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Chairman's Report

Greetings from the UK Committee

Dear Friends

It's a wet, dark, cold and dismal November afternoon, probably unknown to our Ugandan friends. We, in Britain, are preparing for Christmas where festive decorations and presents have been in the shops since September. Have we got a present / the RIGHT present for everyone? Two years ago we realized, on Christmas morning (no shops open), that we had no beer in the house that our future son-in-law fancied. Terrible! He had to make do with wine and spirits!

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In Uganda, I don't think this would be an issue. I believe that in many other countries Christmas is a simpler and more straightforward event, and it is truly a celebration of our Lord's birth.

The Mityana Charity is trying, in a small way, to adjust the imbalance of wealth by assisting the setting up of self-help schemes, sponsoring education of children and clergy training. Please read about our efforts in the following articles. Perhaps we can learn something from a less sophisticated way of life ?

We are very encouraged by the achievements seen during this year especially projects which were initiated some time ago and are now completed for example, repairing gutters and water tanks at Mityana Hospital. Donations are being used to complete building work for the Mityana Orphanage School providing much needed boy's dormitory and also two new classrooms at the Mityana Junior School. The charity has made a real difference to the lives of the orphan children and their families through sponsoring their education. However, we still need more sponsors for the children both at primary and secondary stages. Exam fees need to be paid to enable students to sit their exams – this is a large expense for the very poor. Also, some sponsors cannot continue to give their support throughout the primary and secondary stages of education; it is in these situations that we need new sponsors to come forward and get involved. We are seeking a sponsor(s) for Mary Bagada who wants to teach.

E-mail addresses still very much needed - saves on postage. Publicity person and fundraising person needed too!

A joyous Christmas to everyone / all members in the UK, USA and Uganda.

God Bless.

Nigel

History of Mityana

It is 100 years since Mityana Secondary school was first established. We were there as part of the celebrations and this is part of an account given by one of the pupils Mityana, the capital of Singo 100 years ago was one of the oldest stations in the Uganda Missions. The original site for the stations was selected by Bishop Turker in May 1893.

He was appointed by the church missionary society as the second Bishop of Equatorial Africa in the footsteps of Bishop Hannington. In 1907 a new church in Mityana was ready for the congregation by Bishop Turker. A missionary Henry Rower was sent in Uganda to be in charge of Mityana in 1909. He brought in new ideas of establishing a central school for people of Singo. His good friend Paul Bakunge, chiefs of Singo and other sub Parish chiefs supported the scheme. Every chief was to take his son in that school and those without could take their nephews.

A plot was measured and constructed quickly a school using poles from forests and grass gathered locally. It was opened on 4th December 1909 by a 13 year old King Daud Chwa on his visit to Singo. The school started with 30 students who were only boys and the school was called Mityana Central school and later to a 's' level of Junior Secondary school

How did St Sebastian's church become involved ?

The former vicar of St Sebastian's Church, Derek Burden became involved with "Send a Cow" charity. This was through Peter Reid of Ashbury, Wiltshire, a parishioner of Derek's previous parish at Ashbury, Wiltshire. In 1993 Derek visited a place in Uganda where "Send a Cow" was operating. This place was Mityana.

On Derek's return to St Sebastian's he was fired with enthusiasm to try

to help the community. He visited St Sebastian's School and Jean Ashfield (deputy head teacher) linked Mityana Junior School with her own and the schools have been corresponding ever since. She established the "Send a child to school" scheme.



Several parishioners began selling second hand clothes to raise money and they discussed the possibility of forming a charity. On a further visit, Derek thought a building project could help the community in Mityana and could also involve St Sebastian's youth group. He identified three prospective projects. Tim Gomm (Youth Worker), Gill and Terry Cronin (Youth Leaders) chose the Mityana Orphanage school where more classrooms were needed.

As a result the Mityana Charity was established with a committee in the UK in 1997.

