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WHAT A ROLLER COASTER of a month it has been! So many emotions! So many highs and lows! Welcome to the bumper November 2019 Souvenir edition of the NECS newsletter.

Of course we are concentrating on the Go Uganda October 2019 trip to Nkuringo and all the adventures we had there. Yes we started with the first ever Pantomime in Nkuringo thanks to all the support from sponsors and friends who collected costumes and believed we could actually pull it off! We did! We took 47 bags of aid collected by so many people across the country. So many donations – from Julie Webster who donated so many wonderful cuddly toys (including Mr Dragon shown here) to bring joy to little people, to Terry Candler who donated enough shirts and trousers to keep an army of men looking smart and professional, and Lisa Aitken who threw in butterfly wings, tutus, beautiful clothes and jewellery fit for a princess for the pantomime – and these are just a few of the many donations I received - such gestures of kindness were repeated across the country!



Radio interview regarding NECS

The trip started with a nail biting race against time at Gatwick by Stephen and Karen Bonner whose flights were delayed from Scotland. It was only thanks to the kindness of Rwandair who held the bag drop open for longer than they should that Karen and Stephen squeaked into the departure lounge THREE MINUTES before the gates were closed! It probably took the whole flight to Rwanda for the couple to calm down and realise they really had made it!

Asgario and Denis met us in Rwanda and took us on the colourful journey from the tarmac roads and relative wealth of Rwanda into the mud tracks and hauntingly beautiful scenery of Uganda where we climbed and climbed up into the clouds and just when we felt we could climb no higher we heard the singing of children and knew we were home.

The rain played a big part in the week but did not ruin any of our adventures. We were able to give out many more Helping Hands Loans to the local community – and see how much of a difference they are making. We spent time with both the Primary and Secondary Schools – and were privileged to watch a couple of plays put on by their new drama group who are now called the Nkuringo Phoenix Players following a donation of costumes and money by the Mayfield Phoenix Players in East Sussex when they folded. There is something wonderful to know that the Phoenix has risen again with young blood and renewed vigour in a remote corner of Uganda!

We had a marvellous group of people who really pulled together and made the whole trip so enjoyable. We had lots of mothers and daughters – Karrie and Zara, Anne and Sian,

Right: Go Uganda under the Anniversary banner.

Below: Dragon ready to give cuddles



Mel, Georgie and Mollie, Megan, Rhiannon and Maddie, we had sisters Hayley and Adele and Grandma and granddaughter in Pam and Sophie, not to mention a married couple in Stephen and Karen and then Eileen, Tara and myself who may each have been travelling alone but who knew so many people on the trip we felt like one very big family!

Thank you to everyone in the group for your hard work, your joy and the very big difference you made during your time in the community.

I am just finishing putting together the May 2020 group and we still have some space – if anyone wants to have an adventure like no other then please get in contact! See page 40 for details.

It was our five year anniversary trip and we had a wonderful party to complete our time in Nkuringo – which included an interview with the local radio! The interview with Asgario, Tara and I was actually broadcast while we were there. The community are thrilled to hear that we are embarking on our biggest project to date - the building of a new HIV clinic. We will be bringing you more information on this in our next issue - but in the meantime donations are always welcome - contact myself or Steve Knowlden for details.

There was frustrating news as well during our trip. Asgario was hoping to come back with us to attend the NECS Five Year Anniversary Ball in Kent – but was refused his visa for the fourth time. It is ludicrous that the patron of our charity and the person who has been instrumental since the beginning is not allowed to spend one week in the UK thanking his sponsors. We will not give up on him and will certainly try again!

The devastating news came on 14th November after we had all got home. The weather finally took its toll in Nkuringo and landslides took the lives of three people leaving children without a mother. See pages 22 and 23 for more details. If you can help us help the victims please do donate. The QR code for donations is on the right of this page. Every penny given will help us help our friends so far away. They are not alone any more and are in all our prayers during this difficult time.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. It represents all the love and respect that holds us all together no matter who we are and where we are from. We are all winners in this and we all receive more than we give!

Until next month!

Jan Duchesne

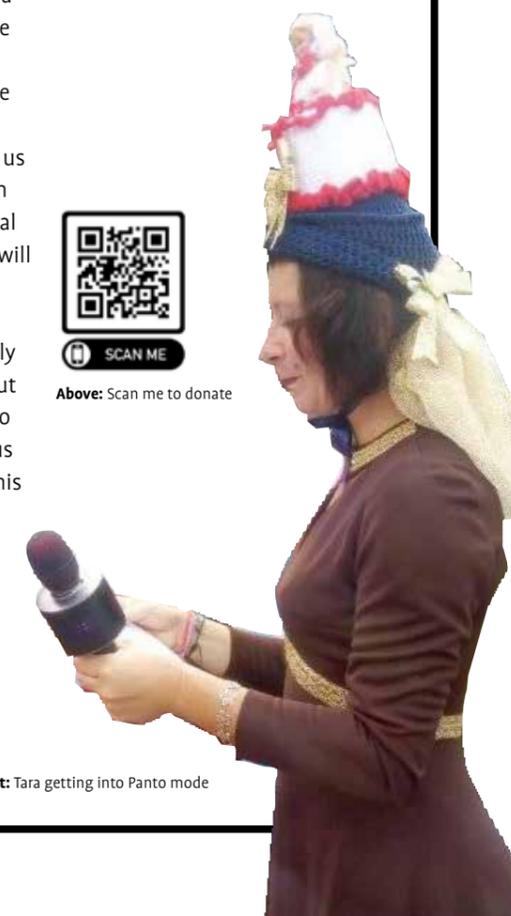


Above: Amanda Howcroft with one of her sponsor letters - please feel free to send us your own photos to share



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Above: Scan me to donate



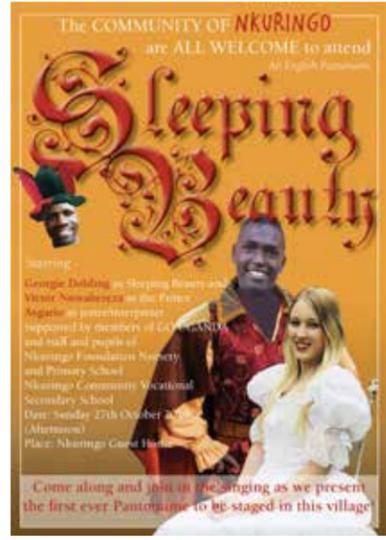
Right: Tara getting into Panto mode

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PANTOMINE TIME

Everyone loves a pantomime! It is a very British winter pastime where Pantomime season usually starts in December and carries on through to the end of January. Nearly every village and town puts on a Pantomime for the local people. However in Nkuringo they had never even heard of Pantomimes so we thought that as this was our five year anniversary it was time to change all that!



Some of our talented cast

PUTTING ON SLEEPING BEAUTY in Nkuringo was certainly a mad idea – but we have often found they are the best! I started with a simple script. As this was the first Pantomime the village would have seen we wanted something simple – and what simpler than a handsome prince, a princess, a King and Queen, wicked witch and as many fairies, soldiers and courtiers as we could get costumes for! Script written we cast half the main characters among our Go Uganda group. Luckily we had a Princess, a couple of good fairy queens and a wicked witch in Rhiannon and Maddie Jeffs and Georgie and Mollie Dolding who were all going out with their mothers and could practice together prior to the trip. Karrie Mellor made a lovely queen and we recruited the headmaster of the secondary school, Denis Twebaze, to be the King. We just needed a handsome prince but Victor Nuwahereza from the Secondary School was soon learning his words. A poster was prepared and circulated and the girls started to put together songs and choreograph routines for the children in the schools to learn before we arrived. All Go Uganda members started scrounging everything from fairy wings to jester hats as we assembled the costumes required to make this a Pantomime to remember.





Thank you so much to everyone who donated costumes – we couldn't have done it without you! We arrived in Nkuringo on the Friday night. We had Saturday to fit everyone with costumes and rehearse ready for the actual live show on the Sunday to the whole village. Laughter and giggles filled the air as children tried on wings, soldiers were fitted with uniforms and we even had a penguin and a dragon to dance with our Court Jester. Asgario was cast as the Court Jester to act as interpreter for those who did not speak English in the audience. Tara Garritt and myself were cast as Keepers of the Royal Throne – which meant we had Toilet Roll Hats and looked after the Royal Bottoms – whilst hanging on to the script and ensuring we filled in the story and kept everyone on track. Saturday morning it poured with rain and our hearts sank. However just in time the sun shone. Our cast of hundreds paraded first all the way up the high street singing "It's a Long Way to Nkuringo" before acting, singing and dancing their way through the most enthusiastic pantomime I have ever had the privilege to

be in! The audience laughed, cried and soon caught on to OH NO IT IS NOT! Etc. The birth of the baby princess caused much laughter as Karrie whipped her out from under her dress after a few ladylike pants and the crowd went wild when the Prince woke up Sleeping Beauty and asked her to marry him. The wedding party then sang their way up and down the High Street again throwing sweets as the audience all joined in the dancing.

