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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.

Dear Partners and friends,

You are warmly welcome to our August 2024 Edition.

It's great to get in touch with you again through the newsletter. It seems like such a long time since we last communicated, but we have mainly been communicating and posting news via our WhatsApp chat lately. If you're not registered on our WhatsApp chat and would like to receive more regular updates, please email your request to juliet@abbafathershouse.org to be added to the WhatsApp chat.

We can never thank you enough for all you're doing to keep this good cause of fending for vulnerable orphans and disadvantaged children running. May God prepare a special reward for you! It is still challenging to run the home, but with God on our side, things are moving slowly but surely, and we're progressing.

Latest news

Further to our notification in our last newsletter, we have changed from being a Corporate Charity to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). **Our new Registration number is 1209857.** This gives us more flexibility to cover a broader service area beyond Jinja. Our bank account may also be changed, and those of you donating directly to our bank account will be notified of the account number as soon as it's set up.

Installation of a Biogas Digestor



We noticed that mosquitoes were hatching from cow and pig's dung at the home and causing children to fall sick from malaria, which was costing us a lot on the treatment of malaria that the idea of installing a Biogas Digestor came to us both to stop the mosquitoes and at the same time save on firewood expenses. We shared this idea to raise funds. With the help of our partners and friends, the funds were raised, and the construction work was carried out successfully. As you read this newsletter, the biogas digester is now fully operational, as you can see from the picture on the next page.



The home now uses biogas for cooking; thanks to everyone who contributed to this development. God bless you all.

From the Editor

Juliet's report July 2024 trip

Thank you for your prayers and support for my safe travel and return from Uganda. The trip was eventful and also challenging, as you will find out from the report.

I arrived safely at Abba Father's House and found the home, children, staff and our herds are well. It was mostly dry but cloudy, so I was not scorched. Committee members are supportive and responsive to emergencies especially. Insecurity had crept into the area, but the Government responded by engaging the army to patrol the area at night, which has made a big difference. The local people have also created a WhatsApp to alert one another in case of anything, and AFH is on that chat.

The trip

As I said in my last December trip, regular trips to Uganda are the way to go if we maintain good governance. Let's pray for more people to get interested in visiting the home, as that will allow the home to benefit from a wide range of skills. We thank God for our Auntie Maggie, who was the first Briton to visit Abba Father's House; though she is currently unable to travel due to health issues, we're praying for God to deliver her from ailments soon.

Uganda seems to be back in the swing of things. The rich are very rich, and the poor are struggling a lot. Politics seems stable, and people seem used to the way of life there.

The Home

The home is in good condition, the biogas digester is doing wonders, and we're already saving on firewood and charcoal costs. The production and sale of milk continue, although Abbie, the cow, has failed to get fertilized from artificial insemination, and its milk production is reducing, which leaves us with a challenge of its sustenance.

Reduction in milk production will affect its self-funding and funding for Aaron it's calf. Aaron is a male calf, and we're looking to sell him off and add a little more funds to purchase a young female cow to aid in multiplication. Abbie herself could be exchanged for another, but these are just ideas at the moment.

Focus on the Children

The children were always delighted to see me, which to them means getting presents, good food and possible outings.



The children are well, growing fast, and in good health, apart from overwhelming school attendance. Malaria has reduced since the construction of the digester; thanks for your help, folks, with the fundraising. I am not happy with the school's requirements for children to study Monday to Sunday as it does not allow them to be children, deprives the home of having quality time with the children, and leaves us with no adequate space for maturing. Children leave very early and return home very late.

Leticia, who skipped P6 to P7, is well-focused in her studies and doing well so far. She's setting an example for the rest of the children of the outcome of hard work and faith. As it is the final term of the year, candidates are preparing for the final exams in the hope of good grades to promote them to their next academic stage.



The youngest bunch of children is in the picture above. Creative work is going on.



