

Rock Projects Uganda

Winter Newsletter 2020



Warm Winter Greetings...

Hello to all our friends and supporters. We hope you & your loved ones are all safe and well. What a season it's been! Our last newsletter was sent out in May and it's hard to believe that much of the world is still at a standstill with the ongoing Covid Pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been affected.

As in our last update, schools in Uganda are still partially closed. Something that none of us would have ever expected! Museveni, Uganda's President finally allowed P7, S4, S6 and University finalists to return in October to do their final exams. Right now Kitetikka Primary is opened for our P7's, and our High school S4/S6's are back, Sunbeams remains closed as we currently only have up to P5 students, with P6 opening next year. While there hasn't been an official statement from the President re schools opening, the general thought is that all schools will open in January - and what a day that will be!!



Lockdown Love for Uganda

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we became aware of the extreme need for food. Starvation was becoming as much a threat as the virus itself. Tight restrictions meant that people could not work, earn or feed their families. On the 3rd of June we launched our 'Lockdown Love for Uganda' appeal. We asked friends and supporters to donate £12 to feed a family for 2 weeks. It was our goal to feed 200 families in need, but as always we were completely blown away by your response! A grand total of £6600 was raised - feeding 550 families! Thank you so very much to everyone who donated, and a special thank you to Louise Maclennan who did 120km's of exercise to raise funds, and to WayPoint Church Uganda Team who did the rice & beans challenge to raise funds! We are so grateful!



A trip to Matembe

We handed out 100 food parcels to very grateful families in Matembe. A community living in extreme poverty - as you can see from the photos of the mudhuts. Due to the lockdown restrictions, the farm land that many of these families work on (digging from sunrise to sunset) were unable to export the fruits of their labour - meaning they are being paid an even smaller wage. It was a truly humbling experience - when you see a man exclaiming 'hallelujah' from the bottom of his heart just because he's been given basic food - it just breaks your heart.



Kibanga Medical Centre



In our last newsletter we introduced to you our newest project, and so much has progressed with it since then! Our clinic is now well up and running & open 24/7 to the community. We are delighted to have a great team of staff including a doctor (2 days a week), 1 full time nurse, 1 part time nurse, a receptionist, cleaner and night guard. The clinic has been a huge blessing to the community, providing high standard medical care at a very low cost. Patients are treated everyday, admissions overnight, from babies to the elderly.



Stephen's Story.. Just this week a lady entered church in Busiika half way through the service with her tiny baby Stephen looking scared and hopeless. She had just left the nearest government hospital (where healthcare is meant to be for free - though that is never the case) with her tiny baby who was suffering from pneumonia and other complications. Lucy, Stephens mum walks the streets with fried fish in order to feed her & her baby (the father of the child ran away as soon as he found out Lucy was pregnant.) Stephen had been showing signs of illness for quite a while, but Lucy had to work for days before she could afford the amount of money that the hospital had asked her to pay before they would treat. Unfortunately, after Stephens final dose he was no better off, but with Lucy having paid every coin she had and now blown all her capital to buy more fish to sell, she was back to square one. By the time Lucy walked into the church they hadn't eaten for 2 days and Stephen was still very ill. What a joy and relief it was to be able to take Stephen straight down to our clinic where he was admitted, treated, given a lot of love, food and nappies. This is just one out of the many, many stories!



End of year projects...

As a charity we continue to make goals, aims, dreams for the future and seek to see them come to pass, not in our own efforts but by the generosity of others, fundraising campaigns and prayers of many! As we come near to the end of 2020, we are grateful the following has been achieved:

- Purchasing a CBC machine (an automated hematology analyser) and ultrasound scanning machine for our medical center! We are so grateful to generous friends who donated to the recent Kiltwalk, and to Sir Tom Hunter who DOUBLED their donations which made this possible!
- Building an outdoor toilet/bathroom for the clinic - a preferred option for many people here to the two western type style of toilets which are built inside the clinic (for our staff and some patients who prefer.)
- Gutters, water tank finishing's and general maintenance issues around the campus.
- Building of a shop/workshop which is a project in planning, most likely to be used by our sewing mamma's to sell their goods which they have made in class when we can return next year, as well as doing sewing alterations and repairs in the shop. As always the need is so great, and so we also have the idea of creating a carpentry workshop for some of our high school leavers - more to come on this at the start of the year.



Our Christmas appeal...

This Christmas 🌲❤️ we'd love to bless as many families here in Uganda with the gift of a delicious Christmas meal! Giving items that many of these families wouldn't have the money to buy for themselves such as a chicken, rice, vegetables, a big bottle of coke as well as essentials like soap.



Therefore, I'm kindly calling on your help to sponsor a families Christmas meal for just £10. If you would like it to go to a specific child or family (maybe your sponsor child) please inform us. ❤️

If you feel able to, click on the link below and give this gift of love from your house to a home here in Uganda.

Thank you so much ✨ <http://www.justgiving.com/rockprojectsuganda>

And on that note....

We'd like to wish you a
very MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We'd like to say a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the love, interest, support financially through sponsoring a child or by a one off gift or donation, and for keeping us in your prayers. Without you, all of the above wouldn't have been possible. We aim to send out a newsletter around 3 times a year, however we'd like to encourage you to follow [Rock Projects Uganda on Facebook](#) for more regular up-dates as well as on our website www.rockprojectsuganda.org. Please keep in touch through our facebook page, the website or by emailing us on info@rockprojectsuganda.org

With love,
The Kasozi Family
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