In 1997 Tim, Gill, Terry (a builder by trade) led 12 young people from St Sebastian's and other youth groups in the area to build the classrooms at Mityana Orphanage School. Since then various people from St Sebastians have visited Mityana over the years, notably Jean Ashfield of St Sebastian's School, who has visited regularly since 1995, (bringing back a Ugandan teacher for 6 weeks), 1997, 200 and 2002. Also during this time Derek Burden, supported by the charity, has continued to promote clergy training through the Mityana Diocese

Mityana Orphanage School Report March 2002

Greetings from Mityana Orphans school, a school running for the 10th year of its existence with a population of over 350 pupils and 11 teachers. The real success of Mityana Orphans school came with the blessed arrival of a group of 12 people from St Sebastian's church, Wokingham, Berkshire in 1997. Praise God for this or else the school would not have progressed as it has done so now. The community around Mityana, The Bishop of Mityana Diocese, the Director Margaret Serunkumma and all of us especially Mityana Charity members in Mityana are so grateful for this work which is all credited to St Sebastian's delegation that visited Uganda in 1997. This teaches us the renewal brotherhood and love of Jesus Christ. You have set the best example here and may God continue to pour his blessings upon you all.

Right now we have six classrooms with roofs which can handle classes without a problem of rain or sunshine. The only serious mission left to these classrooms are shutters so that equipment inside can be securely locked up without being taken by petty thieves. Although we still need three classrooms to handle 2 infant classes and a primary seven class.

The coming of St Sebastian's church delegation led to other people and groups to join in and give a helping hand. This included local authorities like Mityana Town Council which donated 48 desks to the school, Ambassadors of Hope who donated over 150 desks and constructed the Administration block. The existence of Mityana Charity Committee was a result

of St Sebastian's Church mission to Mityana and when we look at our success at Mityana Orphans Primary school we simply recall St Sebastian's church. You set the pace and we shall make sure the children in the future have to know the origins of this institution and will praise you for this foresightedness. The achievements of St Sebastian's continue to run alongside the continuous visits of the Oasis Trust groups on a six monthly basis. These are continuing to show us the love of Jesus through helping the sick, the poor, the orphans, by providing where necessary and preaching the word of God. We give special thanks to Ceri Duncan who is the co-ordinator for the Oasis Trust group in Uganda who was connected to us through St Sebastian's church. She is a wonderful lady. Margaret Serunkumma, the Director of the Orphans Primary School, is very grateful to all those groups who continually show their love to the orphans and every now and then send gifts and assistance in many ways. The school has been offered porridge and is helping to energise the hungry pupils who had nothing for lunch and had to stay around in class in the afternoons. Thanks to Katie Brown, Gemma Potts and Emily Spanner (Oasis girls) for the bright idea. Some groups have given gifts like pencils, clothes and books to the pupils. Margaret Serunkumma says "May God bless you every day".

The success of Mityana Orphans School has been realised in the way the pupil's appear to be more lively and in their academic performance in their Primary Leaving examinations. Last years pupils over half the number that sat for their examinations (16 out of 24) have joined secondary school. This performance has been regarded as good. Their school fees have been raised through the effort of Gemma and Katie and great thanks from the students. They promise to do their best.

Thanks to all the prayers the Charity Committee UK and thank you for the treatment you have done through

Dr. Christopher Chigongo. This has tremendously healed many children who would not be alive today. May God bless you all
Stephen Bagunnywa
(Assisted Director Mityana Orphans school)

My Visit to Mityana, Uganda

by Sue Williams

In March of this year, Jean Ashfield, Sarah Stacey, Henry, myself and approximately 160kg of luggage set off for Uganda.

When I first heard about Jean and Sarah's intended trip I thought to myself this is something I would really like to do but probably not for a few years yet. Not until I had my house straight and when I wasn't so busy and so on.

The thought of the trip nagged away at me but I kept dismissing it thinking it was too short notice for all the arrangements. However, the more I thought about it, the more I thought "why not?" After all, one of the perks of my job is a free airline ticket to anywhere in the world on the BA network which I had not used and was due to expire at the end of March. I then thought what an experience for Henry if he were to accompany me.

I waited for a quiet moment at home and when I could contain myself no longer I said to Henry, "you know that Mrs Ashfield is going to Uganda soon don't you?."

"Yes of course, Mrs Ashfield talks about it every day in class!" he replied.

"Well how would you like it if we were to go too?" I asked.

