



JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024



Antenatal clinic



Giving clothes to babies



5 Non sponsored children who received gifts

Dear Sponsors and Supporters.

Already we are preparing for the first term of the New Year which will commence on Monday 29th January for the Children but our staff will return the week before to prepare what they call their scheme books, this is the work they will be teaching the children through the Term. **P7, S4 and 6 will be preparing for exams so please check the list and help your child to take their exam**

We have a very sad Report from Dr Ezra which is affecting older people in other areas, plus like he says in his report many of them are relying on other alternative medicines. Thankfully it has not affected our area in Masaka and we pray that it remains so. We are blessed to have our Health Center to treat any of these problems that come along from time to time. This is why we need to keep stocked up well with medication so no time is wasted on treatment when it is needed. Plus Dr Ezra is requesting more Mosquito nets, it is some time since we have requested them but you will appreciate they do need replacing so again, we kindly request you help so we can provide more, it is only children of parents that work who can return back to school with nets. **The nets cost just £3.00 each but save lives.** PLEASE HELP

It is also disturbing news that we hear of so many problems world wide and it is the children who suffer so much. Thank you to for those who provided Food before Christmas, but again many non sponsored children had to go without because we do not have enough to give to everyone and have to select certain needy families. If you sponsor a day pupil, food can be given as a gift at any time

Again on the 7th February, a small team will be travelling to Uganda. We are so grateful that each year Sponsors and Supporters visit and meet the children but as always, many sponsored children say, why has my sponsor not come to visit me? If you can give a small gift to your children and also assist the non sponsored children to receive their School Materials again we would appreciate your help.

We are pleased to say that Jajja George the Founder/Director has now again received a Hospital appointment to have another small cancer operation, he has his good and bad days and he thanks God for his healing on his life. In March he will commence his 90th year, but of course is always sad when he cannot join the team, but keeps in touch daily with everything on the village.

Here at AFRICA WITH LOVE we all send our Thanks and greetings to you all for 2024.

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REPORT FROM DOCTOR EZRA

From Africa, greetings to you and your families.

We give thanks to God that you are all well, and we pray for speedy recovery for those who are experiencing health issues.

We appreciate the wonderful work that Jajja Rosemary, Jajja George, Auntie Liz, and all of the sponsors perform on behalf of the Organization.

Hope that your Christmas vacation went well.

In the neighbouring district of Kyotera, over 40 cows have died as a result of the outbreak in the last two months, which was certified by health authorities on November 26th 2023. Because of the bacteria *Bacillus Anthracis*, which is naturally found in soil, anthrax is an uncommon but extremely contagious disease that usually affects both domestic and wild animals. According to reports, over 20 individuals were bedridden in different nearby villages, and at least 17 people perished. Through contact with diseased animals or contaminated animal products, the population is susceptible to infection, which can cause symptoms like fever, blisters, swollen limbs, and breathing difficulties. It's disturbing to learn that some afflicted people are turning to shrines for comfort instead of medical institutions; health officials worry that this will make it more difficult to contain the outbreak. The situation is still dire as officials step up their efforts to stop the disease's spread, including outlawing the sale of beef and enforcing strict restrictions on the transportation of animals through afflicted areas. So those who enjoy beef have not enjoyed their Christmas vacation as they would wish.

We appreciate your contributions towards our students' health as we get ready for the start of a new term. We intend to fumigate every school building, including the dormitories and classrooms, as we have had a long break.

Every student will have a health examination upon returning to class to ensure they are well enough to learn. Individuals with health issues will receive appropriate care.

We continue to encourage all children to bring a mosquito net to school in order to limit the number of malaria cases reported during the school days but many families can't afford them so we would request your help to make sure each child has one..

I am also requesting for more beds in the Health Centre as we receive more patients. These are around **£300 including the mattress**

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we respectfully invite others to join us in improving the health of our schoolchildren and the surrounding community.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year in 2024 May the Lord Bless You All.

Yours in service Ezra Kalimo (Health Centre In charge)

Exam Candidates – please check to see if your child needs your help to pay exam fees.

Esther Kisakye – AWL 192B = £20

Asiah Nalwadda – AWL 172B = £50

Shafiruh Kisira – AWL 720B = £20

Esther Namale – AWL 097 = £50

Witness Nankinga – AWL 353B = £20

Susan Namsikombi – AWL 027B = £50

Anitah Nambusi – AWL 506B = £20

Price Nakimuli – AWL 058 - £50

Lillian Namugerwa – AWL 020B = £50

Victoria Nabulya – AWL 323B = £50

Baker Muwaguzi – AWL 441B = £50

Ronald Mugisha – AWL 118 = £50

Vincent Kaweesi – AWL 439B = £50

Lillian Nassalli – AWL 317 = £50

Jemimah Nantere – AWL 423B = £50

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REPORT FROM UNCLE GRACE

I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to all those sponsors and supporters who have continuously stood with us and supported us during 2023 in one way or the other.

