Chilli Children TRIP NEWS

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Welcome to a special edition of the Chilli Children newsletter

The Chilli Children Trust raises and channels funds to support the North Kigesi Diocese Growers, Orphans and Disabled Children's Project in Rukungiri, in SW Uganda.

The Trustees write ...

… Its now several weeks on from our 10 day visit to Rukungiri where we attended 4 clinics with Evas and her team, visited Kisiizi Mission hospital, saw the incredible new school at Kitazigurukwa, travelled to the DRC border, met numerous children treated by the project, and attended a Management Committee meeting. We each have our own highlights which we will share with you , but right up front we want to say, on behalf of all our supporters, a huge 'Thank you!' to Evas, David, Generous, Nelson, Warren and Zaire for their on-going commitment, dedication, patience and Christian love for the children. We hope that the pictures in this newsletter give you a flavor of what we saw and did, and inspires you, as it has done us, to further commitment.

Bron writes …

Do you know anyone who isn't busy? Life is so hectic it is often difficult to find time to reflect on what's really important. My visit gave me this opportunity. Even though I had visited Rukungiri before, this time it was different as we immersed ourselves all day every day with the work of the team. As usual, water and electricity were in short supply and we were reminded how precious they are. We shared daily morning worship with the diocese staff and a Palm Sunday service in a local church which showed us how our Christian faith links us to total strangers. We watched with awe as we witnessed Christ's love in action as Evas and the team worked with the children. And we were welcomed into homes for meals and fellowship.



Trustees, with founder, Pat Gilmer



Claire, a lovely little girl born with no arms.

Paul writes …

What do you say to a girl with one leg, the parents of a girl with no arms, the parents of a child with hydrocephalus?… I could go on. Many times, fighting back the tears, I struggled for words - but this is what Evas and the team do day in, day out… they treat these children, using the money and resources we send; they find words of encouragement and hope, give practical support, and drive many, many miles over bumpy terrain. On our final day we were heartened to visit the new boarding unit for disabled children at Kitazigurukwa, where some of the children learn alongside their able bodied peers, whilst others receive a specialist education to meet their needs. The best is yet to come—please join us on this journey.

Ian writes …

We visited clinics in Rukungiri, Bikurungu, Kihiihi and Butagota where we saw ailments which included: club foot, eye problems, burns, brain damage, limb deformities and others. The project team provide physical and emotional support for the children and their parents. We also visited chilli farmers, where concerns were expressed that the lorry, which is used to collect the chillis from the growers, has broken down and needs repairs. The hilly terrain and difficult 'roads' take a toll on all vehicles. The two motorbikes also need replacing, and the 'ambulance' is old and not fit for purpose. (see picture below)









Clinics

Inspirational Olivia. She lost a lower leg when young and the current prosthetic is too small. (right)









Kitazigurukwa

Built by Mission Direct volunteers!



Dining room



The boarders at Kitazigurukwa

- diverse difficulties, but a clear sense of community



Helping with the chilli harvest! (above)





Can you help change these lives?

Claire, a gifted and talented young lady with spinal deformities and one leg. We hope to find employment for her. (above)

Burns from scalding porridge (right)



We can help this lovely girl with treatment for hydrocephalus . (left)





Abdou at Kitazigurukwa in his Scotland shirt! (left)



An inspirational, dedicated, devoted Dad with his son. True love and compassion. (right)

Changed lives, and heaven come to earth

As you can see from our pictures, we saw so much need. Yes, we knew about it beforehand, but seeing it brought to life, at times, left us with a feeling of helplessness. I believe this can be a common feeling; thinking that the issues are so big that one can end up doing nothing. I certainly often thought back to the starfish story…

"An old man walks along a beach and sees a young boy throwing something into the water. As he approaches, he sees hundreds of starfish lining the beach, washed in from the tide. The young boy is rushing around, throwing the starfish back into the water one by one. The old man asks why he bothers, it's pointless. There are too many starfish to help them all. As he flings a starfish deep into the water, the young boy replies, "It mattered to that one."

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We recognise that your primary giving may well be to your church, which is right, but any monies you can give are much appreciated. A little does go a long way in Uganda - I believe God honours our giving in a divine way.

To help put this into focus, some specific needs we saw during our visit included:

- A new ambulance £ 10,000
- A new motorbike £ 3000

Also:

- Shoes to correct clubfoot £6
- An artificial limb (including fitting) £120

We can all make a difference …

ask any of the children who have been helped by the project, such as the young lady we met at a tea plantation who showed us her scar from the spinal operation, which the project had paid for, which enabled her to walk, go to school, and now have a job to support herself!

We all can help—me, you, your church .. We want to urge you to continue to give to the project to change lives such as hers. Every penny you give goes to the project - nothing is used to pay for fundraising, trustees expenses, postage etc - they cover these themselves.

Praise!

We give thanks for money to have the old ambulance repaired. Plus - the provision of 'new' phones and cameras donated for the team - new to them, but surplus to requirements in the UK.

Prayer Requests

Increased funding to help meet the increasing need.

Wisdom for the trustees and team in succession planning.

Please help with a donation to The Chilli Children Trust

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