Henry grimaced and answered, "No thanks. Do you know how they have to wash? Mrs Ashfield says you have to stand in a washing up bowl and tip another one full of cold water over your head."

I thought to myself I obviously haven't toughened this boy up with enough camping trips yet. With a bit of persuasion I soon brought him around to my way of thinking.

Our day of departure soon arrived. Jean and Sarah had left the previous evening. Travelling on my staff concessionary tickets meant that Henry and I wouldn't be sure if we would have seats until the last minute. I had been checking the Entebbe flights leading up to our departure and although it is an extremely busy route the flights had been leaving with empty seats as this route has a relatively high "no show" factor. We arrived at the departure gate and my heart sank as I was greeted by the staff controlling the departure at the gate with the news that the flight had "blown" as we say in the trade! In other words, too many passengers and not enough seats. There was a Nairobi flight (also over booked) later in the day which we could try for but we decided to stay at the gate as occasionally passengers offload at the last minute for various reasons. We had a nerve racking half hour watching as the staff made frantic calls to the flight crew pleading for jump seats and crew rest seats for us. I prayed and decided if God wanted us to visit this project then he would find a way to get us there. Sure enough the departure time came and there were two passengers missing at the gate. Henry and I finally had the all clear to make a dash out to the aircraft. We charged up the aircraft steps, boarded as the door was closing, sat down and thanked God! I then thought it really would be a miracle if the baggage holds had been opened to load our bags. On arrival at Entebbe airport my worst thoughts about our luggage were confirmed. I texted Jean to say we had arrived safely but with not many clothes and I hoped that the left overs from the school jumble sale had not yet been given out. Jean replied saying she would be happy to share! (For those of you who don't know me, I am nearly six feet tall). Fortunately Jean likes long skirts.

Henry and I arrived late at night. As it would have been too dangerous for the taxi driver to negotiate the potholes in darkness all the way to Mityana we spent our first night at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala. The next morning we were met at the hotel by John and Stephen from Mityana. They helped us to change our money and took us to the BA town office to sort out our luggage problem. Before leaving the capital, Kampala we visited the bishop of the Mityana diocese in his small and very bare office. Before entering the office, we had been told that we would only be stopping for ten minutes. We were given a very warm welcome and as we discovered this bishop likes to chat and would have kept us there much longer if we hadn't politely made our excuses.

Next stop was the Enro Hotel, Mityana which was to be our base for the next five days. The hotel was very pleasant and every staff member extremely welcoming. Having warned Henry that the food would obviously be different to what he was used to he was delighted to be served a lunch of sausages and chips with tomato sauce. After lunch we were taken to one of the local schools where we caught up with Jean and Sarah who were busy taking photographs of sponsored children. We visited two more schools that afternoon. With each visit we were given a warm welcome. General observations we made were how keen the pupils were to learn and the fact that they recognised they were privileged to be receiving education. We enjoyed our first evening meal together back at the Enro Hotel. The meal and drinks cost the equivalent of £6.00 altogether for the four of us. There was not a great choice of food and a lot of the food is quite bland but we never once felt hungry. After what was to be the first of many cold showers, we slept very well. We had mosquito nets which were suspended from the ceiling to drape over our beds. There is an art to arranging these things so as not to leave any gaps and then when you do hear a buzzing sound it can be

quite difficult to decide if the noise is inside the net or just very close to the other side.

The next day was Saturday on which we enjoyed a trip to the equator. On route we visited St Lawrence School, London College. This is a large secondary, boarding school with many impressive buildings most unlike any other buildings we had seen so far. The school was newly built (construction had only started six months previously). Students typically sleep six to a room in two sets of triple bunk beds. We also visited a teacher training college. Their accommodation is also very cramped but nobody complains. They are all very happy to be there. On arrival at the equator we took part in an experiment to see which way the water would flow down the plughole in both the north and south hemispheres. We enjoyed a cool drink and then a visit to an interesting loo with a door that refused to stay shut. The loo (a hole) was too far away to be able to hold the door at the same time and so much to his amusement Henry was usefully employed as "toilet monitor". That evening we enjoyed a supper of curry and beer (well it was Saturday night after all). Sunday arrived which involved going to church in the back of a truck which was quite a novelty. The service was four hours long and all in Lugandan, although the sermon was translated onto a notepad for us. Henry and I exited as discreetly as possible (not so easy when you are sat in the choir pews) after three hours. Once outside, Henry was then surrounded by children amazed to see a white child. No matter where he went they followed so I decided the best solution was to read them a story. So out came Biff and Chip and in fact the Ugandan children took it in turns to read the book to us. They thoroughly enjoyed the stories and particularly the colour pictures which is something they rarely get the chance to see.

