

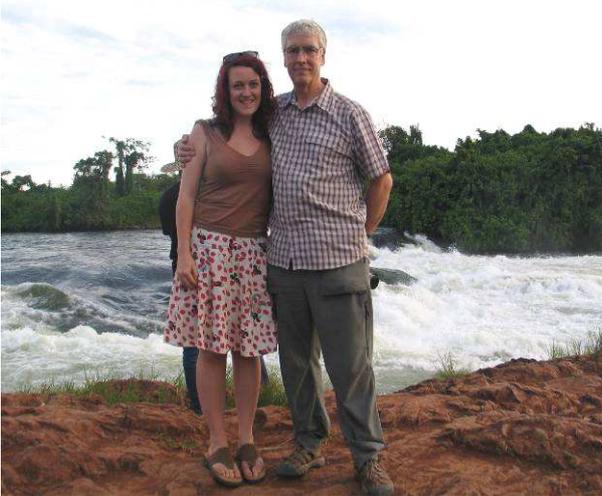
Matugga News – March 2010

The Revival Centre

The Revival Centre is run by Pastor Ivan Lugolobi and comprises a primary school of 450 pupils, a secondary school of 200 pupils, a Champion's Home for 125 children, a clinic and a busy church. The Centre provides the chance of a good quality education and vocational skills to 525 local children and 125 children who have been rescued from all kinds of despair. Ivan's elder sister Ruth runs the Revival Clinic and treats up to 450 people a month and his twin sister Jane, runs projects with widows to help them generate income and support their families.

Chris and Katie to visit Matugga

On 20th October Chris Raybould and daughter Katie travelled to Matugga for a month long visit. Chris did a wonderful job setting up the carpentry workshop and Katie enjoyed working with the children and teachers. The River of Life church in Knaresborough provided some funds for the trip and Chris was able to buy 2 new generators and made a substantial donation towards the construction of the new Dormitory. Chris and Katie attended a wedding introduction ceremony, visited the source of the Nile at Jinja and Chris and Ivan took a few days out to hike to the top of the mighty Mt Elgon on the Uganda-Kenya border.



Dormitory Project

The response to the need for a new dormitory has been fantastic. In particular a huge thank you goes to all at Christchurch in Ilkley who took this on as their 'Matugga Challenge' raising a total (including gift aid) of £12,300. A big investment has been made in robust

foundations capable of supporting a 2 storey building. The funds raised to date will enable the first storey to be completed by the end of March (a second storey may be added in the future).



Agriculture Project

Since the Agriculture project was launched in June 2009 Ivan has secured 5 acres of land and constructed a farm house, piggery and chicken house with 450 chickens in residence. The first crop of maize and beans was harvested in February and has contributed to the food supply of the Revival Centre. Monica the cow has been moved to the farm and will be joined by 5 more milking cows purchased through the Gift Scheme. 6 cows will more than meet the needs of the children at the Centre and will provide a surplus that can be sold.

The farm will improve the nutrition of the children, save on food costs and enable farming skills to be taught. The farm has the potential to generate significant income and in the long term it could make the Revival Centre substantially self-sufficient.

Recent Shipment

On Wednesday 3rd March Ivan collected goods sent by airfreight. The consignment includes books, furniture and musical instruments for Revival Primary donated by All Saints, Moorfield and Ben Rhydding Primary schools, along with garden tools, text books, bibles, computers and a wood turning lathe donated by individuals. It will be great to see all these items in use when we visit in April.

Great Primary 7 Exam Results

In January we were delighted to receive news from Ivan that the P7 students achieved 8 first grades, 22 second grades and 1 third grade in their end of year exams. These are good results. In Uganda few people have anything more than a primary education so the Centre is doing a great job of providing children with the blessing of a sound primary education.



Gift Scheme

The Gift Scheme was launched just in time for Christmas and enabled supporters to buy much needed items for the Revival Centre while at the same time providing a thoughtful gift for a relative or friend. 55 orders were placed for items totalling more than £3000. These gifts met many of the urgent needs of the children, clinic, schools, skills centre and farm at a very demanding time at the start of the new school year. The gift scheme can be used at any time for anniversary, birthday or other gifts. Full details are available on the website or from Phil & Libby.

Forthcoming Visits to Matugga

On 31 March the Chappell family along with Sharon Crosby, Mark Gregory and Rachel Rae will depart for Matugga. The team will be privileged to open the new dormitory on behalf of supporters and see the carpentry workshop and farm in action. One major project will be to draw up a water harvesting and land drainage scheme for the site to improve the water supply, reduce erosion and

drain wet areas where malaria carrying mosquitoes thrive. The team look forward to meeting the children and bringing back fresh news of the Champions for their sponsors.

In May, gap year student Hannah Pomeroy (19) will start a 3 month visit to the Revival Centre. She will be working with the children and clinic team with a focus on food, health and dental hygiene.

In mid-September nurse Debbie Walker will make her 4th trip to Matugga accompanied by Hannah Chappell (18) and Jazzmine Powell (18) who will be starting a 3 month visit. For Hannah this will be her 5th visit and is testimony to how the 'Matugga experience' can wonderfully infect your life.

Letters to Sponsored Children

If sponsors would like to send a letter to their sponsored children we will be happy to take them out personally - so please get them to us by 29th March at Lyndhurst, Denton Road, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire L29 8QR.

Ivan's Visit to the UK

We are now making plans for Ivan to visit us for 3 weeks in June/July.

Forthcoming Events

The April visit team will be running feedback events at St John's, Ben Rhydding in May.

For the more energetic of you, the Ilkley Harriers 6M Trail Race will be held at 11.30am on Sunday 30th May from the Ilkley Lido (registration at Rugby Club £6 pre-enry/£8 on day – entry form available on our website below). The proceeds of this race will be donated to the Revival Centre in Matugga.

We are always happy to give a presentation to any group and to support you with any fundraising event you might want to organise for the Revival Centre. Thank you everyone for your continued support and encouragement.

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