I think they will be talking about the Pantomime in Nkuringo for a long time to come!!

Everyone got involved with enthusiasm and Asgario played a colourful court jester to interpret and keep everyone in the loop.



DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHES

EVERY TRIP WE take out bags of aid which include clothes, shoes, medical supplies, educational necessities etc. This time we had 47 bags which is well over a ton of aid. The Pantomime over on Monday morning we set to sorting out the aid into different piles around the Guest House – men's trousers, women's tops etc. – ready for our first visitors. On each trip we try to focus on different needy groups. This time we were starting with a Batwa group we had first encountered last year. They are extremely needy but live far outside the village so Asgario organised for them to be picked up by truck, along with an old people's group. Everyone soon got involved in matching adults and children to suitable clothes and shoes as required. It is an emotional task but I must say this time we did not turn anyone away without shoes and everyone got something. After the main distribution the rest of the aid was bagged up to be handed out to other groups during the week.





PERIOD POVERTY OVERCOME



With so many calls on our support in Nkuringo it is hard to be there for everyone all the time. Which is why I am so touched by the way that Tara Garritt has taken one important issue in the schools – Period Poverty – and tackled it head on with great success. Period poverty exists in all countries but is particularly evident in this

small community where even the most basic necessities are seen as a luxury.

Thanks to Tara the Red Box project is giving all the pupils and female teachers in both the primary school and secondary schools the support they need to get through their cycle with dignity. We have always said that our aim is to provide a level playing field in the schools for both girls and boys, able bodied and disabled, from every group and background – and the Red Box project certainly plays an important part in achieving that aim.

RED BOX PROJECT

By Tara Garritt



Eileen Johnstone

12 MONTHS AGO, we were approached by the young women at both schools to provide them with sanitary pads. We felt that this was a basic right to ensure their dignity and hygiene, and the support from Go Uganda members has been incredible! I was overwhelmed this trip by the hard work of two exceptional ladies, with a little help from some friends!

Eileen Johnstone, a Go Uganda veteran, diligently produced over 100 reusable pads, which you can see the girls were delighted to receive. Eileen was supported in this effort by her Tess, who has Downs Syndrome but showed her support to other young women by cutting out all the necessary towelling and waterproof backing, allowing Eileen to focus on the stitching and trimming. That's what we call



teamwork, thank you both! Dawn Oake, a friend of Karrie Mellor at Bags of Support, produced these fabulous reusable pad packs, all beautifully made with replacements and thought to security and comfort. She has been in touch to offer her ongoing support and another batch to take out in May! Thank you Dawn, they will be thrilled to know more will arrive.

Reusable sanitary pads are a godsend when money is so tight and in the wet season, but we also need disposable pads for emergencies and when washing simply isn't possible. Please keep this in mind when packing for the May trip or offering donations.

There are now 133 young women who have received washable reusable sanitary pads and replacements from us, but as you can appreciate, that list continues to grow with 15 more girls added since May. Your donations of just \$5 allows us to buy a pack of 4 towels locally. If you can help, please get in touch with me at taragarritt@aol.com.



Left: Tess helping Eileen





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NKURINGO COMMUNITY VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

MANAGED BY MEL DOLDING AND KATE BISHOP

PLEASE NOTE If you would like to donate, please email Mel at melasizz@yahoo.co.uk or post on her facebook page or the **Go Uganda** facebook page. She will then send you details of what to do.



Microscope

As he completed his Go Uganda visit last year Ricardo Barbosa kindly donated the funds to purchase a microscope for the secondary school. This was our first chance to see this microscope in action. This gift has pride of place in the small school laboratory and is an essential educational tool for the pupils. Thank you Ricardo!



Encyclopædia Britannica



The Secondary School library certainly needs more support. However it is one step closer after Tara Garritt spied the complete set of 20 books of the Encyclopædia Britannica available to a good home! Not daunted by the fact that they weighed a ton she drove round and picked them up and then brought a carrier bag full of the weighty volumes to the airport with her. Tara being Tara she managed to get the whole set squeezed into luggage and safely delivered to the Secondary School where they were much appreciated!

Jan talks about Japan



Go Uganda members often provide lessons and talks in the schools during their visit. Jan offered to do a talk on Japan to the Secondary School having just returned from a three week whistle stop tour of the whole of that country. The children were fascinated by the customs, eating habits, dress, religion and history. However the two things that stole the show were toilets and chop sticks! They were fascinated by the idea of Washlets – the well-known Japanese toilets that do everything from play music to wash dry and deodorize after use! When presented with a pair of chop sticks and a big bag of sweets they soon rose to the challenge of mastering the art of using chopsticks to pick up something to eat!

The children were extremely interested in a country that is so different from their own yet has some striking similarities. In both they rely on fresh food and a simple diet. They are isolated from the rest of the world by their location or politics so have developed a very strong cultural bond with very strong family ties and a sense of belonging. It was a good session!



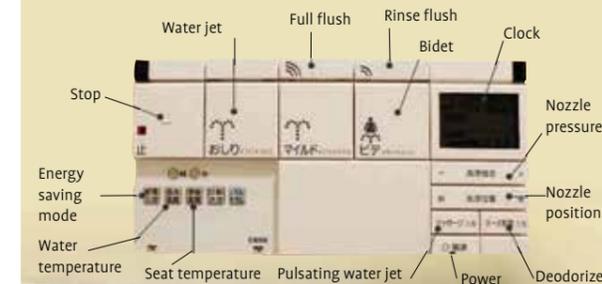
Computers made it to Nkuringo



We reported last month that thanks to a request from Sam Gent, DXC Technology had provided 11 laptops for us to take out to Uganda with us this October. 11 members of the group dutifully carried a laptop

through security for us as part of their hand luggage and on arrival one laptop went to the Bursar of the Primary School and the other ten went straight to the Secondary School where they were welcomed with open

arms. Laptops are desperately needed at the school and if anyone has a laptop that is in working order and they are happy to donate for us to take out next May please get in touch! Thanks again DXC



Mel Dolding goes walk about



Mel Dolding and Kate Bishop are NECS Trustees and also look after the sponsorship of pupils to the Secondary School. Mel was thrilled to see the many improvements since her last visit two years ago and was amazed by the high standard of education and handwriting among the diligent pupils. It certainly shows they are doing something right!





WOMENS HEALTH WORKSHOP

SIAN CRIPPS, daughter of Go Uganda veteran Anne, was delighted to head our first Go Uganda women's health workshop, the focus on menstrual cycles. We wanted to provide the secondary school girls with a safe environment in which to ask any questions they might have about physical or emotional symptoms they were having. 85 girls attended and asked a range of questions from 'is it normal to have pain in my back when I'm having my period?' – yes it is, to 'why do I like boys more once my period has finished?'. Sian, a UK trained paramedic based in London, spent an informative hour explaining the menstrual cycle, the impact of hormones on your body and was able to put a lot of concerns to rest. We were also glad to have some of the younger Go Uganda members in the workshop with us and their input helped the local girls understand their symptoms were completely normal. At the end of the session, Karrie, from **Bags of Support**, provided a very welcome 100 bras to the girls and the reusable sanitary pads were handed out. The girls said the workshop had been very helpful and reassuring and I suspect that this will be the first of many such sessions that we run.



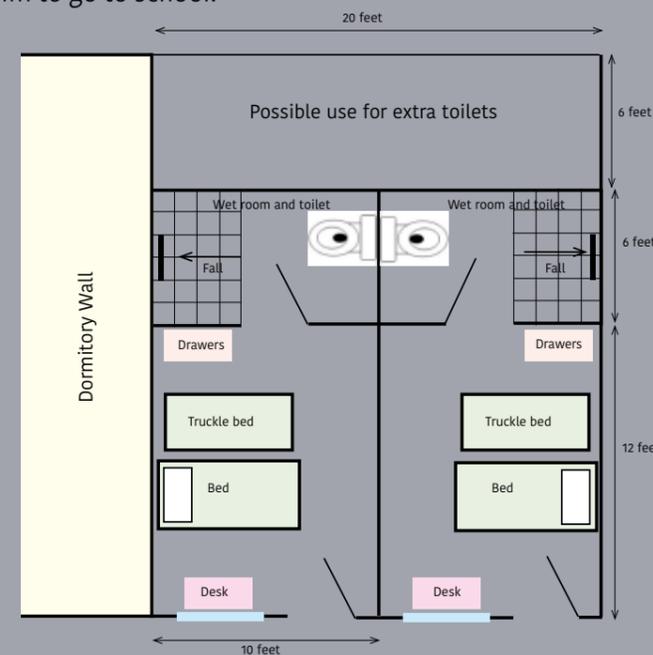
A NEW DISABLED WING

With Gerald's condition now stable it is important to get him back into education alongside his peers. With this in mind we decided to look at options not only for Gerald but other wheelchair users like him to go to school.

We knew that Gerald would need to have special sleeping arrangements to maintain dignity and accommodate a carer. Our focus however was larger than that – we wanted to build something that would be bigger than Gerald – a disabled wing that would allow up to four people with disabilities to attend mainstream school. This is unheard of in this area – but that has never stopped us yet!