The rest of the trip was mainly spent at the Glenburnie Butega

Primary School with Victoria, their headmistress and her husband Stephen. Here we had the chance to join in lessons, helping the older children to write letters back to the pupils at St Sebastians and teaching the younger ones songs such as My God is a Great Big God and the Oki Koke.

Once again, we were made to feel most welcome. We shared out the clothes, pens, etc with all the children who were most pleased to receive them. Most of the children tried on their new clothes immediately apart from one little girl who stuffed the pair of pants we gave her straight into her dress pocket. We asked why she didn't want to put them on as like many of the children present she didn't possess underwear. The little girl replied, "I am saving them for Sunday." Had we not been surrounded by so many beaming faces I think we might have all dissolved in tears. These children really were extremely grateful for the gifts, stationery etc which was sent out to them. (Yes, I am pleased to say our luggage arrived four days, later.) The fact we had to manage



without most of our personal items showed us just how little we really needed anyway, especially in Uganda where most of the people we met have next to nothing.

Whilst in Mityana we visited the local hospital which was a very pitiful sight. There are no luxuries such as nappies for the babies and children and no need for jokes about hospital food – it just doesn't exist. Families of the

patients are expected to be present to look after them and to supply their food. We visited the maternity ward where the newborn babies were in ancient cots which were draped over with sheets, acting as sort of very basic incubators.

I hope this has given you a picture of what I felt was a most worthwhile trip. I am so glad I decided to go. On my return it seemed rather irrelevant that my house needed decorating and that a general tidy up was in order. I am

lucky to have so many possessions to need tidying up.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

You may have already responded to a recent sponsorship letter from Sarah Birch. If not, it is now time to renew your sponsorship for next year and, if you don't pay by standing order, I would like all monies to me as soon as possible so that the children have their fees paid on time.

Primary children P1-P7 £70

Secondary children £130

It would really help me if you could set up a standing order for each November:

HSBC

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Market Place, Wokingham

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Charity

If you want to send a Christmas card to your child the address is:

Send a Child to School

PO Box 386

Mityana Uganda



Thanking you for all your support.

Jean Ashfield

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REPORT ON HEALTH OF PUPILS AT MITYANA ORPHANAGE SCHOOL

Health Situation January 2001-June 2002-10-14

In this period many children have suffered from measles in addition to malaria, anaemia and worm infestation. A wave of viral diseases ran through the community. The majority of children and women, especially those aged less than 50, experienced a mild-moderate measles attack. We believe that even those who did not show clinical signs, experienced a sub clinical type.

Since this infers natural immunity, we opted not to vaccinate the children, as planned, when we received funds earlier this year. Instead we explored the level of malaria infection and worm infestation in the pupils. This is important because it highlights relative prevalence of the diseases both of which cause anaemia . which prevents pupils from concentrating in class and picking up what is taught. As a result, they learn nothing from their schooldays and would be destined for a failed future.

All available pupils were tested for enlarged spleen (indicates worm infestation) and malaria parasites. Stool samples were also taken. As result, we were compelled to undertake a mass deworming exercise which we plan to make an annual event with the hope that children will benefit from their lessons.

Other conditions met in the period include skinsepsis, opportunistic infection for HIV positive children, pneumonias and a case of juvenile delinquence. We lost one child to AIDS.

