



### Meet The Trustees



Sue Marshall a Special Needs teacher, lives and works in the UK. Married with two grown up daughters.



Sue Gasston East Africa Director, retired teacher with four grown children lives mainly in Uganda.



John Gasston, Chairman Trustees Retired Engineer. Works with Sue, married for 34 years.

Tim Geddes a retired music and special needs teacher spending his time between Uganda and the UK.

Hi and a big **thank you** to all our sponsors and supporters for standing with us through this unprecedented and persistent pandemic. Sue and I are still in Uganda unable to return to the UK due to the quarantine restrictions. Due to hardship caused by lockdowns and curfews the need for assistance has increased and we praise God that Equipe has been able to extend its giving to help.

Our mission trips have all been cancelled this year yet other doors have opened enabling us to extend our repertoire. We have been busy renewing our NGO certification which as always is a costly and arduous process but it is almost completed and Equipe is registered for another five years.

Now begins the process of renewing our work permits which expire next February, things are so behind here our Interpol interviews, requested this week, will not be until December. So crazy is the system that Sue and I will be seen on different days! TIA.

We are in the process of updating the Equipe website, which is long overdue, it should be up in a few weeks, its not easy from over here.

**John Gasston. Chairman Trustees**

### New Rock Foundation School - Kampala

We have been able to assist in adding another storey to the school enabling them to meet new government requirements due to Covid 19.

The certificate shows that the school now complies thanks to help given by Equipe and St Pauls Primary School, Hereford.

Meanwhile our sponsored children have been receiving weekly workbooks to study at home. Collected on Monday, returned on Friday for marking and feedback the following Monday.

Online lessons are available but most children do not have smart phones, laptops or internet access so this is their only option.



## Other Opportunities to Help



This young boy Muzey urgently needed a major operation to replace rods in his leg, it involved him transporting him hundreds of miles from Nendha village to Entebbe and several days in the hospital. We thank one of our generous donors for providing this miracle.



With your continued support Equipe has been able to assist poorer families with food during the Pandemic, we have also been able to help several others with medical costs for treatment.

Thanks to another donor Equipe has also sent football and netball equipment to Nendha so that tournaments could be arranged for the local youth to engage the community and give them something to focus on while schools remain closed.



We are on the ground ensuring that all donations go where they can be most effective with accountability at the forefront of our thinking.



With lockdown our missions were cancelled but we have been given the opportunity to speak on the local radio every Monday lunchtime enabling us to reach all the islands with the message of hope.

### Special Report from Abbey Muggaga- Chosen Children, Kampala

Corona virus has hit the whole world, halting businesses and schools with many being forced to wind up, we as Chosen Children's Centre (CCC) have been and are still victims of the same.

We are grateful for God's mercy that we are still here but remain greatly challenged in our daily survival.

The school has the responsibility of caring and catering for vulnerable children providing food and accommodation, orphans such as Nakiwala Phiona and others have been under our care since Nursery living on school premises.

Teachers and other employees who only survive by their monthly earnings from the school have also needed to be supported even though we have had little income over the past two years other than support received from Equipe.

In October of 2020 there was reopening of schools for primary seven candidates but meeting the governments standard operating procedures for the safe working was another challenge to the institution.

Out of a strong hustle, the school managed to reopen for these candidates but parents of these children had all suffered the effects of Covid and so were unable to pay school fees or registration fees to the fullest. This therefore became another burden to the school to cater for these expenses, since it could not let these children fail their academic year.

In March of 2021, another class for semi candidates (primary 6) followed as the P7 candidates were finishing their year, and two other classes followed on 12th April, 2021, but they all brought the same challenges.

On 6th June, 2021, the government declared another 42 day lock down and all education institutions were closed again. Some of the school staff had reported for work since some classes had resumed studying, but after the lockdown declaration, the school had to further support these employees though without any income. It has been the school's responsibility to provide food and shelter, which has been very heavy to us, again thanks to Equipe.

We have just been informed by our President that schools will remain closed until January 2022 to enable teachers to be vaccinated and schools to prepare for the new safe operating procedures.

The school is required to have enough rooms and desks to ensure the social distancing factor, this means that we are supposed to buy all this equipment even though we have had no income.

The school is seriously in need of more financial help in order to be ready for the reopening of schools.

It is our prayer that the hand of God continues protecting you and the entire country in Jesus' name.

Thank you for your endless love and care to us.

### Eunice Memorial Medical Centre



Equipe has continued to support EMMC in Kalangala, the main toilet and bathing block is nearing completion and a gift has been given to erect a security fence.

The X-ray room is prepared but is waiting for funding to purchase a the lead lined door which is vital before the equipment can be fully commissioned and the Ssesse Islands have their first x-ray facility.