After getting some sound advice from Gary Aitkin, a building contractor in the UK, we reviewed the options on site with Julius, the local contractor. Additional advice was given by Karrie Mellor and Pamela Alcock – who is experienced in the provision of support to overcome disabilities. Plans for a 2 room unit to be built next to the new girls dormitories were drawn up and costed. Thanks to some amazing generous donations these units are now entirely funded and have been commissioned! **WATCH THIS SPACE!**



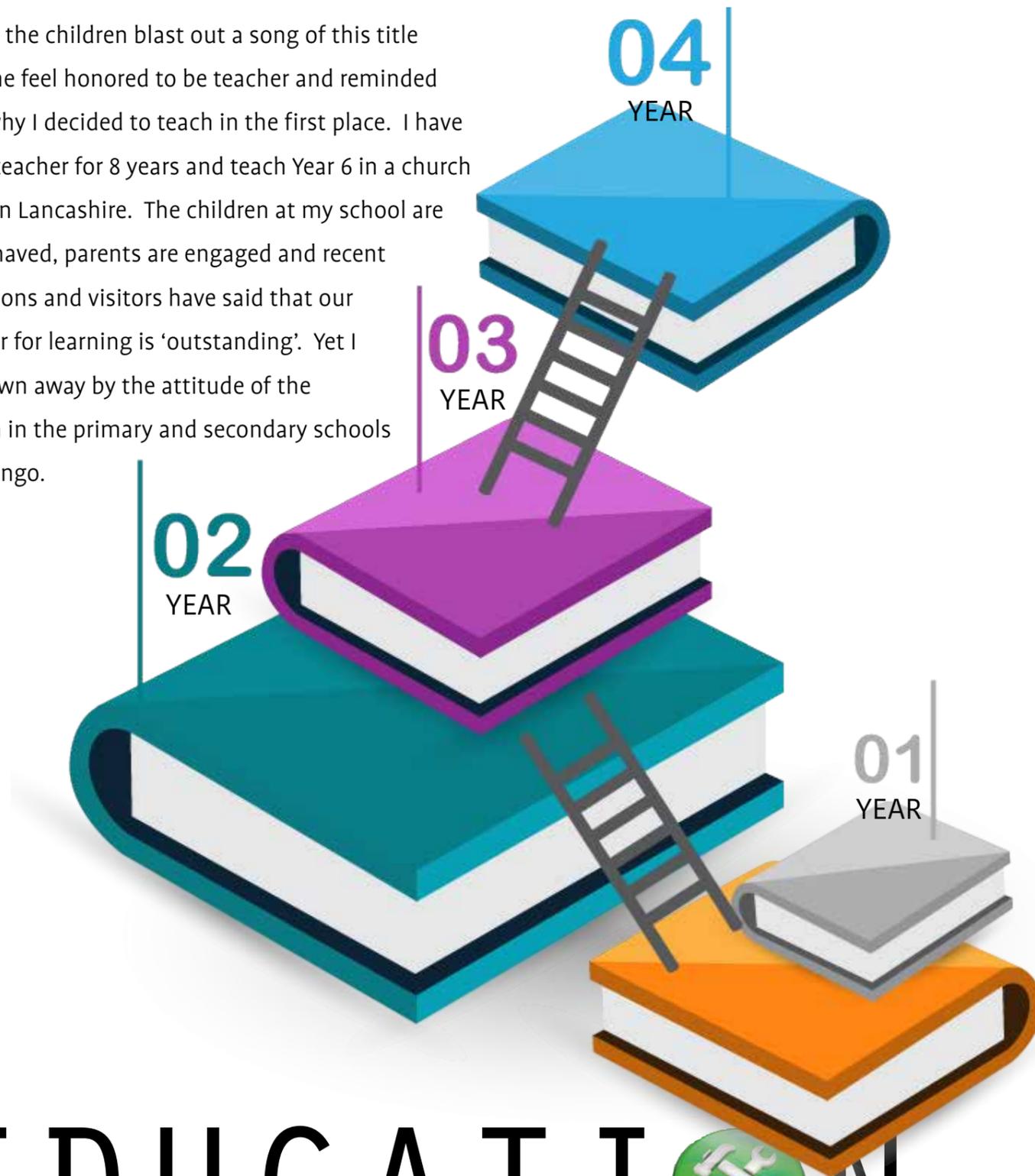
Above: Drawing of the two units that will make up the special Disabled Wing. We just need to find a better name for it now!

Right: We have asked for the cost of building two of these special beds with pull out truckles that can be used to accommodate a carer at night and pushed away to save space during the day

Right: We will need to provide one of these wheeled toilet seats for each unit to enable users to be moved to the shower/toilet area where they will wheel over a standard toilet



Hearing the children blast out a song of this title made me feel honored to be teacher and reminded me of why I decided to teach in the first place. I have been a teacher for 8 years and teach Year 6 in a church school in Lancashire. The children at my school are well behaved, parents are engaged and recent inspections and visitors have said that our behavior for learning is 'outstanding'. Yet I was blown away by the attitude of the children in the primary and secondary schools in Nkuringo.



EDUCATION
IS A TOOL WE MUST USE

THIS WAS THE HIGHLIGHT of my trip – it has opened my eyes wider than I thought possible, it has changed my pedagogy back in my own classroom and it has made me appreciate the power and value of my work.

The primary school was a sight to behold and it was hard not to show how saddened and shocked I was. Pride in the education radiates from every person you meet who attends or works at the school. Initially I visited the school on Saturday. The children were all busy: some were studying; some were emptying and cleaning the classrooms; others were washing their school uniform and some were playing – a plastic bag makes for an excellent alternative to a volleyball!

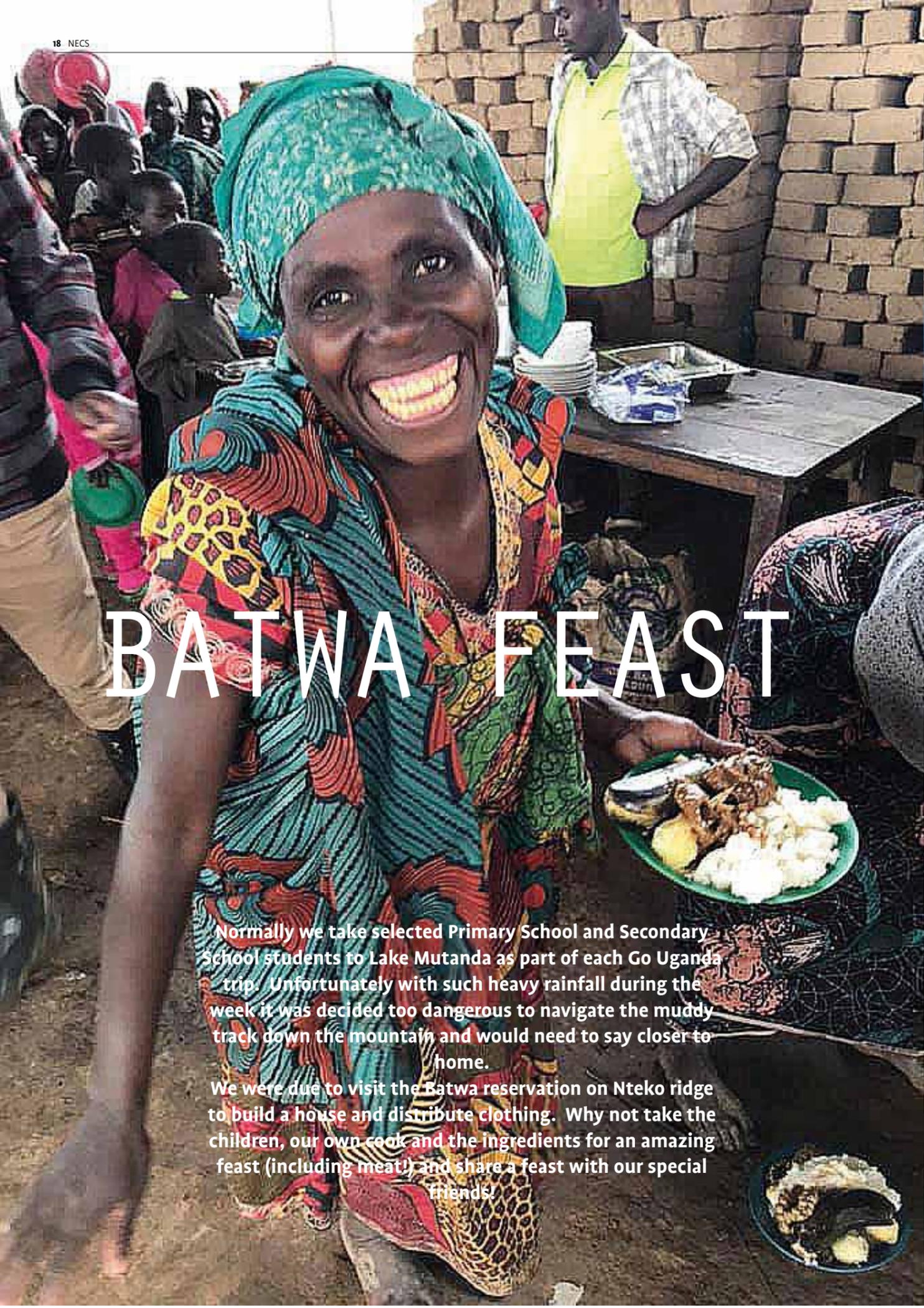


We went into the classrooms, and basic is an understatement. There is a blackboard, chairs and tables and a few pieces of work on the walls. The quality however was very impressive. This was the same at the secondary school and I soon realised that it was because education for these children is a privilege, not a given and they all therefore embrace it fully. They know that with education their lives can be better and so they want to learn and they don't need the latest apps, resources or even colour photocopying to help them to learn. They have good teaching and the desire. And so they make the absolute best of what they have, they grab it with both hands and take every opportunity to learn. They work as hard as they can to make it to the next stage of their educational journey – they know that they could lose this opportunity at any moment.