Dr Christopher Kigongo

Skills Training Centre - Namukozi

27/3/2002

Dear Mrs. Jean Ashfield

Our beloved Neighbour - Representing Mityana Charity (UK)

With much love, on behalf of Neighbours Ministry, Skills training Centre in particular, I warmly welcome you to our home and our Ministry. I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In August last year, Mityana Charity (UK) through you, extended a healing hand to our Ministry for the disadvantaged girls with Ug. Shs 1,670,000 = equivalent to £704. I want to use this opportunity to thank you very much once again for the love and concern you have for God's people in Uganda – our girls in particular. This reminds me of a challenging text in the Bible (Mat. 25:31 ff) "... come, you that are blessed by my Father, come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the World, I was hungry and you fed me" (verses 34, 45 GNB).

May God bless you and all your brothers and sisters behind you with whom you are doing this noble Ministry. I am happy to report to you Sister Jean that a number of girls have been trained through our Ministry and have skills to help them earn a living. If you had time we would take you around to see them at work. One of them is

here to represent them. We now have five girls under training. We usually take a small number of girls at a time that we are able to manage.

Last year we were operating in Mityana town where we hired a room. It was very expensive for me to go to town for teaching and supervision daily. My husband and I decided to offer part of our house at Namukozi trading centre for workshop and for accommodation to girls who don't have relatives around Mityana.

As you already know we bought materials for school sweaters and uniforms. We invite and employ the girls we have trained already to make school sweaters and school uniforms, we supply to various schools. We use the small interest on these uniforms to pay for labour and hired girls' teachers' allowances. We have already supplied these sweaters and uniforms but some of them have been displayed for you to see. You gave us capital, which we intend to use very carefully to keep the Ministry going. In other words, you transmitted blood in our Ministry; we still have that blood and feel very healthy.

And I conclude, I want to thank Rev. Canon John and Mrs. Grace Musaasizi our co-workers in the Ministry. Thank you very much for coming. We wish you a safe journey home and a happy Easter with your family.

In love I beg to remain, yours in Christ.

Loi Waswa (Principal)

Future Visit to Mityana Uganda 2003/4

Are there any adults or young people interested in visiting Uganda to meet the people, see their way of life, visit places such as the source of the river Nile, a game park, Kampala the capital?

If so please contact either Jean Ashfield at St Sebastian's School tel. 01344 772427 or

Sarah Birch Tel. 01189 790097 for further information.

We would very much like to support the Mityana people by meeting them and getting involved with a project which can make a real difference to their lives as we did in 1997.

Late News.. Sue Williams is planning to visit Mityana on 13th March 2003 for 5 days. Please call Jean if you are interested in joining her.



The goats breeding project...

How your money is being spent!

MONTH / YEAR	PROJECT	INFORMATION	FUNDS
June 02	Classrooms and pit latrines at Mityana Primary / Junior School	Pit latrines completed; classrooms due to be completed in 2003	£3000
Sept 01 Feb 02 Sept 02	Part payment of teachers salaries at Orphanage school	1 st payment sent to supplement Miriam Dean Fund; several further payments in 2002	£1200 3 x £113
June 02	2 cows and a shelter	Payment sent	£1000
Sept 02 April 03	Clergy training of 2 priests	Eridard currently sponsored and last year of training. Mishaka Lubega training just started – sponsorship due next year	£4000
Feb 02 Sept 02	Chigongo Medical Centre worm treatment at the Orphanage school	1 st payment sent to fund treatment with a 2 nd payment of to cover shortfall in funding	£1050
Sept 02	Purchase of part built building at Orphanage school	Funded via Wooburn (Bovis donation)	£1000

Sept 02	Renovation and completion of boys dormitory	Funded via Wooburn (Bovis donation)	£1000
On going July 02	Hospital Project - Whitchurch Deanery	Restarted project - money from Whitchurch Deanery (Ken and Tricia Neeves) re-directed via UK Charity account to Uganda. Water tanks and gutters completed but rest of work on hold. Progress in 2003	£2000
Sept 01	Knitting needles / sewing machines purchased in Uganda	Neighbourhood Ministries; in operation with girls making school uniforms / tableclothes	£704
Sept 02	Sponsorship of Mary Bagada for teacher training	Sponsor(s) to be found. Donation sent by UK Charity to cover short term needs	£50 + more needed
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Jean Ashfield and Sarah Stacey's visit to Uganda

March 20-29 2002

The aims of the visit:

- to work on behalf of the Mityana Charity to collect information on projects started.
- to take photographs of sponsored children and visit some homes.

