



Abba Father's House

New Charity Registration No. 1209857





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We welcome you to join us in contributing to influencing many children's destinies through support and provision of education, health living, project work, faith awareness and learning as a way to a good future.

Introduction

Dear partners and friends,

Greetings from Abba Father's House, and blessings to you all. I trust that you're well and thank you for your gracious support of vulnerable children under our care in Uganda. We can't thank you enough. May God credit you with His loving kindness and tender mercies every day. Below are some updates to help you know what's on the ground.



Snack time

Updates

Things are progressing well, with a few hiccups, as expected in a children's home. In our previous newsletter, we sent you updates from Juliet's trip to Uganda in August. Guess what? She's going again this December! New staff members and committee members have been added to the team, hence the need for a proper introduction and induction of the latest members.

There haven't been many changes apart from the good news that we have been blessed with another Trustee for the UK, Mr Chris Hall. Chris has supported the charity as a partner and has been in charge of our website from the beginning. Please help us to welcome Chris aboard and to wish him well.

On the ground in Jinja, one of the committee members stepped down due to her work demands. Our Regional Director, Pastor Jota, also lives and runs another Charity in Luwero District, so there was a need for more local committee members, and he cannot visit the home as often as needed. We're happy to report that two members have shown interest in joining us and are waiting for a formal introduction.

Also, in our last newsletter, we informed you of the changes to our charity status from being a Corporate Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). We're happy to report that the process has been finalised, and we're left with completing the changes to our JustGiving account, which is still ongoing. To remind you, **our new Registration number is 1209857**. This gives us more flexibility in covering a broader service area beyond Jinja. We also informed you that our bank account may be changed; however, we're still waiting for the bank to initiate the changes, and those of you

donating directly to our bank account will be notified of the account number as soon as we hear from the bank.

Good news, Abbie, the cow is pregnant again. We almost sold her off on the assumption that she had failed to conceive; little did we know that she was already pregnant until it was confirmed that she was in the 5th to 6th month of pregnancy. Abbie was our very first cow, so she's unique to us.

We are running low on funding, and I guess that the real impact of COVID is being experienced now due to some of our sponsors being unable to continue because of job losses, the high cost of living and the fact that we were using funds in our reserve account, which has now run dry. However, we're hopeful and praying for new sponsors to join. Please help us to share the need and to identify possible opportunities for one-off donors to top up shortages from child sponsorship and also to fund much-needed items such as the installation of Cameras around the home for safety, installation of solar panels to reduce electricity costs, harvesting of rainwater to help us cut costs on water, and local transport to facilitate transportation of feeds for our animals.

Focus on the AFH Family



Juliet posed for a picture with some children before leaving Luwero in July.

Evelyn, whose details we shared in our last newsletter, is doing well and giving the attention much needed for vulnerable children, as she understands what it's like to be in that situation. Due to her engagement with the children, we have been able to resettle some of the children back to their families and in their community. Unfortunately, Evelyn is with us temporarily as she's engaged and due to get married in the new year, so the pressure is on us to find a replacement.

As we speak, the primary and secondary school finalists have already completed their exams and are currently on their long vacation. They are engaging in home activities but we're looking into ways they can be more productive at home and have fun simultaneously.

It has been a good season as sickness reduced mainly because the biogas digester has helped in the reduction of mosquitos at the home. Thank God for your support.

Christmas Appeal



Please help us give these children a good time.

Abba Father's House is a partner-supported charity that has depended on donor funds for the past few years. Christmas is first approaching, and it is that time of the year when all children expect and look out to have fun. We're therefore getting in touch with our partners to appeal for donations towards this cause, however small so that together we can give our children presents and a good time, with gifts to open on Christmas day.

As you're aware, we also support widows and have been helping them with [financial donations](#) to help them celebrate Christmas with their families. Please specify if your donation is for widows.

We want to start 2025 on a sound and firm basis and specifically want to raise £2025 to get us on a firm footing to commit to starting some key projects that are all listed on the projects page of the AFH website; please join us in investing for a sustainable future for the home.

No doubt times are challenging. However, we request you to share the love with a donation of any amount to enable us to buy presents locally in Uganda so that the children can receive some gifts to celebrate Christmas/New Year. £10 is equivalent to 43,000 Uganda shillings, which can buy a present for a child. We will also be grateful for your pledges for the Christmas Dinner. Donations can be made online via the Abba Father's House website – email can be sent to juliet@abbafathershouse.org for our bank details.



The above picture shows children waiting to be handed presents last year.

Purpose of Juliet's December visit

- ❖ Introduction and induction of new committee and recruitment of extra staff members
- ❖ Check children's end-of-year performance and plans for their next academic year, 2025
- ❖ Deal with hiccups mainly around project work and taking part in the child placement as a couple of children have been resettled.
- ❖ Review accountability, fix any errors in the operative system, and supervise staff.
- ❖ Investigate more effective ways to connect with other service providers.

Please pray for Juliet's safe travels and protection.



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you found the newsletter informative and would like your views and suggestions. To do so, please email juliet@abbafathershouse.org.

We are sharing regular information on WhatsApp, so please let us know if you want to be included in the WhatsApp chat group.

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