I was worried about teaching a lesson to the children – there was the language barrier for starters and how would I know what they would be able to access in terms of their learning? I decided on some observational science. The children in P6 were very knowledgeable about what science was, "The study of living and non-living things," came the reply from the class. We talked about observing, questioning and investigating and although this does not make up much of their science lessons due to a lack of resources, the children knew what to do and the language for learning blew me away. The children were given raisins and tried to guess what they were – they used their observational skills and loved tasting them – many of the children saying they were sweets. They then made predictions about whether they would sink or float in the water and celebrated when they found out they were right. I then introduced a tonic water and again they made their predictions. They then tested and observed further. The children loved watching the raisins sink and float – one child saying that they were 'dancing raisins'! The experiment worked and the children could explain what was happening after some discussion. The lesson had its challenges. The classroom was so dark and when the rain started, you could not hear for the noise of the rain on the tin roof; it turned out the language barrier, and lack of knowledge around the children and their abilities was not an issue at all. It was an honour and a privilege to work with them. When I return, I will not hesitate to teach again and will probably want to teach a lot more than just the one lesson (although I did also interrupt an RE lesson by teaching the children a singing prayer – my confidence was growing!). I would recommend everyone to spend time in front of a class – the children are hungry for every morsel of education they can get – you will have something that they can learn from – and you will be rewarded for your time. I came away with a renewed energy for education, a renewed passion for the power and change it has on the lives of every child. Thank you Nkuringo!

Hayley Collins





BATWA FEAST

Normally we take selected Primary School and Secondary School students to Lake Mutanda as part of each Go Uganda trip. Unfortunately with such heavy rainfall during the week it was decided too dangerous to navigate the muddy track down the mountain and would need to say closer to home. We were due to visit the Batwa reservation on Nteko ridge to build a house and distribute clothing. Why not take the children, our own cook and the ingredients for an amazing feast (including meat!) and share a feast with our special friends!



MEAT IS NOT OFTEN on the menu of this little community who often suffer from malnutrition. We brought food for them, for us and for all the school children we brought with us – many who had never visited a Batwa reservation before. Emma our cook worked tirelessly preparing plantain bananas, poshu (cornmeal), coleslaw, goat stew and big jerry cans of the brown cereal drink they all normally survive on. Despite driving rain Emma and his team were soon serving piled up plates of food to everyone. You can see the joy a full plate of food can bring! There was much amusement as the community realised we were probably eating with our fingers for the very first time...



BATWA BUILD DANCE



Apart from eating with our friends we also took them four big bags of clothes and necessities and then set to helping them complete the building of a new hut. This is the second hut we have funded. It costs £1000 for the roof and other components (the mud is free). That also provides enough money to give the new owners a set of cooking pots. Thank you Ruth Mason for obtaining the funding for this house – it is much appreciated! With or without our help the new home is now ready for the young couple it has been allocated to. If anyone wants to fund raise to enable us to build another one next May that would be wonderful!

We finished our visit with dancing and a celebration of our special relationship with this gentle people.

WEATHER LAND SLIDES

IN OCTOBER it is the rainy season in Nkuringo. We go every October and yes we get rain – but usually rain and sun in equal quantities. The rain has never really bothered us. This time the rain was relentless, strong and unforgiving. It didn't affect our week as we were able to move things around and still achieve everything we needed to. We did have to cancel Lake Mutanda because the roads down the mountain were slippery muddy quagmires and only to be attempted if absolutely necessary but apart from that we were ok.

We saw one small dramatic landslide on the High Street near the Guest House which blocked the road so we had to get out of our truck and walk round it but thought that was as bad as it got. The road back down the mountain when we left was just mud – but our careful driver got us down it without a hitch. I wouldn't have fancied our chances driving back up!

On 14th November we got devastating news. Nkuringo is built on very steep slopes. The wet muddy slopes were beginning to yield to the driving rain. There had been a landslide at the school that took our part of the new eco toilet. Worse, much worse, a whole field had slid down the mountain taking with it three women. The baby of one of the women was found alive in a ditch and rushed to hospital but none of the women made it.

One of those women was the mother of Feredericko Mifitundinda – sponsored by Hayley Collins and All Saints Primary School. She had danced with him two weeks earlier. Now he was an orphan. His home was destroyed and his siblings were also without a mum.

We cannot begin to believe what a tragedy this is.

As I write this offers of help are pouring in. We have set up a special fund raising site for donations to help repair the damage to the house and the school. Offers of sponsorship are pouring in.

On Sunday 17 November I attended a special service at St Denys Church, Rotherfield where prayers were said for those who were mourning or had lost their lives.

The elements have done their worst and now we need to extend our hands to support our friends so far away in their hour of need.

There is a QR code on page 2 for donations



Above: Where the children are standing was once their eco toilets

Top left: A small landslide metres away from the guest house where we stay.

Left: Hayley with Feredericko whos mother was killed in the landslide. The day after was her funeral.

Devastation on the hillside as the mud crushes family homes.



HENS & GOATS

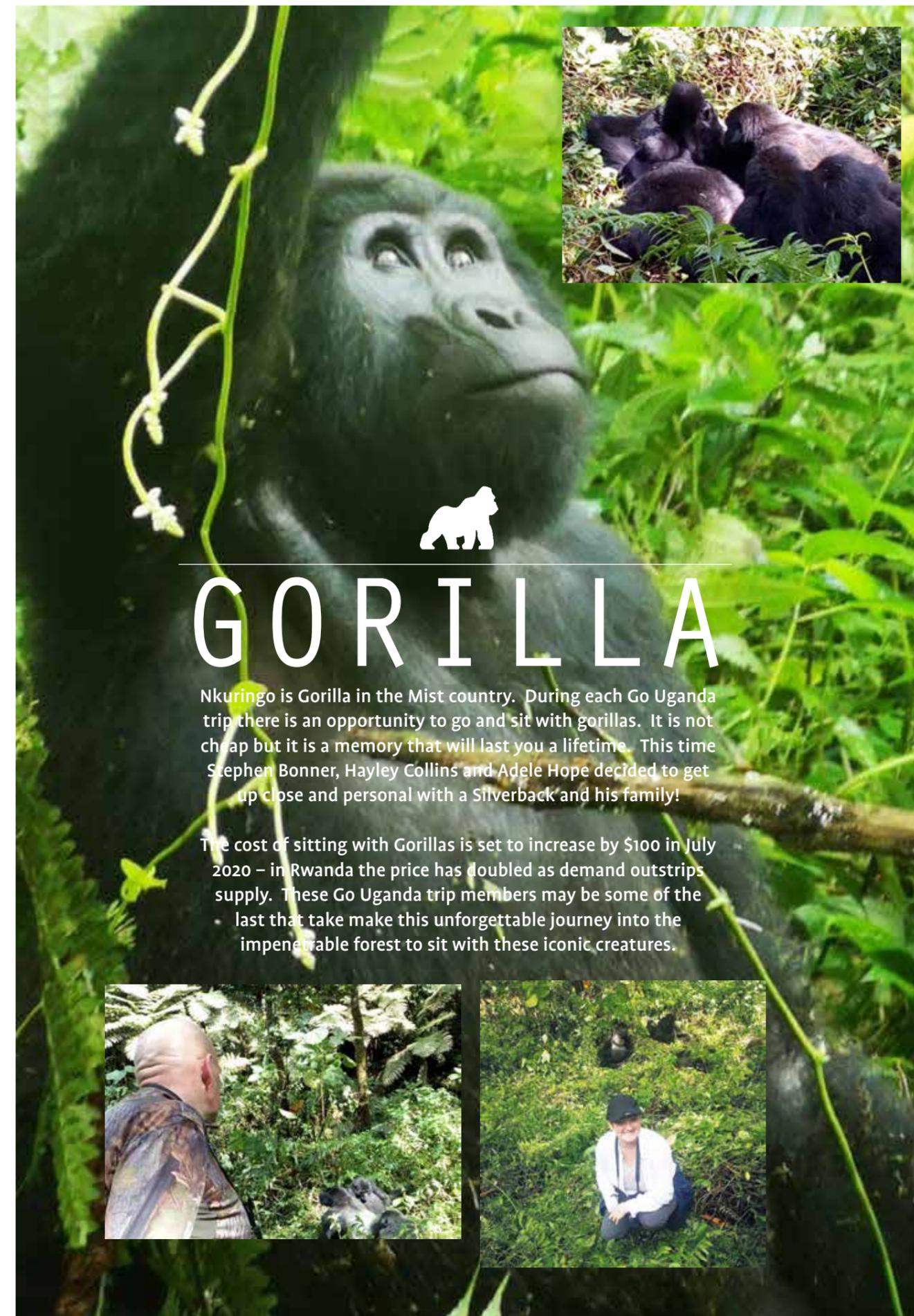
We distributed 11 goats and over 70 hens whilst we were in Nkuringo to needy people and the school flocks! It is impossible to show all of them here without taking over the newsletter but here are some of the happy recipients! If you bought a hen or goat and haven't yet seen a photo please get in touch. Thank you for these precious gifts that make a real difference!