Mityana Charity Committee

I met with the Mityana Charity: Canon John Musaasizi, Stephen B, Victoria and Margaret Sserunkuma at the Enro hotel.

Opened with prayer by Canon John.

Grateful thanks given to UK charity for all the hard work they have done to help.. I expressed thanks for the better communication re minutes and teachers salaries.

We discussed the information we needed to collect by the end of our visit and handed over the money taken over.

List of sponsored children given also to Canon John , Stephen B & Margaret S.

I asked that better communication re gifts sent to children were received back to their sponsors. I mentioned that I have asked the sponsors to send an International reply coupon from the post office if they want a reply, as this means that the children do not have to pay postage. Children were photographed and letters of thanks written to their sponsors. I managed to see most of the sponsored children.

Meeting with new Bishop Dunstan K Bukenya

Discussed the charity and also what would happen to the orphanage school if Margaret S should die. There seemed to be no problem with the diocese re this and Margaret has a letter from her solicitor indicating that the land should continue as a school.

Bishop is into delegation and has made John in charge of training and evangelising. He is hoping to reopen the original Bishop Luffa annexe training college sited between the cathedral and the guest house.

The person he would like to nominate for sponsorship to ordination is Messach Lubega and I have asked him to send us a profile on this man. Rev. Derek Burden is sponsoring him through ordination.

Projects seen:

- Cow project at Mityana Junior school sponsored by Whitchurch Deanery. Cows are providing milk for children and teachers.
- Goats, doing very well. Many families have bred goats from the Billy.
- Women's Shop running well. Women are making produce and selling essentials.

Education

Orphan school.

Gave clothes to Margaret for the orphans, very appreciative.

- 3/4 orphans needed £25 each to pay for registration for their S4 exams. I was given £50 by a donor here in UK and have donated this money to this.
- Class sizes very large – two classes back to back in main hall / classroom
- Catie's classroom in full use. Desks donated by Council.
- Tim's room can see problem with the water draining into it – needs retaining wall where bank is eroding.
- 75% HIV+ –Dr. Christopher Chicongo is sending a letter. Children had been given measles injections and wormed by donations through the charity.
- The charity have funded some teachers pay
- Pigs – not much happening here – 3 large and 1 piglet

- Suggested having cow £ 500 for milk porridge for orphans nourishment and the rest sold – whole community project . This has now happened - £500 for one cow from a donor and another £500 from the charity to enable two cows. Elephant grass is being grown in preparation.
- Bakery project – not functioning. Needs millet, flour, wheat £150
- Dr Christopher Chicongo expressed concern over what happens when children in p7 leave and are not capable of secondary education. Suggested the work of Neighbourhoods Ministry with Lois (sewing machines, knitting machines, carpentry given by Work Aid). This could also serve as nurturing in the faith and also personal and social welfare issues.
- Building (just walls no roof) opposite Margaret S homeat orphanage is for sale. Could be used as dormitory for orphan boys. Cost of this plus 2 plots of land £1000. Donation given kindly by Bovis through Wooburn church.
- New classroom block built but no roof . This now has roof but needs windows, doors, furniture. £500 from Rowlands Castle Church.
- School was almost closed down as the long drop (toilet) started caving in. A new latrine was built.

Mityana Junior School

- Meeting with Wilberforce, the headmaster.
- Class sizes very large, smallest class 65 children = 1 teacher, largest 120! Government not paying enough staff. Gives lunch for staff so they don't go home at lunchtime and not return!
- Looked at foundations and asked for quote to develop smaller sections. A two classroom size was agreed which could also be used as a hall – estimates got £3000. £3000 donated by Wooburn church and UK charity and now almost to roof level. The diocese in Mityana have provided funding to build the other 5 classrooms.

Glenburnie- Butega School

Visit with Victoria Lwanga-Lukwago.

The block (sponsored by Henny from an Oasis group) of 3 classrooms is built with roof. First classroom has plastered walls and windows with shutters and a door. It was being used by the nursery children the day before we left. The remaining 2 classrooms still need walls plastering, floor levelling and cementing and window shutters and doors.

