

Matugga News - November 2013

The Revival Centre provides hundreds of children with education, skills, a safe loving home, medical care and the capability to escape poverty and support themselves and their families in the future.

Welcome to the November edition of 'Matugga News'. We hope you will enjoy reading about recent developments and will feel uplifted by the great things that are being achieved for the children and community in Matugga.

Ivan's visit to the UK

Pastor Ivan was with us between 7th and 28th June and had a busy time visiting 11 schools, 5 churches and enjoyed fellowship and meals with many church house groups and families in their homes. He visited the Askwith annual show and the wonderful Patchwork People in Garforth who continue to fundraise and make lovely quilts for the beds of the Champions.

At Ilkley Harriers Ivan was presented with a cheque for £1498.79 raised in the Ilkley Trail Race and spent a lovely time in the home of race organisers Lawrence and Jemma Basham.



It was fantastic to see St John's church full for the visit Celebration event where we reviewed Ivan's visit and gave an update on key developments in Matugga.

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted us with Ivan's visit programme which was put together at very short notice due to the late issue of his visa by the UK authorities. It is so important that so many have the chance to meet Ivan in person and that Ivan has the opportunity to meet and thank supporters for their love and generosity and to meet again many who have made the trip to Matugga and those planning a trip in the future.



Recent shipment of goods to Matugga

On 4th July Phil Chappell and Mark Peru hired a van and drove a consignment of sewing machines, carpentry tools, stationery, text books, computer equipment, childrens clothes and baby weighing scales to our good friends at the Salabed shipping company in London. The goods arrived in September and have been a great blessing to the school, skills training and clinic. Thank you to all the schools and individuals who donated items for this consignment.

Ben Rhydding Community Choir Concert

On 13th July the Choir performed their second annual concert in support of the children in Matugga. The Choir was formed, trained and conducted by the inspirational Keely Hodgson. Keely is delighted to see the choir provide a focus for building community in Ilkley while at the same time supporting children in Matugga. It was great to get a live update from Harry Simpson who was one of the young people out in Matugga at the time, via an interview with his proud mum Val who told us the story of how he came to be out there. The concert raised a wonderful £1188.15 which will be used meet the everyday needs of food, medicines and staff salaries that make the children's care and education possible.

Summer visitors to Matugga

Between 22nd June and 31st July 11 people volunteered at the Revival Centre in Matugga. The team mainly comprised young people at University or completing their A-levels and included: Sophie Clarke, Sarah Bowes, Helen Rice-Birchall and her daughter Eleanor, Harry Simpson, Andy Malley, Naomi Hill, Emily Futers, Anna Saunders and Anne Macleod making her second visit. Helen acted as Team Leader for the first two weeks and handed over to Phil Chappell.



The team got involved in a variety of activities and got a feel for the full range of services provided by the Revival Centre. Sarah completed a formal teaching placement in the primary school as part of her teaching degree at Nottingham University. Everyone enjoyed working with the children, interviewing the champions and handing them letters from their sponsors, buying food and mosquito nets, running sports days, holding a party for the champions and meeting people we are supporting in the community. The team members took money of their own, from fundraising and from their employers which enabled much to be achieved.

A big focus for the team was on developing the farm at Nakaseke where additional land had recently been acquired. The team bought and installed barbed wire fencing, planted fruit trees and ploughed and planted maize in around 1 acre of land. Local workers were hired to continue the planting over another 5 acres. The harvest later this month will start to make the Centre more self-sufficient for its food supply. The team also investigated possible locations for a maize mill that another charity (Engineers for Overseas Development) have offered to build for us.



All members of the team went on a 3 day safari to see the fantastic wildlife of Uganda in the Murchison Falls National Park and on the River Nile. They also had days out in the capital Kampala and at Jinja where the Nile emerges from Lake Victoria.

It is wonderful to see young people gaining a life-changing experience, making friends and knowing that they have made a big difference to the lives of others. Several have sponsored children at the Centre as a result of their visit.

The arrival of 'King Solomon'

On 24th August 2013 Ivan and Allen welcomed the arrival of baby Solomon (Ivan likes to call him 'King Solomon').



Debbie and Mary's visit to Matugga

Between 16th and 29th September Debbie Walker made her 7th annual visit to Matugga with good friend Mary Booluck who previously went with Debbie in 2007. They were joined by Laura Dove of Leeds University. They got involved in working with the children, the medical centre, visited community members and took part in Matugga's first trade fair which Ivan had been heavily involved in organising.



Community support

The Ark events that take place at St John's Church in Ben Rhydding, Ilkley have become linked with the women's group in Matugga and have provided funds to help them reach out to vulnerable members of their community. This support has built Mrs Musoke a new home, helped Faith set up a groundnuts business and provided a new roof for Restie's mud house.