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WOMEN'S GROUP

We always enjoy our meetings with the local Women's group. We provide clothes for the women and their children and in return they dance for us – and with us as they are now all good friends

THE RAIN WAS very bad this year and although we still had a brilliant time we had to be flexible as to what we did and when. Because the ground next to the Guest House was particularly muddy by the time we were to see the Women's group they came in to the Guest House and entertained us down by the bedrooms where it was happily mud free!

Fausta was there although quite frail having been ill for a couple of months after a caesarean operation had resulted in a bad infection which took some time to go. Mother and baby are however both now doing well.

Apart from dancing with us the group were touched to be presented with a wedding dress and all its accessories by Eileen Johnstone. It was Eileen's own wedding dress and she had heard that the group could make money hiring out wedding dresses as very few people have the wherewithal to actually buy one. We promised to bring out more wedding dresses next May so if any of you have any lurking in your wardrobes please do get in touch and we will be pleased to take them out to this group who work so hard to support their families.

We also supplied the group with some bags of aid – warm jumpers and long skirts are especially welcome at this time of the year!



**PERSONAL
LOANS
HELPING
PEOPLE HELP
THEMSELVES**



Since we started the Helping Hands Loans scheme we have seen a real impact in the local community. They can now really see how much NECS can help everyone to help themselves. This is the gift that really does keep giving.

HELPING HANDS

IN THE ABSENCE of banks the local business people formed a Co-Operative. They put a nominal sum into the middle every month and go on a waiting list. When the sum in the middle reaches \$30 it is allocated to the next person on the list – who slowly pays it back in the same way. With limited resources you may have waited a long time for your important loan to help you in your business. Now via our scheme you give £30 and it is allocated to the next person on the list. As they pay it back into the pot it is re-loaned out to the next person to qualify. We have given over 20 loans out in the two months since we started this programme thus injecting much needed funds into the scheme and making it much easier for people to obtain a loan. Thank you to the following who have enabled struggling shop keepers and craft makers to buy stock and materials to really expand their businesses and make them a viable way to earn an income to sustain their families. If you would like to get involved please contact us for details! You will receive a photo and the name and details of the person receiving the loan.

1. Gloria **NSABIMPA** Jan Dupree
30 years. 1 child. To enable her to purchase more stock for her shop
2. Kate **NYIRANDINDA** Eileen Johnstone
40 years. Married. 5 children. From the village of Kahurire. To expand her shop.
3. Petronia **KESANDA** Kieran (John and Rose Neal)
28 years. Married with 2 children from Kahure village to expand her shop
4. David **KAYANGEWE** Zara Turner (John and Rose Neal)
44 years. Bkokora Village. 4 children. Sells fabrics. To enable him to expand his range.
5. Angelina **TWESIGYE** Zac Turner (John and Rose Neal)
30 years. Married with 3 children to expand her catering business. From Kabaya Village.
6. Annet **RUHANGARIYO** Tara Garritt
25 years. From village of Kabaya. To expand her business which includes making popcorn!
7. Aneti **KABIBI** Anne Cripps
30 years. Married with 4 children. To expand her business
8. Mary **TUSHANOMWE** Chris Armstrong
31 years. 2 children from Murele village. To expand her shop
9. Mariserina **TIWANGYE** Stephen Knowlden
Bursar and Secretary to the Primary School now offering stationary and printing to the local people
10. Stidia **KICONCO** Marcus Davis (John and Rose Neal)
29 years. 3 children. Married. Kahurire village. To widen her range of goods.
11. Augustine **AKENRABIRA** Karen and Stephen Bonner
33 years. 6 children. Expand business and grow his school teaching people to make crafts – can currently accommodate 17 students at a time
12. Dina **MUKARAMIRA** Ben Davis
25 years. Kabaya village. 2 children. Married. To purchase materials for her craft making business
13. Suzan **NINSIMA** Graham and Lynn Emmanuel
25 years. One child from Kashasha village to expand her shop



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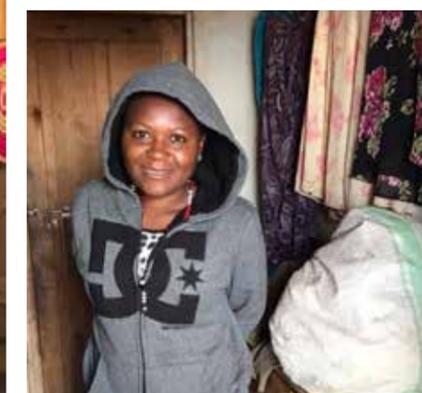
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THE BALL

FIVE YEARS SINCE STEVE and I first walked into Nkuringo. Five years needed celebrating in this country as well as in Nkuringo. We were saddened to find that despite being the patron of our charity and so key to its continued success in bringing targeted aid to those who need it Asgario Turyagyenda was refused a visa to attend the ball and thank the many sponsors of our charity for the FOURTH time!

We raised a glass in his name. The ball was held at High Rocks near Tunbridge Wells in Kent and we were thrilled to see that sponsors came from all over the country to help us celebrate this landmark. We even put up the banner Asgario had made for the five year anniversary party in Nkuringo.

Thank you so much everyone who attended. It was a special night!





OUR BIGGEST PROJECT YET. HELP!



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“NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR BY GIVING” Anne Frank



Yes, just another plea for Help regarding Aids". But if you had a neighbour who was ill you would pop in to see if they were ok and if they needed anything.

Well this neighbour is 4000 miles away perched on top of a mountain. Some of the people in this area of Bwindi Uganda are suffering from HIV. How the infection got into their body is irrelevant, the problem is how you can help them deal with it.

Just outside Nkuringo on a windswept ridge lies the Nteko III Health Clinic. This clinic does its best to help those with Aids – as well as providing maternity services for woman – but it is in very poor shape. Plastic bags were being used instead of sterile gloves to deliver babies by the doctors. With a limited water supply and no electricity or cooking facilities the staff were struggling to cope. However since we offered to look at ways we could help there is definitely a tiny light on the horizon. After a recent visit by two British nurses (part of NECS) who advised the Doctors on simple things like cleaning areas, handwashing and general procedures we have seen a real improvement in the way they

are looking after the basic facilities they do have – and more importantly there is a new feeling of Hope in the air that things might finally get better.

The reality is they need a new building. That is why this year we are asking for funding. Our target is £250,000 which is enough to provide a small clinic which holds 30 beds plus Birthing rooms, Isolation rooms and a General Lab. Something of this nature would cost millions in the UK.

A lady who would like to remain anonymous has kindly donated **£5000** to kick start the funding. In December Gwynne Furlong and myself are having a meeting with a Funding company

that specialises in this area to help us get this project underway. Now comes the hard bit. YOU all do enough already: sponsoring your child, buying beds, hens, helping with personal loans to name but some of your kind acts. On top of all that I am now asking you for any additional pounds you can spare. Don't worry - we will also be approaching the big corporates for funding but every donation – no matter how small – will move us nearer our goal. Our charity bank details are at the bottom of this article.

I also need a recent picture of you in colour to promote an advertising campaign that will be launched early 2020 to promote this campaign. A picture of you with a thumbs up sign would be fantastic. If you donate please email me your snap to: stephenknowden01@gmail.com The title of this campaign is "I Helped".

No matter how much you give your photo will appear providing you agree to that.

Thank You for your support – and please feel free to share this article. Steve Knowlden



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THE EXTENSION

It was with mixed feelings that eight of us: Anne, Sian, Karen, Steve, Karrie, Zara, Bob and myself, plus Provia set off for our three night trip to Queen Elizabeth National Park.

WE HAD ALL had a fantastic week in Nkuringo and felt sad at saying our 'Goodbyes' to the rest of the October 2019 group. We were however all excited at the prospect of continuing our adventure over the next few days.

There had been much rain and the track down the mountain had become very muddy, but with some expert mud navigation by Asgario and Robert who were driving our two vehicles we eventually reached the tarmac road that would lead us to the busy town of Kabale on route to Lake Bunyonyi.

