

Dear friends,

It has been a busy few months since we last wrote to you and we have much to tell you about! Building began at Kampala Children Centre in January and three houses have been built. The goat house has quickly become too small with over 40 goats and we are in the process of moving in our first 8 cows to the farm.



Kingsway House

The NDE team in Kampala have been operational since January, with an administrator, an accountant, our Guest House manager, a caretaker, two office assistants, and various volunteers. They meet twice weekly to pray for each other and the progress of the project.

A working team of 8 adults from Kings Way Church, Sale, also went to Uganda in April. They spent two weeks painting and decorating the house that they had sponsored, and landscaping some garden areas. For all of them, it was a first visit to Africa, and although a little daunted at first, all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to going back in the future. See report on www.ndenetwork.com



Decorated children rooms



Site and first two houses

So where do we go from here !

We are so grateful to God for what He has done. Every day He exceeds our expectations. We are believing God for funding to start construction of two more houses and the school this year. We also want to develop the farm initially to include 200 she-goats, 100 cows, 100 sheep and a crop.

With the first three houses built, our plan for the first 36 children to move into the Centre at the beginning of September seems to be on schedule. In the mean time, Arnold will be travelling to and fro between England and Uganda, overseeing the developments. Carers for the children will be interviewed and selected, and Arnold and some team members will travel to the slums and the refugee camps and northern regions of Uganda to select the first children who will move in at the beginning of September. We covet your prayers for safety in travel, finances, wisdom in selecting team members, and the continued progress of the work. We also have specific needs for two vehicles, (a car and a Pick up truck), and two new computers for the office in Kampala.

We are finalizing the process of setting up a child sponsorship programme for the children who will be living the Children's Centre. This will mean that each child will have an individual or group who pledge to pay £1.17 a day (£35 a month) to sponsor a child's living costs, schooling, medical and recreational costs. We will be sending you more information on this programme in the next few months. Please prayerfully consider whether you, your family, or your church group could make a lasting difference in an orphaned child's life in this way.

We would also like to invite you to consider coming to Kampala in September or anytime from now to render your skills to the project. Please don't forget to visit our website www.ndenetwork for updates

UK & Europe:

Over the past month we have been busy with conferences and prayer meetings in the UK and Belgium. Last week we had a wonderful time and the privilege of participating in Prayer Week where Arnold & the NDE team ministered in several conferences around the Northwest; Liverpool, Chester, St. Helens and finishing off at Princess Drive Baptist Church in Colwyn Bay, Wales. It has been a faith building time - seeing the Church engaging in strategic prayer and issues of community transformation.

As a Team we feel God is calling us to focus more on grassroots prayer as we anticipate what He is about to do in this nation and continent.

Thank you once again for all your prayers and support – together we will continue to see the hand of God at work among us.

Much love

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