



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Sponsors/Supporters

In October, our P7 will sit their end of year exams to qualify for continuing on to Senior 1, but if they fail they have to repeat the whole year, but we are pleased to say that every year children pass the first time. This is thanks to our dedicated teachers who give extra lessons during school holidays. The S4 and S6 children will sit their exams early November and again we are blessed with passes each year. Most of the S4 children leave school because they cannot afford to continue on to S6 unless their sponsors are willing to continue their support. Many of the S6 children wish to continue to University but again this is only possible if Sponsors will assist them, thankfully the fees are not thousands of pounds as in the UK, many times it is about £200 a term which many of you have helped your children with. The Charity again thanks those of you who donated towards the children taking exams this year, this is an ongoing situation and in the new year we need to raise funds for the children whose parents are not able to afford the fees.

In 2025, we are needing to make a few changes and details are on the Information Page. You will appreciate the price of postage especially, so we do thank those of you who are willing to receive your Newsletter on line, but please be assured if this is not possible your Newsletter will still be posted to you. We do need to keep up to date with all other charities so our website has also been renewed with new ways of donating for Projects and General giving, plus paying for your Shop Orders.

The visit to the village in 2025 will be from 5th to 22nd February. All the children would like to receive a visit from their sponsors so if you would like to join with other sponsors who have already booked, please contact Liz in the office for full details, everything can be booked for you by Liz. You will be so pleased you visited and met all the children who will give you a big welcome. You can join in classes or have games with the children, visit the Health Centre and take the children on a special trip to the Lake, which they love to do.

Thank you to those who have donated this past year for Food, Medical Needs, School Exam Fees and General Donations. There is always a lot of repair work needs doing since the village commenced in 2007. Our biggest need at the moment is the School Hall Floor, with over 1000 children and staff using it for many different activities you will know the wear and tear it has to put up with so is now in desperate need of a new floor which we would like to complete in the next School Holiday.

Christmas Blessings to you all and for 2025, the world is not a happy place but we can do our part to give some people a little help from their friends here in the UK.

With all our thanks from the Charity Staff in UK and Staff in Uganda.

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INFORMATION PAGE

CHANGE TO NEWSLETTERS - As you will have read on the front page, we need to make a few changes to help with the ever increasing costs. We will now produce our Newsletter twice a year in March and September. If you do not currently receive your Newsletter via email, then please contact me in the office and I will add you to my mailing list.

Now that our Website is more modern and updated, you will find ways to pay for any Shop Orders. Donations and gifts throughout the year but reminders of key dates will be given in the Newsletters. We have added Pay Pal and CAF Giving to our Website for ease of payments and all shop items are listed on the Website.

FEBRUARY 2025 VISIT – Once again we are planning the team visit to Uganda. Bookings will be made on Monday 16th December so if you are interested in joining the team, please contact the office for full details and payments. Flights with KLM are around £1,400 plus £1,600 for Hotels, hire of bus, fuel, driver.

UPDATE FROM SALIM (OPHTHAMOLOGIST) - The school and the general community are deeply grateful to the Africa with Love foundation for facilitating a twice a month eye care Program that has saved many the burden of the long distances travelled in the search for an eye care provider.

With most eye conditions being painless, many people continue to have different eye conditions without their knowledge; I therefore started a mandatory eye screening exercise for the whole school in the search for blinding eye conditions such as Glaucoma, Keratoconus and uncorrected refractive errors among the students. The students found to have refractive errors have been refracted and have their prescriptions ready to better their vision with a pair of spectacles.

Many people from the community have also been screened and treated for different eye conditions, thanks to the Health Team at the Jajja George health centre for the mobilization. Many that have been diagnosed with conditions such as cataracts that cause reversible blindness, these have always been referred to Masaka Regional Referral hospital for surgery at their cost.

Diabetes and Hypertension also continue to affect many people's sight as they forego the new modalities of treatment and resort to taking herbal medicines thus ocular complications, for these I have counselled and also initiated some on treatment.

Many people above 40 years, suffer the burden of losing their near sight (Presbyopia) as many in the denial stage think it to be some sort of witch craft, these have also been counselled, refracted and free near vision spectacles dispensed to them. These in turn are deeply grateful and plead for the continued support as life is challenging without the near sight.

The team at the facility headed by Doctor Ezra has been of great help especially with administering medication prescribed for the students. I also pledge to continue the screening and treatment of all eye concerns within the school and the community and deeply thank Africa with Love Foundation and Jajja George health centre for facilitating the initiative.

DONATIONS OF GLASSES – Thank you for the wonderful donations of glasses and brightly coloured cases. These will make a big difference to many people. Everyone will be wanting them but all patients will be tested by Salim and given to those in need. We all know how precious sight is. Please keep the donations coming in.

CHRISTMAS SHOP ORDERS – Liz is visiting the school on **26th October** until the end of term. We would encourage all sponsors to give your child/children a food parcel to take home for Christmas. Also please consider giving a gift to a non- sponsored child

They will be given flour, sugar, beans, small cooking oil, Tea bags. The amount they receive depends on each shop order given. Please help your child and give a gift this Christmas.

All orders need to be sent by Monday 21st October please

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

CHRISTMAS SHOP ORDER FOR CHILDREN £.....

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

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

Or make an online payment using the details below and send an accompanying email to
africacharity@hotmail.co.uk OR payments can be made on the website

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Account number 70378151 – Sort Code 20-49-76

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