

NEWSLETTER



We have just returned from a longer than expected visit to Uganda thanks to the volcanic dust cloud. We are now trying to sort out any insurance issues and dealing with colds and virus due to the climatic changes. The trip has

been a very successful one with countless experiences and stories to tell. We were very encouraged and inspired for the next phase of Possibilities development. I trust you enjoy the read thanks for your continued support.
Rob

Fundraisers

Jan Vince has started selling greetings cards. All proceeds go to Possibilities. Thanks Jan

Huw Billingham just ran the London Marathon for Possibilities. He ran in a personal best time of 4:04 hours. An amazing feat and he is raising some serious money for Possibilities. Thanks Huw

Build-A-Film Adrian Macey has continued to support Possibilities with his new business venture - Build a Film Ltd. - refreshments each week have brought a steady amount of funds thank you.

Old CD's We are continuing to collect old unwanted CD's for us to sell.. If you could collect or donate old unwanted CD albums with the original cases (with barcode and artwork) I have leaflets available.

Regular Sponsors without regular giving we would be unable to plan and ensure an unbroken education. Thank you to all those that give regularly. All children are doing well . You are doing a great job. Thank you

DONATION

We have managed to arrange for five laptops to be shipped to SPAU from Needham Market Middle School. They will be used to provide training to give basic computer skills. This will give them a huge advantage when looking for work.

CONCRETE FLOOR

NMMS have agreed to have a non-uniform day to pay for the concrete floor at Sideview Education Centre in Mbuya. How obtuse, things that we take for granted - a floor - are sometimes only a dream in Africa.

Visit Diary

- Thurs 1st** Flying Night flight
- Fri 2nd** Arrive Entebbe am spend day with Benedicta and children
- Sat 3rd** Bula lunch with children / Kiwi
- Sun 4th** Take Kiwi on day out to Didi's world / swimming / Visit Bula
- Mon 5th** Hope Clinic / Meeting with straw press engineer / Market food shop Kiwi / Visit Ronald
- Tues 6th** Maintenance at Kiwi / Pauline to clinic
- Wed 7th** Nakimyuguzi village / meeting / started 'Possibilities with Goats'
- Thurs 8th** Bula volunteer discussions / Sideview tour.
- Fri 9th** Shoebill watching / Tyler to Bula
- Sat 10th** Mosquito nets / footballs / Nakawa food market / travelled
- Sun 11th** Church / Rest
- Mon 12th** Delivered Sewing machine Gobero meeting with Aids counsellors
- Tues 13th** SPAU School - deliver footballs
- Wed 14th** Candle project
- Thurs 15th** Good-byes / traveling
- Fri 16th** flying - Ha ha ha.....
- Sat 17th** Internet Cafe / Botanical Gardens
- Sun 18th** Watoto / Steve and Sandi
- Mon 19th** BA Office - Kampala
- Tues 20th** Cherish Uganda - Setup Computers
- Wed 21st** Prossi and Sandi swimming
- Thurs 22nd** Delivered Piglets - Gobero / Bula / Douglas to hospital
- Fri 23rd** Visit Airport / Shipping / Jack and Peg Dinner
- Sat 24th** Moving out Steve and Sandi
- Sun 25th** Fly home

New Workshop at KIWI

A straw workshop for flattening and weaving

Bula - Better Understanding of Life in Africa

In the summer of 2007 we were fortunate to be involved in building a workroom in an orphanage in the north of Kampala. We made friends with the children there and have visited several times since. Last February we were shocked to find that all the children had left, en masse. After some research we managed to have them tracked down. The whole group, 27 children, from 10 - 16 were still together as one family and staying in a suburb of Kampala that we know well. We visited them this time and managed to renew our friendship. Bula, as the home is known, is in need of help financially and needs skills and input from many agencies. After several meetings



we discovered reasons for their move and were satisfied that we could help in some small way. We introduced a volunteer (Tyler) - more later - and helped with a small amount of money for food, and provision of some fruit to broaden the diet. We will be helping Bula over the coming months as we attempt to provide some volunteer labour, and help them on the road to self reliance.