Presentation of creative work for marking

The school teachers use this to get more money from parents by charging parents extra fees for weekend and holiday studies. The President stopped this, but the Ministry of Education has not followed it through. I had to stop the children from attending school the Sunday we went out.

The Visitor from America

Whilst at the home, we received Drew from America. Drew is Pastor Dave's contact through Life Links Ministry. Unfortunately, Drew didn't get to see the children as they were all at school at his time of visit. However, Drew prayed for the home and also donated to the children, which was very kind of him. His donation was used as a contribution towards the children's outing. Drew also connected me to a lady who assists small charities. Hopefully, she will get in touch.

Visitor from London

Interestingly, it looked like a visitor's season as we also received Douglas from the UK. Douglas, a contact of one of Runnymede Christian Fellowship members, happened to be in Uganda at the same time I was there, so we arranged for him to come and meet the children. Both Douglas and the children had a good time together. The children also received presents from Douglas.



Widows

The widow's project is still struggling, and no new members are joining. The typical widow's attendance is about 5-6 widows. On this occasion, I found that they had made many baskets and mats, of which I could only carry a few due to the limitation of weight allowance, and they have not tried selling any by themselves. Evelyn, our new girl, has offered to minister to the widows, which might make a difference.

I also had a small party for them and handed them a financial package, which they loved. Prayer is needed to make an impact on the widows and for the group to grow. Evelyn might give them lessons on hairdressing, which, if they learn, can earn them some income.

Project work

The main projects include cows, pigs, rabbits, turkeys, and gardening. Rashid, one of my new contacts, has volunteered to help improve the home's looks with plants and flowers when funds become available. We're just looking to plan mushrooms for the next season. However, we're looking to sell off the pigs, so we must replace them with another more productive breed. The cow project is running well, although we need an extra cow to be able to produce sufficient dung for the size of the digester which was constructed. We are stocking chickens, which will be ready for sale at Christmas.

We are working on getting buyers as current staff are not very robust in sales. We currently have five dogs (mum and her puppies). We also want to sell the puppies and only keep one when the market becomes available. The mum could be pregnant again.

Trip's Achievements

I spent a week in Kampala for fellowship and to widen connections. I also visited Pastor Jota in Luwero District as I had not been to his farm, which he has been running for many years. I connected with many people in Kampala through a sister in Christ who lives in Sweden. Among the people I met through connections was a young lady Evelyn, who had been looking for an open door to serve in a children's environment.



This was God's arrangement because looking for workers was not on my agenda for the Kampala trip. Evelyn pictured above has already joined team AFH and has started engaging all at home in prayers and various activities and the children are connecting well with her. So far, I have not given her an appointment letter as I am still considering what job to offer her. Evelyn grew up in challenging circumstances where her mother abandoned her, and she does not know who or where her father is. Evelyn has a big testimony about her journey. She loves God and desires to help vulnerable children to ensure their well-being.

She was raised by a church Pastor who educated her up to A 'Level and College. She was serving under the leadership as of the Pastor who raised her until she was released to come and do ministry work at AFH. I had a chance to speak to the Pastor who assured me that Evelyn was a committed young lady and from time I was with her at AFH until now, she has proved to a hard worker. She loves for children and she's also taking responsibility in the various activities at the home.

Whilst I was in Kampala City, I had the opportunity to rest in a Christian setting with plenty of food and prayers and stayed in one of the luxury places in Kampala city, which really made a difference for me as most of the years I spend all my leave doing charity work.

My trip to the Luwero District



Picture of Juliet with Pastor Jota in the middle

At Pastor Jota's farm, I was fascinated with all he was doing on his farm. He has massive land where he is growing all sorts of crops for sale; he has made a lake to irrigate his crops and has a large solar Panel which helps pump water across. He is also fish farming. Unfortunately, he seems to have been scammed with his cow's project as he sold all his cows to get a better breed of cows, but the Government quarantined cow movement from where he was expecting the cows to come from, and the person he paid for the cows seems not willing to refund his cash. Let's pray for Pastor to recover his funds.

