



# Building Brighter Futures Newsletter – 5th Edition August 2008

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ....

Please note that we have made a change to the date of the AGM – it will now take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September and NOT 14<sup>th</sup> as previously notified. The reason for this is that Livingstone Mpagi, the Director of Bukeka School and our representative in Uganda will be in UK on that date and will be our special guest at the AGM – please amend your diaries now!!

**The Chairman says ...** Well, we have done it again! The chicken house is complete and housing around 1000 chicks, due in no small part to the efforts of Northumberland Scouts, who not only made a huge contribution to the funding but got stuck in fixing gutters, laying electric cables and providing and fitting water harvesting among other things. On top of that they even found time to spend on activities with the children and on top of that they redecorated the dormitory and added their personal touch by creating beautiful hand trees in each of the girls' and boys' rooms. What a team. They were fantastic and had a great time and I am sure some of them will be returning. Thanks guys and girls, we couldn't have done it without you, especially when you consider we are something like 6 months ahead of schedule.

Our special thanks also go to Surrey Beaver Scouts and Reigate Park United Reformed Church for their major financial contributions, without which our task would still be incomplete. You are indeed all very special people and there are not enough words from us at BBF or from Kavule School to thank you all. I hope you all get the same buzz for your efforts as we all had when we saw it for the first time.

We have made provision for the purchase of another 1000 day old chicks next month and it is hoped that in about 3-4 months time they will be laying and by May next year if all goes well, the school should be receiving income from the egg sales.

## Hearing Tests

**It just gets better!!** ... You may remember that since our last visit in January 2007 and due to the considerable hard work of Trustee Sarah Lewington we provided funding for hearing tests which then identified those young people and teachers who would benefit from surgery or hearing aids. We are delighted to say that Tooto Sala, one of the children at the school had surgery and he can now hear perfectly. So much so that he could go to mainstream school. However, for the time being he will stay at Kavule to do some catching up.



Here is Tooto (in orange) with his Mum, brother and grandparents at their home. Mum is over the moon and cannot believe her son can now hear and speak.

5 of the children had one or two hearing aids fitted and Helen the longest serving teacher there also has hearing aids and for the first time ever we had a conversation with her – her parting words to us were “please come back”. Money can't buy how we all felt – even those on their first visit.

**Sponsorship**

The sponsorship at Kavule is working well and our main objective now is to get all 45 youngsters fully sponsored at £10 a month each. We are a good way there, so if you know anyone looking to sponsor a young person please point them in our direction.

The sponsorship at Bukeka is more difficult to manage and we feel it is time to review how this should be done. There are around 200 pupils here but this fluctuates up or down due to the transient nature of those attending. If a parent dies then often the child is sent away to live with their other relatives or sometimes children don't attend school because they have chores to do and sometimes the parents move away too. It is also very difficult to find sponsors for this number of children. It may be that BBF will take over the sponsorship for Bukeka en masse and with current sponsors' agreement we will transfer their sponsorship to Kavule. However, the best way forward will have to be decided with the Trustees at our next meeting and we will inform everyone of the decision as soon as we can.

Those sponsors who met their children and families found it a very emotional but satisfying experience. We went to their homes and met parents, grandparents and siblings and without exception the thanks they received for sponsoring a child was overwhelming.



Terry and Sue meeting Agnes' family on behalf of Caterham Fellowship

Bill meeting Nyopa Kassim's parents at their home



If anyone wishes to sponsor a child then please contact BBF or visit our website and download a sponsor form which can then be sent to Marie, the sponsorship secretary. Details of the sponsored child will then be sent to you. £10 a month will educate, feed and board a child at Kavule which considering they have special needs and therefore specialised teaching is quite remarkable.

**Bukeka**

During the last two years Philip German has been collecting brass band instruments for Bukeka and with the help of BA our team of 17 each carried an instrument as hand luggage and the larger ones left were sent through as part of our group baggage allowance. This all went without a hitch and on our last day we delivered all the instruments to Livi's home in Kampala. He has already made arrangements with Outspan school for some tuition and it is their aim to raise money by providing music at events such as weddings and other large gatherings. Somehow we don't think it will be too long before Philip is out there giving some lessons!



Delivering the instruments to Livi's home and yes, he did make it work!



**100 Club**

The 100 Club continues to do well but we still have just under 30 shares left which will earn even more for BBF if we can sell them. Remember, every month a prize of £100 can be won and at Christmas there will be 2 draws, one of £100 and a bonus one of £300. A share costs just £60 a year – the odds are pretty good, so go on give it a go!

Our winners for the last three months were as follows:

- May – Share Number 46
- June – Share Number 74
- July – Share Number 41



**The 2008 Team – anyone for 2009?**

*In the pursuit of happiness half the world is on the wrong scent. They think it consists in having and getting, and in being served by others. Happiness is really found in giving and in serving others.*

Henry Drummond (1851-1897)