KiWI

(Kiniwataka Women Initiatives) Benedicta and the children are doing really well. The workshop is such a useful space. With the sewing machines and display cabinets it looks like a proper business. Several visitors arrived whilst we were there. It has been a great boost for the straw business. It also has released room elsewhere in the building for the girls sleeping quarters. Some privacy and more space has been created without any building and upheaval. The Workshop doubles as a general meeting room, a place for the whole KIWI family to gather together. A light and cool room as well as a functional office / workshop. Samaritans Purse have given KiWI a cow. It is a pregnant cow and will therefore produce a calf and milk, these are

going to be particularly helpful with so many people living under one roof. We were able to treat



the whole orphanage and take them all out for the day to a play park and swimming

on Easter Sunday. It was a wonderful time. I have never seen so many happy faces at one time, something so simple yet so meaningful to the children. We will have to do it again.

The KIWI website has been re-written which looks more professional and more in keeping with the current state of the business.

Please visit www.kwiuganda.org

Possibilities with Goats

We began a goat herd. In a very poor village we have been given 1 acre to look after goats. We will start with 6 goats and will expect to more than double that number in a year. As the project unfolds we will have enough goats to give

away or sell for profit. It will bring animal husbandry skills to the village and will enable us to either give away or sell the kids dependent on need.



PAUL LWANGA AND SPAU



Paul Lwanga is director and founder of Spau - a Ugandan Charity that is working with single parents

to keep families together rather than supporting orphanages. This trip we decided to spend time with Paul and SPAU and see first hand what they are involved with and whether we should partner with them more closely. Paul's heart is beautiful and we were privileged to stay with him for a few days. We travelled to several projects that they are involved with. We were impressed with



their work and have decided to support them where we are able. We have

agreed to pay for several villages to receive HIV / Aids tests. We visited a fledgling business that is manufacturing mosquito repellent candles. They have a problem with marketing. We were able to offer advice on this. We also visited a grandmother looking after her 9 grandchildren in 1 room of a house. The rest of the house was rented out as she has no money to pay the landowner

for the plot - left owing by her deceased son. Every case is tragic and can tell a devastating story. Spau are trying with their limited means to help the woman to earn some kind of living. They donated a sewing machine. It will make income generation a possibility. I visited a school that Spau had managed to build for some village children. It was doing well although could do with many more children. They were



charging far too little to survive long term, but know that if they charge any more then the children will not be able to come. The cost of education in this small village school £5.00 per term £15.00 per year. This is the degree of poverty that some families live with. We also delivered some piglets to another set of villagers where the gift of 2 piglets each will transform their lives. It will give them meat, a future income and train them in wealth production. The cost of 2 piglets - about £30.00 This is an amount of spare money that these families will never see in their lifetime. They will never be able to save such an enormous amount of cash. It has taken Spau to give them a chance of getting out of poverty.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As Possibilities has evolved we have constantly been challenged to try something else. This trip we have been challenged to start a new strain of activity and we anticipate moving into other areas.

Possibilities for Travel

We now have a good understanding of Uganda and

many contacts there. We anticipate running volunteering / safari holidays from next year 2011. If you would be interested in such a trip let us know

Possibilities for Volunteering

We are going to begin offering volunteering opportunities. One way of helping the poor of Africa is by linking up the needy with those

'KickBalls for Kids'

We met Chris Thompson, a Canadian sportsman who is buying footballs to give away. Children in Africa will kick anything that they can find that may resemble a ball. It seems that the whole of Africa is obsessed with football. We distributed 10 for him. You will



find more info on facebook where Chris has set up a group called 'Kick Balls for Kids'.

Why not visit the group and offer your support.

Calendar

June 2010
fencing installed and Goats delivered

July 2010
Proposed Rowing event date TBC

August 2011
Volunteering Team to Uganda

For up to date info on fundraising events please visit website
www.possibilities.org.uk

Beads and Cards

We returned home with lots of bead necklaces from KiWI and recycled greeting cards from SPAU We will be selling these to raise more funds.

with a heart to care for them. and to draw on the considerable skills that we are so blessed with in the UK and the developed world. Often just someone to care or listen is all that is needed to get the best from these children. We were so privileged to meet Tyler (a 'chance' meeting) who has spent 3 weeks with Bula helping sort their finances. Thanks Tyler