As we stand at the moment, the number of sponsored children has dropped drastically leaving very many vulnerable children without attaining education. Please we need new sponsorship for this village to continue running. Please choose a new child for sponsorship, bring back these children's hopes to life by sponsoring a child today.

We also badly need to renovate the senior boys dormitory as soon as possible. It was one of the first larger buildings we constructed so overtime has become in need of repairs and painting. We would appreciate your help with these repairs, so we need funding for this urgently please. The cost for this is around £600.00 so any help would be welcomed.

The boys also lack beds with many of them having to sleep on the floor which is not acceptable.

A good quality bunk bed can be purchased for **£85.00 and a mattress at £20.00**

We wish you a prosperous 2024 and please encourage a friend to sponsor a child with us.

Greetings from myself and my family

REPORT FROM AUNTIE LIZ

Another good and interesting time was had when I was in the village during November. Despite the rain and power cuts we had most days, we continued with the full programme for end of term.

The Primary 7 children had finished their exams and gone home for Christmas. The Senior 4 students were still taking exams for another 2 weeks. The senior 6 students were revising hard and preparing to go to a local school to sit their exams.

There was a lot of practising and excitement as the children prepared for speech day. There was singing, drumming, and music coming from every corner of the school as they all rehearsed in their different groups. The actual speech day itself was very well attended by parents and invited guests. Each house colour performed a song, a play, a cultural dance and a contemporary dance or song. It was a wonderful colourful and exciting day. Jajjas Rosemarys team were over all winners with my team coming second. I was honoured to present cups to the winning teams.

Also on speech day, the nursery children had a small graduation in preparation for going in to primary 1 in the new term. They all wore caps and gowns and were awarded a certificate. They were all so happy when they saw there own small celebration cake.

At the end of my time there, I was happy to share my birthday with the staff and children left at school. I was privileged to share my party with Mr John Jones who celebrated his 100th birthday. Mr John Jones is the father of our senior teacher, Albert.

We shared cake and sodas and enjoyed some music and dancing and had a wonderful day

Sadly later that day we had to leave the celebrations and travel to Jinja as Aunt Flavia (Uncle Grace wife) had lost her brother so I spent 2 days there with her and the family before returning back to the UK.

We had a maternity/ante natal day which was well attended by about 50 mothers, some expecting, others who came for check ups and some for immunisations. Dr Ezra gave advice to the mothers and Nurses Tiberius and Joan were weighing, checking and immunising. I had taken a case full of donated baby clothes so with the help of 2 senior girls, we gave each mother a blanket, babygro, vest, cardigan and clothes to older children who came with their mums or jajjas.

I was happy to give out Christmas shop orders to those children who had been given gifts from their sponsors. Sadly there are always many children who never receive anything from their sponsor. Each term your children need new books, pens, pencils,. If they are Boarders then things like soap, toothpaste and brush, shoe polish, underwear also need replenishing so please think about your child and let them know they are not forgotten as it is so sad when so many children come to me in tears asking if they have a gift from their sponsor and I have to say no. Please send a gift for Februarys visit.

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On Wednesday 7th February, I am happy to be taking a team of sponsors to Uganda again for 2 weeks. There are only 6 of us so I would encourage more of you to come and find out what you are missing. It is always a wonderful time spent with the children and staff so think about coming next year, you won't regret it.

Once again I would appreciate any help towards taking extra suitcases full of clothes and educational materials with me.

Please help support your child with exams which will take place in October but we have to pay well in advance and register the candidates. There are many Non sponsored children who need help so please consider helping them to achieve their goals. We always achieve excellent results in exams so let us keep encouraging our children. Primary candidates are **£20.00 – Senior 4 and 6 are £50.00**

Thank you to you all for your continued support you give to the dear children and school as a whole. I can tell you from seeing it first hand that you are very much appreciated by all there.

Please send all shop orders/donations to the office by **Monday 5th February**

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Registered charity 1079952

I would like to make a donation to the following; My Sponsor Number is

SHOP ORDER FOR CHILDREN £.....

MEDICINES FOR JAJJA GEORGE HEALTH CENTRE – £.....

EXAM FEES– £.....

DONATION TOWARDS EXTRA SUITCASES - £.....

MOSQUITO NETS - £3.00 EACH

HOSPITAL BEDS - £300.00

BUNK BEDS - £85.00.....

MATTRESS - £20.00.....

WHAT IS MOST NEEDED - £.....

**Please send all donations to the UK Office at 2 Drury Close, Bowthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk, NR5 9DD
(Cheque payable to A.F.R.I.C.A) Telephone - 01603 951940**

Website - africawithlove.co.uk

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