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Helping Hands

inspiring change together



Debbie with her Granny, Helping Hands' oldest friend.

I hope that you had a good summer and will fit in a few more BBQs before the summer gear is all packed away! We are very excited as we have several new team members who have voluntarily taken on different aspects of our UK work. This marks a very significant point in our story as we begin to see our UK "foundations" growing to allow for future expansion in Uganda. Over the next few months we'll introduce these "helping hands" who have found ways to get involved using their skills in the context of their life.

What's up in Uganda?

Well, the children only had a brief holiday in which our team visited many homes to check on net usage and bathing facilities. This is one of the most important things we do **to ensure that the children are able to put all that they learn into practice.**

Joy, our Nurse and Team Leader, had a lovely moment last week with a little nursery boy who was **waiting for treatment.** He was sitting on the bench at the back and fearing he would be treated last he spoke up, "Nurse, I want to move to the front bench. I don't want to be last." What he didn't know was that she called them in the order of their medical cards not their seating position. Joy loved the fact that he was **free to express himself with her as a friend would.** For her it was a sign of how Father God calls us to be His children, free in His Presence.

Sam, Joy's husband, has taken on a new role for us. He is now the official **latrine inspector!** This emphasises the value of clean sanitation to the children and staff of the schools. Follow-up takes time but it has good results.

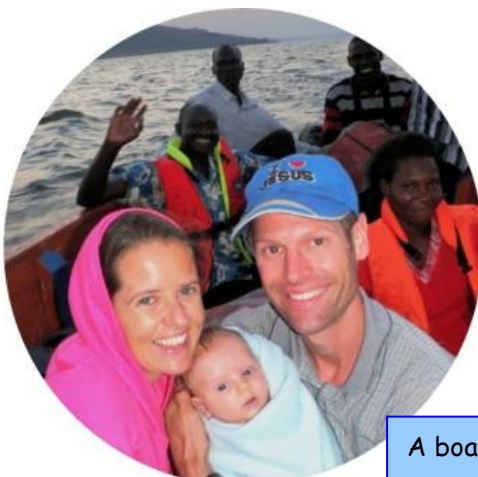
In August, Lwanyama School were **chased from their rented premises** due to a failure to pay rent. This is not uncommon as most of the children fail to pay fees on time and so there is literally no money. The local church erected a semi-permanent structure with sticks but could not buy the iron sheets for the roof. Thanks to one of our UK friends the **roof and children are now in place** and lessons have resumed!



Joy with a nursery child in a classroom/ clinic



Sam's role is expanding



A boat load and a baby!

Island News...

Andy, Keeky and little David are back on Lingira Island where they have received hundred of visitors. **Quite a challenge for a new Mum** but the little one seems very relaxed about it!

We are continuing to talk and pray with our friends as to how we can best work with the many young children on the island, many of whom never go to school. There will be **a special time of prayer** for this in December.

Some of the "New Faces" in the UK

When we look back it always amazes us how much God has done and how many children we have been privileged to work with. Our heart is to not only continue to do so but to **expand our reach to the many more children** we have been meeting of late. To this end, Patrick Gale has come on board to look at how we can achieve this in terms of **increasing our financial base**. Patrick brings a godly heart coupled with some very clear thinking.



Patrick is currently looking at corporate giving for us.

Fi McCree has volunteered to take over the monthly accounts, standing orders and gift aid. **She has a real heart for what God is doing**, particularly in Africa, and she has found a way which she can still be involved whilst looking after a young family.



Fi begins the accounts this month.



Clara Mason has taken on our **Facebook group**, Helping Hands in Uganda. It is an open group which anyone can join and it allows new friends and many of our younger friends to connect with us in their way. **Clara is doing this alongside her GCSEs**.

Clara brings a fresh approach.

If you enjoy FB then copy and paste the link below and sign up:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=59944392392&ref=mf>

Family links in SCOTLAND...

Debbie's Mum volunteered her to talk to 50 Perth City Cubs (her Dad's Cousin's wife helps out there!) about the dangers of malaria in Uganda. These boys are now **keen to do some fund-raising** to buy nets for their peers in Uganda and have already sent lots of pencils and sharpeners. George (one of Debbie's nephew) helped with **MOSQUITO TIG!** and is hoping to come out to help in Uganda in 2011. Meanwhile Debbie's Granny continues to make puppies to sell so that we can help as many children as possible.

Mr Wood joins in the generational adventure



and ENGLAND...

Barrie and Mary Wood have been friends of Helping Hands since it began along with their son and his wife, Steve and Frankie (and her sister and her family). Now Barrie's father, in his 90s, has become **a real support and encouragement** to us as has Frankie's father and the church he pastors, Living Stones in Cumnor. It is exciting to see families working together to do something amazing for families in Uganda.

Love from... Debbie & The Team

Helping Hands in Uganda is a charity registered in England & Wales no.1113418

Get involved this Autumn:

Events

26/9 Celebration of HH in Farmoor Village Hall... can you help with our Stall from 6-7pm?

17/10 UK Team Afternoon, Bayworth

Visits

20/9 Father's Arms, Swindon
4/10 Shilton Baptist Church
15/10 Carswell Harvest Festival

One or two friends can usually fit in the car with us and pray and help out – email Debbie if you'd like to join in.

Pray

30/9 at Debbie's house 7.30-8.30 pm focusing on staff in Uganda & UK

Please pray for:

- Staff health in Uganda
- Christmas Gift Catalogue Team as they meet deadlines
- Website work (Tim & Debbie)
- God's Provision for His expansion

Chat about us to your friends and family & spread the good news!