



# Building Brighter Futures Newsletter - 3rd Edition October 2007

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## The Story So Far ... Summer 2006

The Chairman reported that it had been the most successful year to date with over £17,000 spent in Uganda on child sponsorship, teacher's salaries and various capital projects.

The summer visit in 2006 was a great success, with 23 people enjoying the experience of Uganda and the warm hospitality of the people as well as seeing the wonderful countryside and wildlife.

We spent about a week at each school, painting, decorating and interacting with the children and teachers. We attended the local church where we participated in the service accompanying Philip on his guitar and singing "The Lord of the Dance" to a very excited and appreciative local congregation as well as taking part in the auction of fruit, vegetables and chickens etc. most of which we bought and gave back to the school!



At Kavule School for the Deaf our most notable achievement was the completion of a dormitory block for the children. We also purchased beds for them and provided a bicycle and other resources for use in their classrooms.

It became evident that there was a need for water for everyday chores such as washing. This would ease the burden of water collection every day and provide ample on site water from a tap! A base was constructed and a water harvester (a giant water butt) was subsequently purchased, installed and in use before we left. It caused a great deal of excitement.

Trustee Sarah Lewington has been in touch with a leading consultant in Uganda and is raising money to enable every child to have a proper diagnostic hearing test.

At Bukeka School the classroom block was completed and fitted out with desks and cupboards and the compound was entirely fenced. The children were excited at the new resource material that was given to them.

## Sponsorship

The sponsorship scheme is working well and so far we are sponsoring over 50 children from both schools, but as you can see there are many more!



## 2007 Visit What Next?

During January of this year Eric, Marie and Marion visited again. Our aim this time was to identify ways in which we could help with "sustainability" a means by which both schools could eventually become self-supporting without relying on BBF. We had lots of discussion as to ways in which this could be achieved – pig rearing, maize grinding and chicken farming were all discussed. However, awareness of culture and local traditions would impact on some of these and finally influence our decision on the direction we should take.

During our stay at Kavule we also identified a need for mattresses, mosquito nets and blankets for the children and subsequently purchased sufficient for all the children.

(The school has since sent the good news that the incidence of malaria has significantly reduced since the nets were introduced).

## The girls' dormitory



One of our intentions during this trip was to visit a commercial chicken farm and this was arranged to take place accompanied by a chicken expert. It was a very worthwhile trip and after a lot of discussion we finally decided that the setting up of a properly managed chicken farm was the way to go and "EGGS" was born!

## EGGS - "Educational Goals Gain Sustainability"

Our greatest challenge for the future of both schools is for them to become self-sufficient and to this end the Chairman of BBF announced the launch of an ambitious project known as "EGGS" The plan is to finance a poultry project that will enable the school to benefit from the sale of eggs as well as providing some extra protein to the children's diet.

This project will not happen overnight. We need to purchase around 2,000 chickens, they will first need properly constructed housing and they will need to be cared for in a professional and expert way and we need the money to finance it. If we can get this project up and running the potential income from the sale of eggs (and eventually chickens) will enable the school to become self-supporting. The future success of our schools relies on regular income and with this project, it can be achieved, it must be achieved – please help us.

100 Club

In September this year at the Gilwell Reunion we launched our newest fund raising initiative – The 100 Club.

This venture has the potential to finance “EGGS” in about two years.

It is intended to have monthly draws with a prize of £100 and during the Christmas season our December draw will be a bonus draw of £300.

If you wish to be part of this Club shares can be purchased at £5 a month or an annual payment of £60. The odds are pretty good and of course you can purchase as many shares as you like. We already have 25 shareholders which guarantees the prize money, and every new shareholder now means that BBF will be benefiting from the income and take us nearer our goal of raising sufficient income to get the “EGG” project going.

The 100 Club is being run by Marion Stagg and you can contact her on 01252 713466 or email her at marion@stagg.org.uk .

Why not have a go. Join our club and help our children and stand a good chance of winning too (it will also make it worthwhile spending my weekend as a chicken!)



AGM

BBF held its AGM on Saturday 22 September. Much of what was reported is already mentioned here. The Chairman thanked everybody for their support and efforts in raising funds for the charity and said that Building Brighter Futures is looking forward to another successful year.

The accounts were formally adopted and the existing trustees elected en masse to serve another year. They were

- Eric Goulding – Chairman
- Marie Goulding – Secretary and Sponsorship Secretary
- Linda German - Treasurer
- Marion Stagg – 100 Club
- Sarah Goulding
- Sarah Lewington
- June Cooper
- Anna Lass
- Tom Durrant
- Darren Sims

The Chairman also reported that BBF had funded a trip for the Kavule Scouts to visit the Uganda Jamboree at their national camp site.

The Future

Another trip is already in the process of being put together. This time it will be a little bit different as we have invited sponsors to join us on a study trip. On this occasion we will not be physically working but will be visiting both schools to see their progress and give the sponsors an opportunity to meet the children they are sponsoring

We hope to be able to join the local community in their church service and to interact with the children, their teachers and local people. We will visit places of interest such as Bujagali Falls, the Source of the Nile and the Kusubi Tombs of the Kings of Buganda and go on safari to Mweya Lodge in Queen Elizabeth Park in Western Uganda. There are still a couple of places left and if anyone is interested please contact Eric on 01252 725656 or email him on mandegoulding@lineone.net and he will be pleased to talk to you.



BBF started as the dream of half a dozen young people who visited Uganda to experience another culture, to do some painting and who found they couldn't walk away. Three of those youngsters are today still fund raising and active Trustees of the charity they helped to found.

In the early days we reckoned if we could raise £3000 a year we would have done very well. Since that time we have helped finance the building of a new school at Kavule and raised enough funding to build in entirety a dormitory for boys and girls. We have completed the building of another school at Bukeka, originally started by Reigate scouts who are still fund-raising. We have painted inside and out of both schools and the dormitory. We have provided resource material, classroom furniture, water harvesting, the renovation of a well, compound fencing and funded the salaries of teachers at both schools and we are continuing to sponsor many children. None of this could be achieved without the support of people like you and the considerable efforts of fund-raising by members of BBF. Please help us to continue the work we have started so that we can give these children hope for their future. We can't do it without you.

THANK YOU  
From all of us at BBF  
Kavule and Bukeka Schools

The world can only be grasped by action, not by contemplation ... The hand is the cutting edge of the mind  
Jacob Bronowski 1908-1974, Polish-born mathematician and humanist