I managed to spot the issues with leaks at the girls through windows whenever it rains. This was due to sliding system type of windows with gaps that caused rainwater to enter whenever it rained. That has now been repaired.

Managed and supervised the installation of a large window in the boy's kitchen, where the digester gas stoves were fitted to allow enough air and light in the room.

Other minor repairs were also carried out during my time at the home.



Meal time at Igara Restaurant, Jinja Town

The children were very grateful and planned to lift me when we got home, which I begged them not to do.



I spent some time with children, although this time, school hindered the amount of time and fun we would have had together. I assisted in putting the office and system back in order, although I didn't complete all the tasks due to limited time.

I visited some of the Committee members at their homes to show our appreciation for their services and gave them some gifts to encourage them and show that we care about them.

I widened my network with people from whom I expect good to come out of these connections. I also managed to get better building contractors for the home.

Challenges

There is still a challenge of staff performance; in their opinion, they assume that their performance is good. Filing and updating of children's care plans were not very well done.

The home lacks a desktop PC as the one they have is very old and unable to load some documents, etc. This hinders the home from producing documents. Uganda prohibits the import of used electrical equipment. Donation of a new desktop PC will be much appreciated.

Due to much traffic on Jinja – Kampala Road, I missed my return flight, which cost me double for the trip. Having purchased an economy ticket, I was compelled to buy a new ticket, which was very upsetting, especially as I travelled at a time when tickets were at their highest.

Current Needs for Abba Father's House

Prayers are needed for funds to become available to source the following needs: -

Installation of Solar Panels

Power is a big issue because Uganda exports electricity and then rations her resident's electricity supply. Most people install solar panels, which some firms are willing to install on an instalment payment basis. With the availability of funds, we would like to install solar panels for both the girls' and boys' houses so that we can have constant lighting to enable our children to study and revise at night without the limitation of electricity, which is on and off most of the time.

A new desktop PC needs to be exported as the PCs in local shops are not good. A new TV is required for the boy's house. Unfortunately, Uganda abolished the import of any used electrical appliances, so we welcome donations of a new desktop PC and a new TV.

Water is currently one of the most expensive items at AFH. With the availability of funds, we could harvest rainwater or drill a borehole to get free water from underground. Harvesting water is also estimated at £2,000, so let's pray that resources become available for this to be done.

As we have more cows at the home, there is a need for the purchase of a Tukutuku mode of transport to help staff to carry grass and maize brand and other feeds for the animals, turkeys and chickens we are rearing. Tukutuku is a minor mode of local transport. The smallest Tukutuku starts from £2,000

Need for project transport.



Picture of a tukutuku vehicle

We still have room for more children, so we're appealing to anyone who can bless a child with an opportunity to be placed at AFH where they can be looked after and given an opportunity for a better future to contact us via our website www.abbafathershouse.org or email Juliet directly juliet@abbafathershouse.org and we will very please to hear from you.

We're already saving on firewood by using biogas; if we could source installation of solar panels and harvest water, it would greatly help reduce costs further.

Monthly giving

We thought it might be easier for some people to set up monthly donations. Setting up a monthly donation couldn't be simpler- visit our page on [JustGiving](#) page via our website, www.abbafatherhouse.org and enter your details. Please email juliet@abbafathershouse.org if you have other ways to give. By setting up a regular donation, you'll help us to be there for more families who need us.

Payroll giving. You can also donate directly from your gross pay through your employer.

Please visit us at www.abbafathershouse.org or email juliet@abbafathershouse.org if you have any suggestions or questions.



Juliet posed for a picture with Dave and Julia, long-term partners and supporters of AFH, on their 30th anniversary as Pastors of Runnymede Christian Fellowship in Egham, Surrey, UK.

Blessings to you all

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