The scenery was magnificent and every view showed off the lush green landscape where seemingly every piece of land was meticulously cultivated with crops including: tea, beans, maize and bananas. After stopping for a picnic lunch we visited the hot springs at Kitagata, which are believed to have natural healing powers, before travelling onto Queen Elizabeth National Park. At dusk we arrived at the beautiful Eganzi Lodge where we were shown the fantastic cabins which were going to be our homes for the next 2 nights. After a delicious dinner and a few drinks we made our way back to our cabins as we had an early start the next day.

At 6am the following day we were sat having breakfast waiting for daylight to dawn. As it did, the most amazing view of the African plain

unfolded in front of us. Full of excitement we set off for our first Game Drive.

We soon entered the National Park and were thrilled to see a herd of elephants in the distance. Shortly after, we saw the first of many African Buffalos. Asgario told us that the locals called these single males 'losers' as they had lost their place in the herd, been ostracised and forced to lead a solitary existence. We then passed the breeding ground of the Ugandan Kob, which is a type of antelope and the National Animal of Uganda. These animals are the prime source of food for the lions which also inhabit the grassy plains. Unfortunately we were not lucky enough to see any lions, but we did see many more elephants, buffalo and Ugandan Kob as well as many other animals and birds including: Warthogs, Egyptian Geese and Water Buck.

We continued our drive making a brief stop at one of the Katwe craters, a salt lake, then Lake Katwe Salt Works where another salt lake provides a hazardous industry for some Ugandans.

We then drove on to the Kazinga Channel, where we were about to experience what would be for all of us a fantastic river safari. It was an unmissable experience! Shortly after casting off from the jetty we found ourselves metres

away from elephants and buffalos which lined the shores of the lake and some of the many hippos which were bathing at the water's edge. Occasionally a crocodile was spotted lying in wait for an unsuspecting victim or seen slithering from the muddy bank into the water. The boat slowly made its way around the channel. A family of Baboons ran screaming past us and many more animals and birds were seen. For me it was one of the highlights of the extension; I felt as if I had been transported into a 'Wildlife documentary'.

We then headed back to the lodge and another lovely evening was spent chatting together about our day's adventure over a delicious dinner.

The next morning we left to make our way towards the Paradise Eco Lodge on Lake Bunyoni. Our first stop was the Kyambura Gorge where we were to trek for Chimpanzees. After a briefing we found ourselves trekking through the forest following our guide Rachel. We walked for about an hour and were often teased by the sound of chimps calling to each other as they travelled through the tree tops. Eventually, our efforts were rewarded as we caught up with a

family of Chimpanzees. There were five chimps in the group including one male called Victor. They were part of a larger troupe of 40 chimps. We stayed with them for about an hour, watching in amazement as they moved through the tree tops eating fruit, grooming each other, playing and relaxing. Eventually we had to head back and our guide lead us through a very watery path before exiting the forest onto a beautiful tea plantation.

Then we were on the road again, through the town of Ishaka and a lunch stop at the Great Lakes Museum. Next, onto Kabale and Lake Bunyoni where we were to take a boat across to the Paradise Eco Lodge on Itambira Island. Unfortunately, heavy rain prevented us from taking the boat at that time so we embarked on what felt like a perilous drive along the lakeside until we reached a small jetty just a very short boat ride away from the Eco Lodge. The Eco Lodge was fantastic with awesome views across the lake from all sides. It was indeed like being in Paradise! After settling into our rooms some of us went down a steep path to a swimming jetty, where Sian, Steve and Zara decided to test their swimming and diving skills. Lake Bunyoni is the second largest lake in Africa. It was formed from volcanic activity and is home

to some fish species but fortunately none of the wild animals we had seen previously, so completely safe for swimming. A very pleasant time was spent at the jetty and then we went back to the lodge for drinks and another fantastic dinner.

The next day we took a boat across the lake and picked up our vehicles ready to head to the Ugandan and Rwanda borders. After a relatively uneventful crossing into Rwanda we stopped at the very sobering Genocide Memorial in Kigali and our last get together at The Hut before our flight home the next day.

So, reflections on the extension! In a few days you do and see so much. The lodges are amazing. They are in wonderful locations, with really comfortable rooms and fabulous food. You get to see another side of this amazing country and of course see some beautiful animals and birds. Asgario, Richard, Robert and Friday were fantastic drivers and guides and made the whole experience safe and interesting. There is a lot of driving, so not ideal for anyone who is not keen on long journeys, but if that doesn't bother you I would thoroughly recommend the experience if you have the opportunity to do it!

Jenny Aldridge



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MORE SPONSORSHIPS!

We are aware that NECS first started because I wanted to ensure that children who wanted an education could have it and if sponsorship was the only way then I would find people to fund it.



WE HAVE OVER 350 children now in education but of course there is always room for more. It is usual when the Go Uganda group is in Nkuringo for people to trek to see if we can help them.

This time was no different. A man called Daniel Turinomujuni arrived at the Guest House during the clothes distribution hoping for clothes for his twin sons Onesmas and Believe. They are five years old. Their mother died of AIDS in September and he was desperate. We gave him clothes but really he needed a safe home for the two boys. He did not dare hope that there would be people willing to pay for them to go to school and be fed, boarded and provided with all the things he was unable to give. He did not realise that Karen Bonner and Stephen Bonner, Irene Hope and Hayley Collins were there with Go Uganda and ready to take these two young boys under their wings. Thanks to them Believe is now sponsored by Karen and Stephen and Onesmas by Hayley and Adele. Both boys will live together at the Primary School where they will have a safe home and new family to care for them. Thank you! We will check on their progress next May.



Miracles did not stop there. Auleria asked if she could bring three needy boys to the Guest House to be photographed with a view to sponsorship. All were in straightened circumstances and she had taken them in with the hope we could help.

Ivan Orishaba, Peter Ariho and Ivan Natukunda were dutifully brought to us and had their photos taken.

How wonderful that Pam Alcock – who was part of the Go Uganda team for the second time – came to see me the next day and said that although she already sponsored she had felt drawn to Ivan Orishaba and knew she had to help him. She sponsored Ivan – who has lost his mother and now knows he is safe and can work hard at school and has hope for a better future. Thanks again Pam – you do so much for the Nkuringo community!

Peter and Ivan were also saved by friends of Tara Garrit. When she got home she shared their stories with her friend Nick Derry hoping he may sponsor one of the boys. He



sponsored both! What a wonderful gesture that provides two boys with a future where before they had only despair.

Our feel good stories do not end there. On our return from Uganda we attended the NECS 5 year anniversary ball. We talked about Nkuringo and the children still needing sponsorship.

Alicja Morgan and Mike Morgan stepped up to the plate and thanks to them Serafina Nyirarukundo and Kennedy Musimenta both now are safe and in school.

In the coming months we will have many children looking with hope for a sponsor to give them a future. You may have seen the devastating news on page 22 about the landslide in Nkuringo that took the life of the mother of one of our sponsors leaving behind 7 children with little support. If you feel you can help a child and give it the chance of an education please get in touch. These children really do make the most of your gift. Read the article on page 50 by Hayley Collins. A child who is given the opportunity of an education will do everything to succeed and make the most of this precious gift. Come with us to Nkuringo and see for yourself!

Thank you everyone for the support you continue to give.



GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THREE OF OUR YOUNG SPONSORED CHILDREN

You will have read elsewhere in this newsletter that because of the horrific landslide in Nkuringo three women were killed including the mother of Feredericko Mifitundinda. He was sponsored by All Saints CE Primary School (Hayley Collins was on the October Go Uganda trip)

The Briggs family (shown here) are a small business local to the school. Before this tragedy they had already provided the funds to ensure that Feredericko, Elizabeth Karungi and Angel Ayijukire – also sponsored by the school – had their fees fully paid up until 2021. Three needy children now secure for the foreseeable future by a family the other side of the world. THANK YOU



HEALTH ISSUES

DIETARY INTOLERANCE

Posho is a staple food in Uganda. It's dense, normally maize based, with an almost bread like consistency and usually served with a sauce or soup, it forms the basis of most meals.

WE LEARNT THAT A SMALL number of children in the primary school have been experiencing symptoms of abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea when they eat it, which would suggest an intolerance. Understandably, they've stopped eating it so often, but there isn't an alternative for them, so they go hungry. This is clearly worrying and, in conjunction with Sian's medical knowledge, we tried to find alternative 'fillers' for them. Unfortunately, supplementing with either potatoes or rice would add \$50 per month, just for these 4 children. Not really sustainable – plus the school will have to deal with other children 'developing' these symptoms to enjoy a tastier meal! Our fall back is Milk of Magnesia, to be taken 30 mins before each meal. The children have started taking it and we have our fingers crossed that we will receive news of a successful update soon.



A BISCUIT WITH YOUR

TI was talking to Damiano 1st year. Damiano is a young man initially sponsored by my mother and who is now at Secondary School. As her last dying wish she had paid for him to join the Go Uganda group on the Extension to Queen Elizabeth Park to see Elephants, Hippos and all other African wildlife nobody in Nkuringo has ever seen. He had come up to the Guest House to join the departing Extension group. I offered him a cup of tea and asked how he took it. Silence. It transpired he had never had a cup of tea. To put this in context the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is surrounded by a buffer zone of tea plantations. Gorillas hate the smell of tea plants so having the tea plantation stops the gorillas leaving the forest.



