

Abundant Life Living Hope International Missions

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017



COME AND SEE THE WORKS OF GOD.
HE IS AWESOME IN HIS DOING
TOWARD THE SONS OF MEN.
(PSALM 66:5)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

More than half of 2017 is behind us already and, nearly 10 years on, it is still a privilege to continue serving God through the work of ALLHIM charity. Every time we stop and reflect about what God has done - the many lives He has touched through ALLHIM - we stand in awe of His mighty works. In Psalm 66:5, the psalmist could not contain himself but to invite others to acknowledge God's great works from the days of the old. We know that each and every one of our supporters has played a big role, both through your support and prayers. When we look at all the developments that have happened in the last few years, we can only conclude that surely, our God reigns.

Roger Elver (Chairman)

MOTHER JANET UPDATE

The structure of the old dining hall was destroyed as it was old, small and the materials had rotted. The new structure is nearly completed. This structure will have the capacity to accommodate the growing number of children in the

school and orphanage. We thank God for the provision of finances for this work.

Despite the problem of pests that savaged

the maize crops grown by those in Mother Janet and the surrounding villages, with the support of ALLHIM providing finances to purchase pesticides for Mother



purchase pesticides for Mother Janet crops, a good harvest was yielded. Unfortunately, this was not the case in the surrounding villages. Families could not afford to purchase the pesticide and their maize crops died (see picture left),

leaving them, yet again, with less food.

The children continue to do well in their national exams. The whole group from last year passed their primary leaving exams and most of them have been able to progress into the senior school level of education. We are grateful to all sponsors who continuously support the children's cognitive and intellectual development. Again this year the children performed very well in sports and won three major trophies in football (both seniors and juniors) and also in netball.



We are pleased that there has been cause to celebrate throughout the year as some orphans who had been supported through Mother Janet and ACYP graduated in various disciplines. Florence (pictured

below (left) with Rev John and Margaret) has

been in the orphanage since 5 years of age and has now received her teaching degree. John and Margaret (founders of Mother Janet Orphanage and school) were ecstatic on the day and are very thankful to the sponsors that continue to support all the children with their education. Others who graduated were supported through the work of ACYP, led by Michael, helping putting the poor children back into education. This is a great





achievement for the children and for the charity at large.

Unfortunately, we received the sad news that one of our sponsored children had passed away. Sarah Nakagwa (left) contracted acute malaria and, sadly, the standard anti malaria drugs did not work. Sarah needed to be hospitalised urgently but, by the time they got to the hospital, it was too late to save her. She had been a happy young girl supported by one of our sponsors and this support helped her to live a

positive life. UNICEF reports that over one million people die from malaria every year, most of them children. ALLHIM charity supports Mother Janet with basic health measures to prevent malaria but more finances are needed for this purpose especially when children need to be hospitalised and have to pay higher medication costs.

COMMUNITY WORK ACTION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (UGANDA)

Michael reports that 18 girls completed their vocational training and are now in a position to provide for their siblings and poor families. All the children who were provided with the scholastic materials to be able to access education on both primary and secondary school level passed their exams with top (1st and 2nd) grades. We thank all those who generously gave to put these children back in school; without your support and generosity they would not have been able to realise their potential.

Forty eight HIV Aids suffering children who were in critical conditions last year are now stronger and have been able to change their daily medication as a result. We thank God for the food supply that has been provided for these families to allow the medication to work more effectively. However two children - one aged 7 years and the other 18 months - sadly passed away due to the HIV Aids virus. Fifty five orphans received treated mosquito nets to help prevent the spread of Malaria.

The income generating activities have seen many families become self sufficient. Families had good harvest from most of their crops, with the exception of maize. They have been able to sell some of their food, gaining an income from the surplus.

Help is needed to provide families with seeds to plant in the next season and also pesticides to prevent pest infestation. In addition, most families are in need of clean water, as most of the water they use is collected from unsafe sources which can cause children to contract typhoid and dysentery.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are due to start the second phase of this project which will include an initial build of classrooms and an office. This structure is estimated to be completed by December ready for the children to start in February 2018. The site already has water supply and toilets.

Many thanks to those of our sponsors who have specifically donated towards this project.

APOLOGIES

We sincerely apologise to all sponsors for the delay in receiving letters from your sponsored children. You will receive communication from your sponsored child as soon as the letters get to us.

Apologies too to those sponsors who have been waiting for some time to be allocated a sponsored child.

SPONSORSHIP

David Irumba has been sponsored for many years. He is now undertaking a vocational course in Carpentry, as can be seen from the picture below.

In 2010, Marvin Kavuma stated that he wanted to be a pilot! Sadly, he lost his mother a few years ago in extremely tragic circumstances. He has continued to work hard at school and is making good progress academically and in his extra curricular studies. He has a particular talent for football, as you can see.

As part of the work of ACYP, **Edward Kavuma** (no relation to Marvin) attended computer classes during 2013, led by some of our Trustees. At the end of the course, Edward gained the IT qualification but asked for support to complete his secondary education, as his grandmother could no longer

afford to pay the school fees. It was very clear that Edward was very talented and was subsequently sponsored to complete his high school education.

Since leaving school, Edward has enrolled on an electrical engineering course and is making excellent progress. The picture below shows Edward at work. The following is a short extract from a letter Edward has written to his sponsor: "First and foremost, I thank you for the great and wonderful work you have done in my life. I am very grateful because I am who I am today because of you. My secondary education was not easy but you laid a great hand to make it a success. It was really a tug of war, but I say 'thank you' because you really pulled me up.

Having completed high school, I joined a college course and am glad to inform you that I was given a half bursary because of my good performance. I am now pursuing a National Diploma in Electrical Engineering. I pray and believe all will go well in Jesus' mighty name. The course is really joyous because many of the lessons are practical. We carry out electrical installation in houses, motor rewinding and we also learn about power generation, transmission and distribution. Actually, if you need any electrical work, I am the best engineer you can every think of. Give me a try ... you won't regret it!

I once again thank you for the financial support that you render to me. I am really thankful and I believe you can feel and sense the smile and joy that I have for you. This money has helped me to clear up the other half of the fees, as well as pay for other college requirements. I combine your sponsorship money with small amounts I can earn during the holidays, through coaching pupils and helping them with their revision.

As I head into the next semester I ask the Almighty God to bless you abundantly, beyond your expectations, and give you a life full of fortune and blessings."

Please see pictures of all three boys below ...







David Irumba Marvin Kavuma Edward Kavuma

Many thanks to you, as ongoing sponsors of the work which ALLHIM supports. Thank you too for the new sponsors who have recently joined us and are helping to extend this work in Uganda. Due to time constraints, we would ask all sponsors who renew their payments annually, to change their payment to monthly standing order. (A form is enclosed for those who currently pay annually).



PRAISE AND PRAYER

We continue to praise God for His provision, enabling us to support those in need in different ways.

Please pray for good health for the children and for Margaret Byanyimba's health.

Blessings to you all From All at ALLHIM

