

Matugga News – August 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 to support their families.

April Team Visit to Matugga

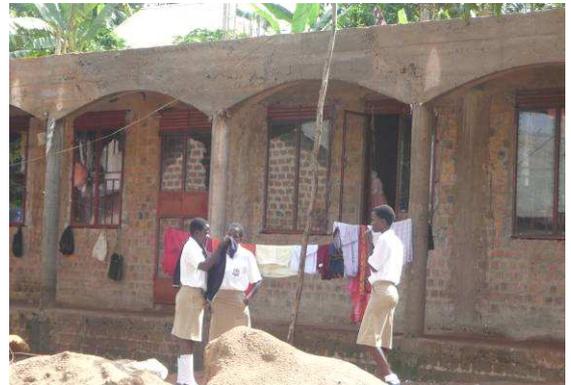
Libby, Phil Hannah and Tim Chappell, Sharon Crosby Rachel Eydmann and Mark Gregory visited the Revival Centre in April. Rachel was impressed with the good standard of education being provided despite the limited resources. Sharon was delighted to see the furniture that used to be at Pudsey Grange field where she is an art teacher. Rachel got involved in teaching in the nursery and primary section. Sharon taught batik to senior pupils and ladies in the women's group. Mark's confidence and organisational skills came to the fore on the school's sports day and when a party was organised for the Champions. All had the wonderful experience of meeting their sponsored children in person.



The Team interviewed all the Champions, handed out letters from their sponsors and brought back letters and updated pictures of the children for their sponsors. The team caught up on developments in the clinic and were excited to see the fantastic carpentry workshop set up by Chris Raybould and daughter Katie last November. They were excited to see the farm and the new dormitory which were just a dream back in June 2009.

The New Dormitory

Christchurch in Ilkley through their fantastic 'Matugga Challenge' along with other generous supporters raised the funds necessary to buy an adjacent plot of land and build a new dormitory. This development now ensures that all the Champions and boarders are safely housed within the confines of the Revival Centre.



The Farm

Since the Agriculture project was launched in June 2009 Ivan has secured 5 acres of land and constructed 3 workers homes, piggery and chicken house with room for 450 birds. The first crop of maize and beans was harvested in February 2010 and has contributed to the food supply of the Revival Centre. New crops of maize, beans, cassava and sweet potatoes have been planted along with some greens. There are now 4 cows at the farm providing each child at the centre with a little milk every two to three days.



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. The next big development is to plant fruit trees (mango, pawpaw, oranges etc). Fruit will provide a good income and Ivan has been invited to go into partnership with another fruit grower to supply shops and restaurants in Kampala. The fruit trees may take 2 or more years to produce fruit but it is a wise investment for future returns.

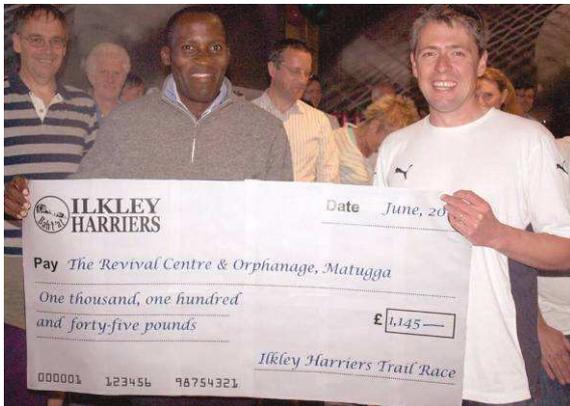
Hannah Pomeroy's Visit to Matugga

Hannah (19) arrived in Matugga on 10 May for a 4 month stay as part of a gap year before going to University to study dentistry. Hannah has become part of the family at Revival and has been involved in teaching science practicals, establishing a new school office, admin work, supporting the clinic and promoting dental hygiene at Revival, her visit includes a placement in a dental practice in Kampala. Hannah's parents Tamara and Stuart will be visiting Hannah in Matugga between 31st July and 7th August and will be making their own contribution to life at the Revival Centre. Hannah will finally return to her home in York on 2nd September.



Pastor Ivan's Visit to the UK

It was wonderful to welcome Pastor Ivan Lugolobi to Ilkley in June to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Ilkley-Revival Centre partnership. During his trip Ivan visited 9 schools, 9 churches, had meals and meetings in 18 family homes, attended a civic service and mingled with people at the Askwith and Ben Rhydding Community Fetes. It was great that Pastor Ivan was able to receive the proceeds of Ilkley Harriers annual trail race in person.



It is so important for Ivan to be able to come to the UK to thank everyone in person for their support and to give feedback on how things are going. Ivan was thrilled to show supporters pictures of the carpentry workshop, new dormitory and farm. Ivan explained that the current urgent challenges include building an isolation ward for the clinic and sorting out the poor sanitation and drainage situation at Revival.

The Clinic

The clinic is doing really well and everyone who visits the Revival Centre is impressed by the services provided, the commitment of the nursing staff and by Ruth efficient management. We are delighted to report that Ruth's request of a small solar panel to provide lighting when the power was off (which is very often) has been met and the system has been installed. A donation has also been received towards the construction of a small isolation annex to the clinic, another £5,000 is needed to bring into to being.