However tea is not something that is drunk locally. We decided we should change that! As a nation of tea drinkers we decided on each Go Uganda trip we would have a tea party! We take out Yorkshire Tea (probably grown locally to them!) and enough biscuits to sink a battleship. We have already left a large kettle and an apron in the Guest House to ensure we do things correctly!

Pupils from Primary and Secondary School who had worked hard (and not been before) joined us for tea and biscuits and a chat. They were our guests!

Pamela Alcock did an amazing job as Tea Lady and every child consumed his or her own weight in biscuits.

"I am a little teapot" and "Polly put the Kettle on" were duly sung with all the actions and we all had FUN!



LET THERE BE LIGHT

WE WERE SITTING UNDER the shelter at the Batwa reservation sheltering from the driving rain. Hayley Collins was sat next to me. She said that she could see how dark it was inside the mud huts and guessed they were dark no matter how strong the sun shone.

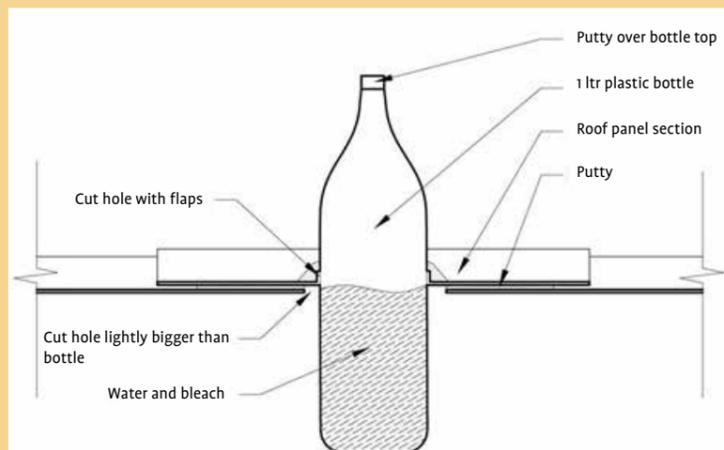
They should be using Moser Lamps she said. Moser Lamps? Yes the lamps invented by Alfredo Moser in 2002. They cost next to nothing and provide light all day in the darkest of rooms.

I looked them up when I got home. How simple! Just take a plastic bottle. Fill it with water and a little bleach to stop the water going green. Best ones are with a dark coloured bottle top. Cut a small hole in the roof of your hut and insert the bottle with the bulk on the inside. Seal the hole to ensure no water can get in. The light that floods in all day will light that room in a way you never thought possible.

No electricity just free refracted light.

Doesn't work at night obviously but think how much of a difference it can make during the day! Millions of homes around the world are now lit using a Moser Lamp. We need to try this in Nkuringo!

Thanks Haley!



A hug is a form of endearment, universal in human communities, in which two or more people put their arms around the neck, back, or waist of one another and hold each other closely. If more than two people are involved, it is referred to as a group hug.

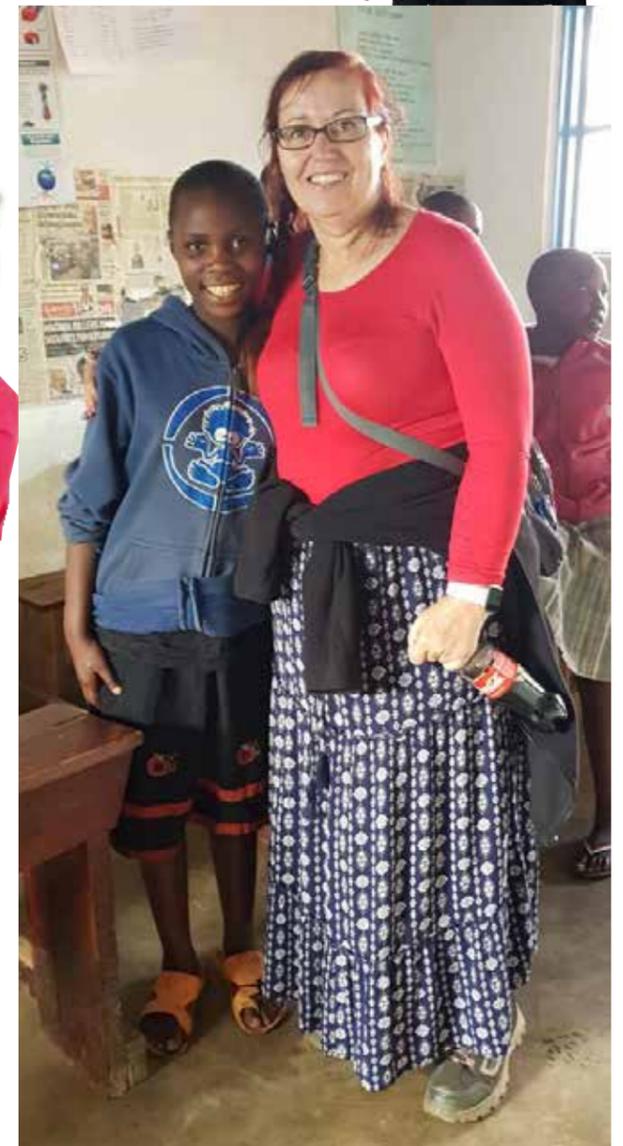
As defined by Wikipedia

HUGS

HUGS ARE a way of life in Nkuringo. I have never hugged so many people before or been hugged so much in my life. Hugs cross barriers of age, race and religion. They are the quickest way of transferring sheer emotional joy from one person to another. When you arrive in Nkuringo you are immediately enveloped in one big group hug and that stays round you making you feel safe and loved for the whole time you are there.



And when you leave and wherever you go you can close your eyes and still feel the hugs and your face will break into that amazing real deep down joyful smile that you wear whenever you are in or thinking of Nkuringo.



KARRIE MELLOR CLOTHING



Karrie Mellor is a force to be reckoned with!

She has already been on a Go Uganda trip with her daughter Zara and we were thrilled to see her again! Not only did she play the perfect Queen in the pantomime but she also brought a mountain of clothes and aid with her. She contacted Rwandair and organised extra bags to enable her to



bring even more special clothing for the schools and then her husband supplied some amazingly strong flexible bags for her to put them in. Thank you! These strong distinctive orange and black bags will make more than one trip out from England!

You can see from the faces on these children they were thrilled to be given some amazing sets of sports gear that really will make them stand out for the crowd!

Karrie also supplied new bras for the Secondary School girls, helped advise on the construction of the new disabled wing and, last but not least, purchased a mountain of coffee beans to take back to England to be roasted and sold – the profits to be ploughed back into Nkuringo.

Karrie thank you for your strength and compassion – and great acting skills! No one will ever forget the ease with which you had a baby in front of a whole community! You have definitely missed a calling there!

Looking forward to seeing you back in Nkuringo!





A MORNING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Jenny Aldridge

The time in Nkuringo just flashes by. There is much planned for the Go Uganda visitors but also plenty of opportunities to 'chill out' or do something independently of the group.



ONE MORNING A small group of us decided to pay a visit to the Primary School as we were interested in sitting in class and to see what was going on. In the Primary School there are 10 classes, starting with Baby class, then Middle, then Top, then P1 through to P7. We first visited class P5.

As we entered the class we had the customary very warm welcome. All children stood and sang the 'welcome to our class' song which was wonderful. We introduced ourselves and said that we were interested in seeing what they were doing. The teacher placed chairs at the back of the class and there we sat alongside some of the children, who were writing post cards back to their UK pen pals.

One of the things that stand out is the neatness of their handwriting and the intricacies of their drawings. The children were keen to show us both their postcards and the contents of their 'Writing' books. We stayed for a while, bid our 'Goodbyes' then moved onto P4. In P4 we were greeted again with the same warmth and after introducing ourselves, we sat amongst the children who were:

'Using the word WHEN to join sentences.' All the children were concentrating on their work but again very keen to show you their books. As we left the class we asked the children if they had

any questions for us. In the main they were about football and which teams we supported. Liverpool seemed a favourite for them!

We then moved on to P6 who were doing algebra, then to Baby and Middle class who were practising writing the alphabet.