Eric Monteiro's Visit to Matugga

Eric Monteiro is a Consultant in Genitourinary Medicine and an HIV specialist at Leeds Teaching Hospital and will be in Matugga between 26th October and 2nd November reviewing the medical services provided by the Revival Centre clinic. In the short term we want to replace the clinic roof and help the staff deliver the basic services to a high standard. In the medium term we hope to win support to provide 1) training and information events for staff, pupils and the community and 2) provide community health care for the chronically ill. These are areas in which medically qualified people from the UK and elsewhere can become involved. Upon Eric's return we will run an information event for those interested in supporting these developments.

Charity Commission Registration of 'Give A Child A Hope' charitable trust

As some of you know we have been operating since 2000 as a community organisation in co-operation with 'The Partnership Trust' who deal with Gift Aid for us. This relationship will continue unaffected but we have additionally transformed the community organisation called 'Matugga Uganda Ministries' into a new charitable trust called '**Give A Child A Hope**' and applied for registered status. This will give the work we do formal registered status and allow us to apply for funding and grants from a wide range of sources. Phil was excited to return home from Matugga on 1st August to a letter from the Charity Commission confirming that 'Give A Child A Hope' had been given full registered status with Registered Charity No 1153184.

The trustees of 'Give A Child A Hope' are: Phil Chappell (Chairman), Roger Fry (Treasurer), Elizabeth Chappell (Secretary), Deborah Walker (Health lead), Sharon Crosby (Education lead), Peter Willox (Ministry lead), Rachel Eydmann (Nursery lead) and Hannah Chappell (Volunteering and visiting lead).

The two primary objectives of the trust as recorded in the trust deed are:

- (1) To prevent or relieve poverty in Uganda by providing or assisting in the provision of education, vocational skills training and healthcare to children and by providing or assisting in the provision of support to impoverished or vulnerable individuals, families and communities with an emphasis on helping them generate sustainable income and becoming self-sufficient in the future, in particular by working towards these purposes through the Revival Centre in the town of Matugga; and
- (2) To advance the education of school pupils in the UK and in Uganda by providing input to curriculum projects, by fostering global citizenship and mutual understanding, and by assisting the development of partnerships between schools in the UK and in Uganda, in particular building on the school partnerships already established between the Revival Centre Schools in Matugga and schools in North and West Yorkshire.

Where did the name come from? Phil recalls; 'once Ivan was asked after a presentation outlining developments at the Revival Centre, what is your greatest achievement? He thought for a moment then answered 'to give a child a hope'. This statement summarises what the whole enterprise and our partnership with Ivan is all about and was the natural name for the trust.

School Links

We thank our local schools for their continuing interest in and support of the children in Matugga. It is wonderful to be able to share first hand with children here what life is like for others. The positive and loving response of our children to what they see and hear is truly heart-warming and we are grateful for all the fundraising and donation of practical items undertaken by our wonderful local schools.



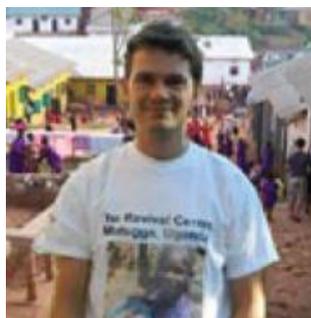
People planning to visit Matugga in 2014

Emily Cade (at Surrey Uni) 3 month teaching placement (**Feb – Apr**)
Chris and Hayley Gibson (young couple from Melbourne, Australia) (**Apr – Sept**)
Rachel Eydmann and Mark Peru and Rachel's son Hamish (**Apr**)

Summer Team:

Georgina Harris (A2) Ilkley Grammar
Jessica Hampton (A2) Ilkley Grammar
Nomia Elliott (AS) Ilkley Grammar
Katie Griffith (AS) Skipton Girls
Naomi Burns (AS) Skipton Girls

Alasdair Kerr (A2) Bradford Grammar
Tyne Anderson (AS) Bradford Grammar
Lucille (AS) Bradford Grammar (friend of Tyne)
Nina Rein (from Norway) at Manchester Uni



Sponsorship and fundraising events

We thank everyone who sponsors children, makes regular donations or undertakes a fundraising event, without your commitment there would be no Revival Centre. Recent events include Ben Patchesa's Yorkshire Marathon completed in an impressive 3 hrs 47 mins, (there is still time to sponsor Ben via <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/giveachildahope>), and the wonderful tea and cakes event run by Kate Hobson and Nikki Barber.

Forthcoming events

- **Launch of Gift Scheme for Christmas 2013 on 1 November 2013**
The gift scheme is a great way of honouring your friends and family while at the same time supporting needy children in Uganda. Please contact us for an envelope containing the gift catalogue, order form and gift aid form or you can download these from our Gift Scheme web page at: <http://www.revivalcentrematugga.org.uk/#/gift-scheme/4534597881>
- **Our next 'Matugga Update Evening' will take place on Sunday 8th December 2013, in St John's Church Hall, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley starting at 7.00pm.** Come and see the difference that your support is making to people's lives in Uganda and meet and hear from some of our most recent visitors to Matugga. Light refreshments will be provided.

We thank all individuals, churches and schools who make donations and undertake fundraising events to help us support the children in Matugga. If you or your friends are planning a fundraising event please let us know so that we can give you our support.

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