The Drainage and Sanitation Project

The lack of toilets and poor drainage at the Revival Centre is becoming a serious risk to the health of the children and to the integrity of the buildings we have invested in over the years. A detailed outline of the project is the subject of a separate Fact Sheet but the main items are set out below:

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| • 1 pit latrine/washroom for senior girls (on east slope) 5 pits | £ 900 |
| • 1 pit latrine/washroom for senior boys (on west slope) 5 pits | £ 900 |
| • 1 composting unit/washroom for primary girls (6 units) | £ 1,800 |
| • Immediate remedial works to safeguard buildings | £ 1,000 |
| • Terracing and retaining walls to remove slopes and prevent erosion | £ 3,000 |
| • Drainage channels and culverts to manage flows & drain wet areas | £ 3,000 |
| • Facia boards, guttering and pipes for water harvesting | £ 1,300 |
| • Water storage tanks (installed cost: 2x £1,800 + 1x £1500 + 1x £1200) | £ 6,300 |

Rosie and Alex Visit to Matugga

Young couple Rosie Costello and Alexander Bourne recently returned from 2 weeks of volunteering at the Revival Centre (13th -28th July). They bought a roundabout for the nursery children, used their computer skills to do some administration work and spent several days putting a much needed fresh coat of paint on some secondary school buildings. They teamed up with Hannah Pomeroy and were privileged to attend a wedding introduction service, visited the Bujagali Falls on the River Nile at Jinja and enjoyed going into Kampala and getting around on local buses and *boda-boda* motorbike taxis.



School links

It is wonderful to see how links are developing between Ivan's primary and secondary schools and schools over here. We would like to thank all partner schools for their continuing support which takes so many forms including:

- donating books and equipment
- fundraising and donations
- sponsoring champions and teachers
- applying for teacher exchange grants
- the possibility of a scholarship to support a Champion in higher education



It is great to see classes linking up and students writing to each other and working on joint projects. Ivan especially enjoys his visits to partner schools. It is so good for pupils to meet him in person and find out what life is like in Uganda and at the Revival Centre. In between Ivan's visits we are happy to provide input to assemblies and class work (please contact Phil or Libby in the first instance).

Future Trips

Maria Wren Kikham and Liz Hughes will be visiting Matugga between 26th August and 5th September. They will be meeting the children and will focus on the work of the farm.

The Revival Centre is rapidly becoming a volunteering 'destination of choice' for gap year students with Hannah Chappell, Jazmine Powell and Dennis Crosby (all 18), visiting Matugga in September for 3 months. For Hannah this will be her 5th visit and is testimony to how the 'Matugga Experience' can wonderfully infect your life.

Hannah, Jaz and Dennis will depart on 14th September with nurse Debbie Walker who will be making her 4th annual trip to Matugga. Debbie will be supporting the clinic and ladies projects and as a member of the organising team will be getting involved with and reporting back on all aspects of the work at the Revival Centre. Ben Boerrichter whose mother Sue visited Matugga with Debbie last September will be joining Hannah, Jaz and Dennis between 10th and 24th October. There is also the possibility that brothers Peter and Mark Bly will visit Matugga in the month of November.

The recent bombings in Kampala have raised some safety concerns. Our hearts go out to all those affected by the bombings and we are reassured by official advice that Matugga is out of harms way and by the elevated security in and around Kampala and Entebbe airport.

Sponsors and Supporters

In these 'down-beat' times in the UK and elsewhere it is great for all of us to be involved with a partnership that is so uplifting. Your regular support makes it possible for us to send money every month for salaries, food and medicines. Your response to meeting the major development challenges of vocational skills, new dormitory, farm, clinic annex and currently sanitation and drainage, is truly humbling. The team at Revival are so faithful in their prayers and actions it is a privilege to work with them.



As we visit and see happy healthy children and get details of primary 7, O-level and A-level results, we know that the purpose of all our joint efforts is being served. These children are moving into the future with skills and a good education behind them acquired in a safe and loving environment. This is particularly important for the Champions many of whom have no family to fall back on and must support

themselves and for those from needy backgrounds whose family may be looking to them for support in the future.

Letters to Sponsored Children

If sponsors would like to send letters to their sponsored children those visiting in August and September will be happy to take them out personally - so please get them to us by 24th August or by 12th September at; Lyndhurst, Denton Road, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire L29 8QR. Seeing the face of a child light up when they receive a letter from their sponsor is wonderful beyond words.

Blessings Received

Whilst we may give much practical support to the Revival Centre in Matugga in return we receive so many blessings: we learn to appreciate what we have and to share it, we are uplifted by the happiness and achievements of the children at Revival, we are inspired by the optimism and dignity of Pastor Ivan and his staff and we rejoice in our growing friendships and understandings. As visitors to Matugga we get the blessing of seeing what a mutually supportive community looks like and are challenged to reverse the trends of 'self-centred consumerism' and 'increasing isolation of the needy' that have arisen in our culture.

Another Lugolobi On The Way

Ivan's wife Allen is due to give birth any day now (time of writing is 8 August). We pray that all goes well with the birth and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we know.

Events and Fundraising

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.

For further information contact Phil or Libby Chappell on 01943 430744 or at philchappell@blueyonder.co.uk or visit www.revivalcentrematugga.org.uk