The classroom also need desks for the children – each desk and bench seats 3 children and costs 40,000 Ug s = £20. Need 30 of these plus one also for the teacher.

Neighbourhood Ministries

Met Rev Jethro, wife Lois and Canon John.

- Work Aid had sent over sewing machines, carpentry, masonry, gardening tools for work on a vocational, nurturing course.
- The sewing machines and knitting machines were in operation and thanks was given for the donation of money for materials. Girls are making uniforms for schools and selling them also making embroidered tablecloths using machines.
- Written report was given.
- Suggested the joining of orphanage P7 students to this project.
- No carpentry etc was started yet as they wanted to establish the sewing side first.

Mityana Hospital

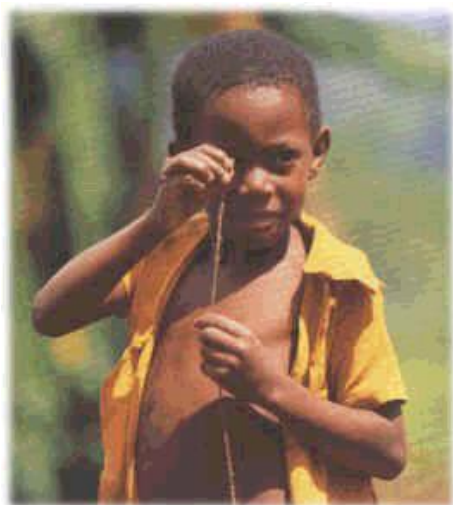
Met with Dr. Isaac with Stephen B.

- Visited children's ward and maternity ward to give out gifts of clothing etc donated by Katie Brown - Oasis.
- Discussed the project which Whitchurch are now starting to implement and apologised for the delay due to Ken Neeves ill health.
- Dr Isaac is willing for work to be started.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

One challenge, one aim, one trek
Together we can make the difference

When I decided to hang up my boots as far as long overseas trips were concerned, get a full time job rather than contracts to fund my trips, settle down and even buy



a house! I decided I wanted to plan for an expedition which would take me overseas again (I'm addicted!) and, more importantly, give something back. I wanted to fulfil a dream, trek to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro and in doing so, help the people of Africa.

My local vicar introduced me to the concept of helping the people in Mityana. An ideal scenario! a significant challenge

and the ability to give the people of a small part of the continent in which I am fulfilling my dream, a measure of hope and support by ensuring that every penny I raise will go directly to them.

Like much of Africa, Uganda has been devastated by AIDS; TB and malaria are widespread. Education is not free and the average dwelling, a mud hut, may have to accommodate up to twelve people. If I lived in Uganda I could expect to die at 40, earlier than in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Ghana and Zambia.

Between the 3rd and 14th September 2003, I will be trekking to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Would you be prepared to assist my challenge by setting yourself a small challenge? Perhaps you could hold your own event to raise money, you may wish to sponsor me yourself or tell your friends – they may be prepared to sponsor my project or perhaps you have some great fund-raising ideas. I would be delighted to hear from you!

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WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!

(Contact Sarah and Nigel Birch on 0118 9790097)

Our aims and aspirations - John and Margaret Stainsby

Some of our funds for the Mityana charity are obtained from the sale of handicrafts which kind people make for us so that we may sell them on our sales table. There is also a small dedicated group who meet once a month in each others houses, to create craft items for sale, we call ourselves "THIS AND THAT", there is a very informal atmosphere with no set projects and if anybody wishes to



join or contribute their own craft items for sale they would be very welcome. Please contact Margaret Stainsby on Wokingham (0118) 9790648, for any of the above information.

