



# Building Brighter Futures Newsletter—7th Edition June 2010

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*We are all delighted to announce that BBF has once again been responsible for the bringing together of a great couple. Anna and Peter first met on our 2006 trip to Uganda and have just recently become engaged. Peter's unusual proposal came after he treated Anna to a helicopter ride over London and on landing—well you can see the banner! Congratulations and best wishes to you both for a long and happy life together from all of us at BBF*

## UGANDA 2010 VISIT

On 25 March 26 of us left Heathrow for our 8 hour flight to Entebbe where we spent our first night. The next morning we headed for Mbale via Kampala to cash some money and pick up water. Once again we were met with quiet enthusiasm by the deaf children of Kavule and the day was spent getting to know them again and playing games. Our first official visit was to church on Easter Sunday and as always this was a joyful noisy affair and we had to do our bit by singing for everyone. The plan for the week was to work in the classrooms, building the playground, taking the children out and generally doing any necessary maintenance. Everyone had a choice of what they wanted to do but generally everyone had a go at most things. The day trips out were quite an experience, the children have never done anything like this and it was very exciting for them as they visited Sipi Falls about an hour or so away from the school. They were also treated to a meal out. Back at the school we also provided food every day for

everyone and one day some of our team did all the cooking. We were very impressed with the condition of the chickens and they are producing around 450 eggs daily. On the last day we were guests at the opening of the new classroom block which was funded by the World of Children in America.



After our goodbyes we headed for Jinja for some down time before meeting the Kavule children the next day and taking them to see the source of the Nile and Bujagali Falls, yet another overwhelming experience. On Monday we headed for Bukeka School in Mityana and once again joined in the classes, took the children out on local visits and installed yet some more playground equipment.

Bukeka is a very different school, the children are local and very poor and there are around 160 of them, mostly primary school age or younger. Once again we fed all the children and staff every day and for some this was their only meal that day. Livingstone took us to the local waterhole where the school children get their water. It shocked quite a few of us to see this filthy water which causes tummy upsets and worms etc and we resolved to look into ways in which we could improve their water. Our last day was all about the children entertaining us and Eric did ask Livi to keep the speeches brief, and he did, but the entertainment went on for about 3 hours!! We needed stamina to just sit and watch but the children were wonderful and everyone was full of it afterwards.

During our trip to Uganda we took turns in writing daily blogs and these can still be seen on our website which will give everyone a much better picture of what we did and I recommend reading it.



The new playground equipment at Bukeka



Do you fancy drinking this?

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Trustees of BBF have decided to form 2 sub-committees, one each for Kavule and Bukeka. These committees will look at ways of fundraising and identify projects that are needed at each school. Why not give it some thought and come and join us, the more the merrier and as they say work shared

is work halved. Only the chair of each committee will have to report back to the Trustees whose job is to approve expenditure and ensure the projects are workable and viable. We would welcome some new blood and although you will find us dedicated we are not boring—Go on do it ...!

*Fancy the chance of  
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month  
For a stake of  
£5 a month?  
Then join our 100  
Club*

Contact Marion Stagg at  
[marion@stagg.org.uk](mailto:marion@stagg.org.uk)

*You are cordially invited*

*to the*

**BUILDING BRIGHTER  
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**Annual General Meeting**

**At**

**2nd Farnham Hale Scout HQ  
The Green, Hale, Farnham**

**On**

**Sunday 4th July 2010**

**From 3-5 pm**

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## WORLD OF CHILDREN AWARD FOR SAM KATEU

Eric and I were honoured to represent BBF at The World of Children Award Ceremony in New York in November. Earlier in the year Eric had nominated Sam Kateu, Director of Kavule School for the Humanitarian Award and to our delight he got it. Sam and Barbara had to travel to New York, all expenses paid by the World of Children, to receive his award and we were invited to two award ceremonies, the official one taking place at the UNICEF Headquar-

ters. Sam showed great humility in his acceptance speech and we felt proud of the way in which he handled a situation which must have been quite difficult for him. He also had to attend a VIP dinner for awardees only which must have been quite difficult. When the awards were over, accompanied by Dr Liz Feldman, who Eric had been in contact with since the beginning of the year, we took Sam and Barbara on a tour bus around NY city. On the last day we

all visited Lexington School for the Deaf in Queens and Sam and Barbara had an opportunity to see how a western school operates and hopefully build on some new friendships. Finally we were invited to dinner by the President of Kulanu which supports the Abuyadaya Jewish Community in Mbale which has 5 children at kavule. We felt very privileged to share in their celebration of the Jewish Sabbath during which they explained some of their traditions.



Dr Liz Feldman, Eric, Marie, Sam, Barbara and Julie True-love at the Award Ceremony at UNICEF Headquarters in New York.



BBF is proud to announce a partnership with Berkshire Scouts who are taking around 80 young people to experience life in Uganda in July 2011.

Project Africa is a wide reaching initiative with a programme of global awareness for all age ranges here in the UK and the chance to do community work for those over 14 at our two sponsored schools, Kavule and Bukeka.

Project Africa has agreed to take on the challenge of raising funds to complete our second EGGs project at Bukeka and then physically build it!

We wish Berkshire Scouts Every success in this venture and look forward to working with them.

Check out progress on [www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica](http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica)



World of Children



During our trip to New York we met one of the previous awardees of the World of Children Humanitarian Award and they started their own charity called Ryan's Well Foundation which funds the provision of new wells in areas where water is a long way or unclean to use.

### WANTED TRIP ORGANISER

Could you co-ordinate the next BBF visit in 2012? No experience required as full training given.

For more details email

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## HOT NEWS FROM KAVULE & BUKEKA

We are delighted that Ryan's well foundation has now announced that funding has been found to sink a new bore hole at Kavule and work should commence soon. The World of Children have provided the funds for the perimeter fence and work has already started on this long awaited project. This fence will help protect the school property, stop the local children bullying the deaf students and provide a safe environment for all.

We are also pleased to announce that as a result of the generosity of Berkshire Scout Enterprises Ltd. and Paul Brewster both schools now have a laptop computer. BBF has also set them up for full internet access which makes communication so much easier and quicker. Livingstone has also set his up with Skype so now we can actually have a decent conversation without having to wait for emails going back and forth. Isn't that great?

## A COUPLE OF SNIPPETS

### SYLVIA

For those of you who read about little Sylvia on our daily blog while we were in Uganda I have some excellent news for you. She is now being sponsored. Before going ahead with this I consulted with Livingstone who also thought this was an excellent idea and said that with the sponsorship she can be properly fed and clothed

and any necessary medication can be provided for her. So, thank you sponsor and if you are reading this but don't know Sylvia's story, then please, please read our daily blog which is still on our website.

