



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter . We have had a busy year here in Uganda with many challenges!!

It is not always easy getting the required information from our partners due to the poor communication and travelling to visit our link schools can take many hours.

A big thank you to all of you who help by sponsoring a child, a feeding program or supporting one of our other projects. **Sue Gasson, East Africa Director**

2020 Another year of opportunity to bring hope to the needy and another year of challenges.

Sadly at the end of 2019 our long serving chairman Tony Howson and one other trustee stepped down due to health issues. We thank them very much for all that they have helped us achieve.

Two new trustees have been appointed and as we look to attract new volunteers we will continue to run with our vision to bring relief to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We welcome any interested parties who might like to learn more and maybe come and join us.

2019 saw Equipe getting involved in two new projects on the Sesse Islands in Uganda, one The Jomain Academy, a nursery and primary school in a small trading centre called Bwendero.

The second being The Eunice Memorial Medical Centre in Kalangala.

Donations were received by Equipe to enable us to begin partnering these two areas where there is great need.

The school is still under construction and requires ongoing support for both the building project and child sponsorship.

The medical centre which offers subsidised medical services to the islands requires ongoing funding for renting of the premises and to purchase further medical equipment. We have already secured the first Ultrasound scanner, a maternity bed, four hospital beds and assist with some of the pharmaceuticals.



Link Schools

New Rock Foundation School, Kabowa, Kampala

Our oldest project started in 2001 continues to develop in a Kampala suburb, having raised funds to construct the school and implement a feeding program we continue to support with several sponsored children attending.

Linked with St Pauls C of E in Hereford amazing steps forward have been made.

New dormitories have been added and while waiting for funds to add another storey the staff have been innovative and created a roof garden to produce vegetables to supplement the pupils diet.



Bridge of Hope Primary School, Kalangala

Linked with St Johns CofE School in Sandbach who have faithfully been raising funds to assist in the school's development. This is a picture of the nursery block which has been constructed using those donations, here you can see the new windows that have been installed. 2019 saw a large investment into schools from the Icelandic government which resulted in BofH getting a three classroom block and a new kitchen block.

This has been a major leap forward for the school which has spent many years struggling but the responsibility to maintain and complete the other building remains with the school itself.

We still need ongoing support to sustain BofH with its 200+ pupils in this poor community.



Lwabaswa Primary School, Bubembe Island, Sesse



Sadly we lost our UK link with Labaswa at the end of 2019 and we urgently need a replacement. Situated on a small island where the local community are poor fishermen this government school faces many challenges. While the buildings are fine, thanks to one of our sponsors they now have rainwater harvesting, solar lighting, and help with the feeding program. Equipe have just provided funds to enable a security fence to be constructed around the school to protect the children from locals wandering around the site at all hours of the day and night. Parents are required to provide uniforms, sports kit, pens, pencils, books, paper, toilet paper, soap etc. as standard school requirements for their children.

Often children arrive at school having had no breakfast, and nothing for lunch and yet they are expected to learn, many children don't have shoes and can't afford the requirements.

The Equipe sponsored children get their school fees etc covered but the other children need support and that is why we need another link school in the west to help raise funds to assist with improving conditions here.

Chosen Children, Nansana, Kampala

Linked with All Saints CofE School and The Roft in Gresford North Wales, Chosen Children is sited in a slum area of Kampala. The Director Abbey Muggaga has been working tirelessly to raise the standards of this Primary School to help the people of Nansana. On a cramped site he has maximised the number of classrooms and buildings to provide a much needed educational facility in the area.

Equipe have several sponsored children attending the school and have worked with Abbey for many years through its development, in 2019 the Ugandan Government imposed new rules that the school had to implement including constructing a staff room and reception plus a security perimeter wall, otherwise the school would be closed down.

Donations from our link schools have helped to achieve these needs and the success rate of pupils passing their P7 exams has increased.

However we still need more sponsors and continued support to raise standards



Child Sponsorship

Child Sponsorship remains a big part of Equipes work and we extend a big THANK YOU to all the sponsors who continue to support these needy children.

You are vital to our work in the linked schools shown and others that we partner with, we cannot do any of this work without your help.

Rahab Project

Equipe have been partnering with this project in Namulanda focused on rescuing prostitutes which provides training in tailoring and hairdressing to achieve an alternative source of income.



If you would like to be involved in Child Sponsorship, School Links or any other aspect of our work, please contact us at maranathagateway@gmail.com.