

## 30 years on and the COGS are still turning



**WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?** We started with twelve children in 1995 and over the last thirty years have been able to help hundreds more. Children's lives have been changed forever because of the generosity of our child sponsors, regular givers, churches and schools, some of which have supported us for thirty years! We will never know the extent to which lives have been transformed but sometimes we get a glimpse as we are still in contact with many of our former children. We have doctors, nurses, teachers, pastors, evangelists, mechanics, tailors, farmers and hairdressers to name a few. When we started out in 1995, we were advised not to do it as we would be taken advantage of and people would steal from us – both correct! although it fades into insignificance when we see all the lives transformed because of our Christian love and being the example that God wants us to be. I want to share part of a letter I received recently from one of our older boys, not to put myself on a pedestal but for us all to realise what a difference we are all making in these young lives: "From the very beginning you have been more than just an uncle to me, you have been a guiding light and source of inspiration. Your love and care have touched my heart in ways I cannot express. Through the years you have been a pillar of support, always offering a helping hand and wise advice when I needed it most. You have taught me valuable life lessons and your experiences have shaped the person I am today. Your kindness and generosity have shown me the meaning of compassion and selflessness and I want to express my deepest love and appreciation for you my wonderful uncle". Please do not underestimate the difference you are making to young lives by supporting the Trust, you may never have the privilege to see the children, to take their hand or see their smile but their love for you is insurmountable.

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path".**

**Proverbs Ch 3 Vs 5 & 6**



Here are some of our new Primary One's as they queue up for lunch. The registration process went smoothly but selecting thirty-five children from over one hundred is always going to be challenging. Some children were selected for other classes as well. Some families had to come back the following day as it was impossible to interview all the families before it got dark but people understood and were very patient.

**WE NEED SPONSORS FOR MOST OF THESE CHILDREN – YOU COULD CHANGE A LIFE TODAY FOR ONLY £25.00 PER MONTH OR SPONSOR THE SCHOOL FOR ANY AMOUNT.**

**SCHOOL BAGS, NEW CLOTHES FOR GIRLS AND BOYS PLUS NEW SHOES FOR SCHOOL - THANK YOU.**





## Our Work Party – February 2025



We would like to thank Norman for helping to construct the final part of our perimeter wall at Namugongo, for Rex (check out the socks!) for installing a flushing toilet at the school, for David and Ian for painting the toilet blocks inside and out plus the front wall at Namugongo, Laura for her teaching skills and Tricia for doing medicals. Many thanks to all of you.



Musicians, dancers and actors – we have them all in our school. Until you hear the drums and watch the dancing you wouldn't believe the skills involved in seeing how flawlessly it all comes together and then there is the acting! From home-made props to the messages of hope highlighting the dangers of abuse, witchcraft and persecution - serious stuff but very relevant to them.



Our football team and basketball team in strips donated to us and brought out by Rex – we enjoyed our inter-house sports and the kids looked great!

**Thank you so much**



**THIS IS A SPECIAL YEAR AND WE NEED TO RAISE ENOUGH FUNDS TO BUILD NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL – ARE YOU IN THE POSITION TO HELP US? FROM COFFEE MORNINGS TO QUIZZES AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENINGS – ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE BUT WE JUST NEED FOLKS TO DO IT.**



'DON'T SLEEP ON IT'

For more information about our children's work, to sponsor a child, the school, to get involved in fundraising or to organise a promotional talk – just contact us:

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