Jinja District – fifty children in the cleanest mud and stick school I've seen.

News from the UK...

We can begin to change Moses' life...

Moses is a typical boy on Lingira Island. No parents, no school, no latrines. He does have a grandmother who tries to care for him along with several other young children though. We now have the funding to give them all a mosquito net. It will **cost around 40 pence each month** to provide the training and care that Moses needs to beat malaria.

We know another 1999 children who we'd love to begin to help this year. KPMG and CRI have given us a real "kick start" by funding the nets and now we are **inviting you to consider giving £10 each month**. Each £10 means that 25 children like Moses will be cared for by you. That's just one cappuccino or latte a week!

If you already give and **you would like to increase your giving for this purpose** then you can simply do so online through your bank – just email us so that we know how to designate your gift.



Moses is left to wander the island all day



So many AIDS orphans on the islands



New Website for 2010 thanks to Tim!

Thanks to Tim Hubbard we now have a website which we hope better reflects how Helping Hands has grown and continues to care for more and more children to as high a standard as possible. **Tim has freely given so much time and creative energy to this project.** He is a brilliant example of how "Skill Givers" allow us to keep our UK costs low, allowing us to care for more children in Uganda. Tim would value any constructive feed-back on the new site as he has further plans to improve it himself. www.helpinghands-uk.org

Finally, a massive 'Thank you' to our many friends who chose our alternative gifts this Christmas... you sent over 180 gifts which will bring a smile to EVERY child in our care. You're amazing! Thank you so much from us all. We'd like to hear any feed-back on our catalogue as we want to keep improving what we do. Sorry if you missed out on our cards this year but they proved so popular that we ran out in some churches!

Love and blessings for 2010 from... Debbie & The Team