There is a lady who adores knitting, she has made matinee jackets for the babies in the Mityana hospital. Many of these children have no warm clothing and the new-born have only a blanket over the top of the cots to keep them warm. The usual view of Africa is that it is always hot but this is not true, in fact, the nights can be extremely cold in comparison with daytime temperatures. Since the visit of the Reverend Derek Burden in 1993 (the then vicar of St. Sebastions church) to Mityana province of Uganda, he saw first hand the poverty and depredation in this part of Africa and set about forming a link and the above charity was born. We on the committee have faced a myriad of different problems from the original intended aims of providing funds for

the education of children. There is little point in educating children who are sick or starving or in another case cannot get to school because they live too far away. A bicycle has been provided for this purpose by a sponsor and is no doubt put to good use when not used for school transport, to maybe ferry plastic water containers full of water from the spring to homes and school. The local hospital needed a water supply and the tanks used for storage of rain water from the roof of the hospital were leaking and the charity were asked for assistance. Classrooms at the school had no roofs, windows or doors, the unfortunate result of a sponsorship programme ceasing before the completion of the project.

All these problems, on top of the original aims, to assist children to obtain an education, together with many more on almost a daily basis seemed so hopelessly daunting but only serve to make us very aware of how fortunate we are to live in the Western world where we can take for granted such things as running water and



sanitation, a roof over our heads and free education and healthcare.

Our Lord Jesus Christ knew such hardship and suffering 2000 years ago, so with His guidance and our help, we will make a

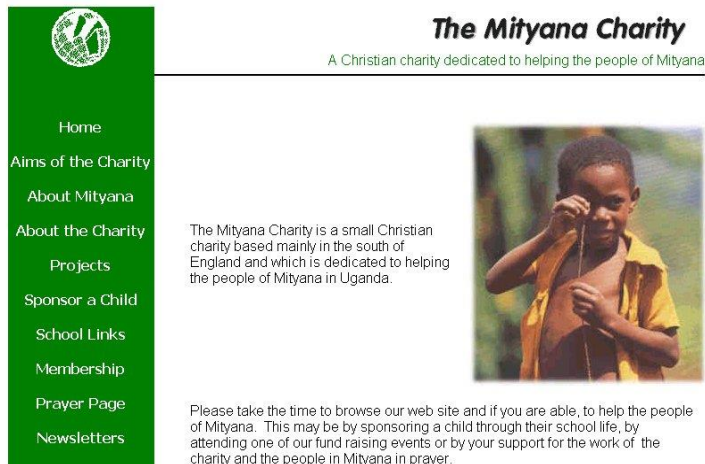
difference, be it ever so small in the vastness of Africa
God bless all the sponsors and dedicated helpers .

Nigel, I am sincerely hoping that I have WON with this task of sending you my write up, The only trouble is I am not really sure how I did it! Regards John & Margaret.

PRAYER POINTS:

- We praise God that Rev. Eridard Nsubuga (formally Rev at Mityana Cathedral) has been made a canon at Luwero Diocese. We pray that Eridard will continue to serve God in all ways and that he continues to progress with his studies here in the UK.
- Please pray for the clergy in Mityana; the Bishop of Mityana Rt. Rev. Dunstan Bukenya and clergy in training
- We pray for the group to be led by Sue Williams of St Sebastian's who are now planning their visit to Mityana in March 2003.
- We give thanks for God's work in Mityana – that His servants there have used the money raised here in the best possible way.
- We praise God that Mityana Diocese has found the rest of the money to finish the classrooms started by the Mityana Charity on the foundations St Phillip's in Bath built over 10 years ago.
- We pray that God will give good health to the Ugandan Committee
- Please pray for the sponsorship of the children and that the programme will continue to grow in strength
- We pray that God will bless both sponsors and the children

Mityana Charity Web Site



When you have a moment, take a look at our new web site and let us know what you think.

www.Mityanacharity.org.uk

Comments and suggestions are always welcome and can be sent to: Nigel Birch

<mailto:sn.birch@ukonline.co.uk>

Please visit the site to download a copy of this newsletter in colour!

Updated Leaflets are also available either from the Web site or the Secretary

FOOTNOTE

I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. I would like to thank Clive Smith for putting together this newsletter – having done this last time it does take time and patience. Due to the very high cost of colour printing we apologise for the reduced quality of the black and white newsletter. The increased cost of colour printing would be equivalent to 5 orphan children being sponsored for a year. If anyone can help us reduce our costs or has any contacts in this regard we would like you to get in contact with any committee member.

We welcome any help to raise funds, organize fundraising events or just get involved with work of the Mityana Charity.

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