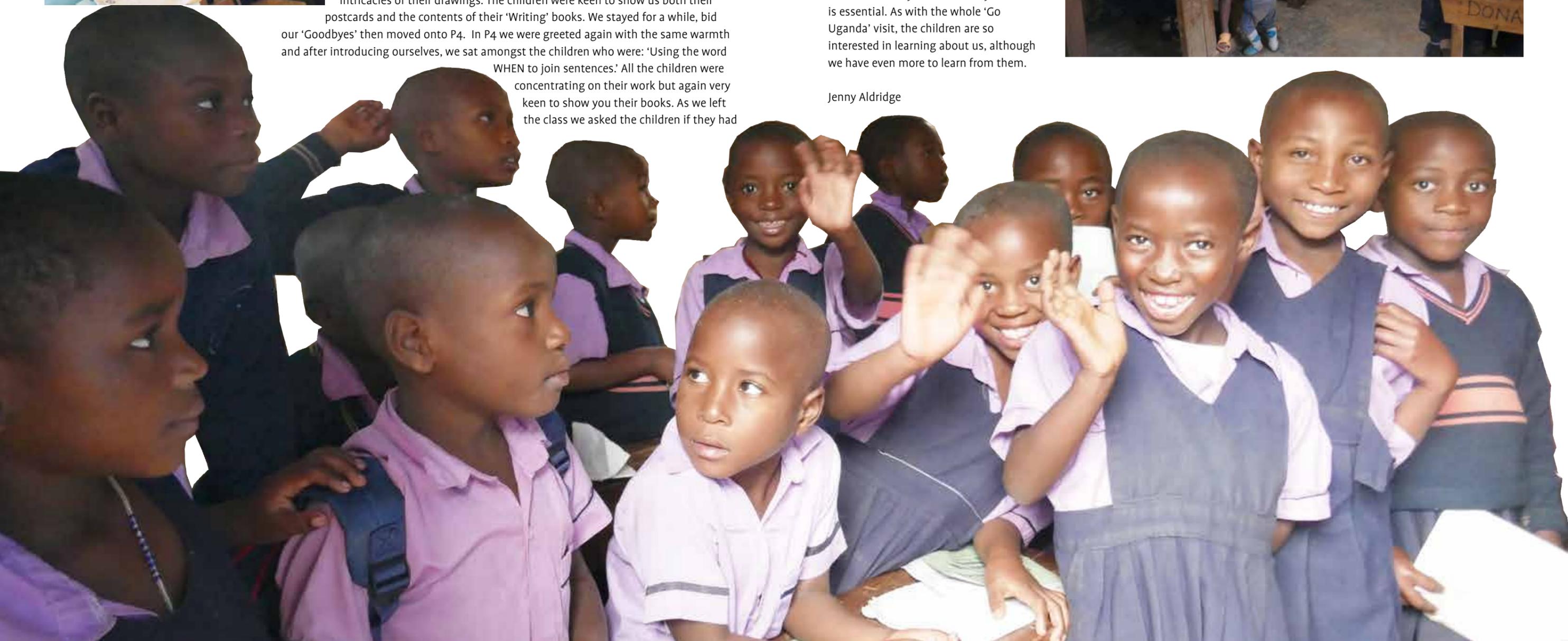
At break time we mingled among the children and chatted with them. Someone drew a 'Hopscotch' grid on the playground and a number of children had great fun in negotiating the numbers along it.

After break we had a general walk around the school looking into the dormitories, the cooking area and then down the hillside towards the toilets. It's hard to believe that in the dead of night the children negotiate the steep pathway to the toilets, however solar lights now light up their route making it a bit easier for them. Clothes were hung out to dry over walls and shrubs. Goats and chickens mingled with the children. Everywhere were big smiles and small hands eager to clutch ours.

As we left to head back to the Guest House a crowd of children stood at the top of the school steps watching us leave. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the children and experience a little of what life is like for the children and staff. If you ever have the chance of joining a 'Go Uganda' group, a visit to both the Primary and Secondary Schools is essential. As with the whole 'Go Uganda' visit, the children are so interested in learning about us, although we have even more to learn from them.



Jenny Aldridge



REFLECTIONS ON MY GO UGANDA TRIP 2019

This is for anyone who is thinking of going on any future trip! Do not underestimate the adventure that is Go Uganda. This is no ordinary trip; this trip has the power to change you.

You think you know – you have heard it all before, you have seen the pictures and you have smiled and nodded your head, because you think you know. You do not know. You cannot know, not until you are here. So I will share with you some of my journey, but if you decide to embark on this expedition (and I hope you do – you will not regret it), yours will be different and special for all your reasons.

The buildup was exciting and stressful, but shared. My sister and I planned, we raised

funds, we collected aid, we selected which aid we thought we should take, we were vaccinated against all kinds of tropical diseases and we practiced songs for a pantomime (unexpected but very enjoyable and so worth-while for the community!). We were ready – surely! The travel to Nkuringo is long. Communication in the run up is impressive and as a result we felt as if we knew other travellers before we actually met them. The group were amazing and conversation flowed easily; I know I have made friends for life. Arrival in Rwanda went smoothly – just don't forget that plastic carrier bags are illegal! Spectacular beauty hit with a hint of chaos hit me first as we left the airport. Packing the bus with over 47 23-kilo bags is no easy task, but with Asgario on hand I soon discovered that nothing is impossible. Driving through Rwanda I saw sights like

nothing I have ever seen. The scenery in Africa is breathtakingly beautiful, the colours more vibrant than any I've seen and the scenery unending in its vastness. I was hooked the moment we arrived! It took several hours to reach the boarder of Uganda, which also indicated the end of 'real' roads.

The scenery was just as awe-inspiring as Rwanda but the poverty was much more evident. But if you could give a value to the smiles you receive in Uganda this would be the richest country in the world. The journey was mostly upwards and when I thought we could surely go no further we turned our last corner and were greeted with the stamping of feet, the banging of drums and the cheers from the gorgeous children of Nkuringo. The rain that had started did not dampen their enthusiasm or spirits for our arrival; we marched – singing, smiling and stamping towards the guest house – our full entourage of the happiest children I have ever seen. And that set the perfect tone for the perfect week. Everyone we

met greeted us with the biggest, most genuine of smiles. The singing and dancing did not stop and my love for Nkuringo continued to grow each day. There were times when I found it difficult to stop the tears and so I let them flow. It was often the little things: the 14-year-old boy sewing his shoes in the dormitory on a Saturday afternoon; the caressing of a doll's hair from our sponsor child who had never had a doll before; the singing and genuine love and gratitude these children have for everything they are given. I will be returning and I cannot wait. Do not be in any doubt about going – it will be the best thing you have ever done. I came back carrying a much lighter load in my cases, and a much heavier love and respect in my heart.

Hayley Collins



Hayley Collins is a mum to three boys and works full time as a year 6 teacher. She is a relatively new teacher having only retrained in 2011. Prior to the world of education, she worked in hospitality. She was a hotel general manager for many years before buying her own restaurant and coffee shop in the small Lancashire town of Accrington, which she ran with her husband Mike. Unfortunately, they hit hard times when the credit crunch hit the UK. It was then that she retrained, using her degree in theology for the first time since graduating! Still works at the same school where she retrained. *Mr and Mrs Furlong (whose grandchildren attend the school where I teach) introduced me to the Go Uganda group and I ran a Lenten project with the school to raise money for Nkuringo. As a result, the school have 3 sponsored children – Fredericko, Elizabeth and Angel.*

NEXT YEAR 2020

WE ARE CURRENTLY booking the May 2020 trip. As we go to press we still have four places available on this so if you have been moved by any of the photos or stories in this newsletter and want to meet the community in person please get in touch. You will see from those who have gone before you that it is an experience that will touch your life forever.

The May trip leaves from **London Gatwick on Thursday 21st May 2020 at 19:10** for a direct flight to **Kigali Rwanda** where we are met by Asgario and his team to drive us over the border into Uganda and then on up into the clouds to Nkuringo.

The basic trip returns on **Saturday 30th May at 17:50**.

There is an option to do a safari extension to Queen Elizabeth Park which returns to the UK on **Tuesday 2nd June at 17:50**

Cost of the flights is £454 return for both basic and extended trips. 30% of the base fare per passenger (£42) will be due within 7 days of the seats being confirmed. The balance will be due 30 days before departure.

Cost of the basic for all meals travel and accommodation is **\$325** – about £250. Because of time wasters we would also take a £50 deposit for the Guest House and travel whilst in Uganda. This deposit is due in January. It is sent out and the amount of dollars we get on conversion is deducted from the total cost which is due on arrival.

Cost of the extension which includes great accommodation in the Queen Elizabeth Park, all park fees, a game drive, water safari and chimpanzee tracking and then a night in an Eco Lodge on Lake Bunyoni is **\$750**. Again £50 deposit required in January with the rest due on arrival.

Interested? Email me now on janetduchesne@outlook.com

– you will not regret it!



Poem written by Leonari and performed by



Foundation Nursery & Primary School

*We pupils of Nkuringo Foundation Nursery and Primary School
have a poem to you all - Please enjoy listening to it.*

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You are of great value to the Nkuringo Community
Its future lies in your hands
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Since 2011 you have been feeding us with quality education
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and neither have our teachers and parents in order to see us through

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We started in classes made of reeds
When dry spell is the order of the day, text books, water tanks, classrooms, dormitories,
paying our school fees, solar panels, mattresses, furniture, energy saving stoves, school
uniform, everything we need for life to mention but a few
Thank you dear Jan and your group

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We therefore thank our dear sponsors
in a special way our dear guests of today, director, teachers,
parents and the community at large
May God Bless you All
Education is the Foundation of Wisdom
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