



# Isaac's House Newsletter

September 2013

## About Isaac's House



Isaac's House has a vision to provide homes for children in Uganda affected by war, HIV and poverty. We create safe, sustainable environments in which health, education and growth can be achieved.

Isaac's House began in 2008, when our founder member Paul Howells and a group of trades people and other volunteers from Merseyside travelled to Uganda to build the first orphanage 'James Dunn House of Hope'. Isaac's House now has a second orphanage and the Isaac's House family continues to grow thanks to our supporters and sponsors. Currently Isaac's House supports twenty-two children.

## Latest News

### First Corporate Sponsors!

We are pleased to announce that Isaac's House has partnered with Weightmans' Liverpool office as our new corporate sponsor for the next 2 years. Weightmans are committed to corporate social responsibility and undertake an extensive programme of activity. Sean Crotty, head of Corporate Social Responsibility for the Liverpool Office said "We are delighted to support such a worthwhile cause as our office charity. We hope that we can play a small part in the continuing success of this fantastic charity over the next few years". We are delighted to have been selected as the charity partner of Weightmans and look forward to working with them throughout the next 2 years.

### July's Trip to Uganda

In July founder of Isaac's House Paul, trustee/secretary Beth and volunteer Terry visited the children Isaac's House support for two weeks and had an amazing time. For Terry it was his first time in Uganda and he loved meeting the children and enjoyed coaching the local schools football team. One of the best parts of the trip was Parents Day at Bethel Junior School. Paul, Beth and Terry were overwhelmed by the teacher's positive feedback. All the teachers commented on how well the children we support are doing, how focused and hardworking they are and how much they have improved since first arriving at the school. Well done children, keep up the good work!

### School results

Well done to the children yet again for brilliant end of Term 1 and Term 2 school results! All the children are performing well and working hard. Brothers Mike and Nickson, and brothers Moris and Denis, all reached top 10 in their classes and Ruth and Junior have shown great improvement over the past year, the hard work is paying off! A special mention and huge congratulations to Sam. Sam is about to begin his final term at Primary school level, and in his mock exams, which all schools in the community enter, Sam was the only child out of 300+ to reach a top grade!! Well done to Sam!

# Welcome to the Isaac's House Family...

## Safina and Yasin



During a visit to the orphanage in July 2013 the founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells and trustee Beth Hogg were approached by a lovely, quietly spoken lady who requested our help. She is called Elizabeth, aged 30 and originates from Democratic Republic of the Congo. She speaks very little English so with the help of our Housemother Sarah she told us her story. Her Ugandan husband died in 2003 from HIV/Aids and she was left to raise two children Safina 13 and Yasin 9, (pictured in the photographs above). They lived in Kampala, working in the markets before getting chased out by the government. In 2012 they moved to a village close to our orphanage. Elizabeth said she is struggling to pay for rent and food and told us she has also contracted HIV making it difficult for her to work. She is relying on a man she met in Kampala to support her but she told us he has a problem with drinking too much. Both children have attended school this year but Elizabeth has not been able to pay the school fees and the children are at risk of getting thrown out. Elizabeth is very worried about the future for Safina and Yasin as her condition deteriorates. Isaac's House is looking for sponsors to support Safina and Yasin to get the life they deserve and to ease the worry for Elizabeth that her children will always be looked after.

## Gift and Ramson



Isaac's House charity founder Paul Howells met a lovely young man called Ronald who lost his leg due to cancer in 2012. Ronald found life very difficult. The charity decided to fundraise, and help Ronald with his wish to have an artificial leg. When Paul returned to Uganda, Ronald thanked Paul and the charity for transforming his life in so many ways, he was so thankful and appreciative and Paul was really happy to see Ronald enjoying his life again. In the photograph pictured is Ronald with Paul Howells.

Sadly, Ronald died a few months ago, his cancer returned. Ronald left behind his loving family, his fiancée Susan, and their two young children Gift and Ramson as shown in the 2nd photograph. Ronald requested for the charity to help support his family once he had gone, and this is what Isaac's House will do. Since Ronald passed away, Susan has been struggling, she has a job but has to spend her wages on childcare which leaves her with little or no money to pay the rent and feed her children. Susan is a lovely lady, with brilliant English and a loving, caring, nature so Isaac's House decided she would be perfect for our new housemother position!! So, in September, Susan, Gift and Ramson, the family together will be moving to James Dunn House of Hope. We are now seeking sponsorship for Gift and Ramson. If you would like to help sponsor, please get in touch. Isaac's House are very proud to help support this family, and to keep them together as Ronald would have wished.



## Special Mention for Kaddu

Isaac's House would like to give a special mention and thank you to Kaddu. Kaddu works at the orphanage as a night watchman and gardener/farmer. But he does so much more; he is brilliant role model to the children, he walks them to and from school, plays with them and they all say he is their best big brother! Kaddu has worked at the orphanage from the beginning and even helped to build it! Kaddu's family have experienced many losses and Kaddu uses his wages to help support his mother, who now raises 6 young children alone, as pictured to the right. Thank you to Kaddu (in the blue top) for all the hard work, and thank you Kaddu's mother for caring and raising the children, and like Isaac's House, helping give them a bright future.



## Photograph Moments

I love this photograph of Mike carrying water! All children in Uganda work really hard at home, helping with all the things we take for granted.

Many children have to fetch water, collect firewood, mop the floors, hand wash all their clothes, and many other chores. The children at James Dunn House of Hope orphanage are really lucky to have running water at home, so Mike didn't have to walk too far balancing the water, but he's doing a good job!

Neighbours not fortunate enough to have water at home, send their children to fetch water from the nearby stream, about 10 minutes walk away. They use the water for cooking, bathing, washing their clothes, cleaning their kitchen utensils, mopping the floors and drinking.



## Fundraising Events



### Isaac's House Zip Wire Challenge November 2013

Isaac's House fundraising team are pleased to announce an exciting event taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Could you conquer Europe's longest zip wire, travelling up to 100mph and ... dangling 500ft above a Quarry? Well if you are brave enough then now is your chance! All you need to do in order to obtain a place in this event is commit to raising a minimum of £150 for Isaac's House! You can join the challenge by emailing: [events.isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:events.isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk).

# Support Isaac's House Charity

**There are numerous ways to support Isaac's House charity:**

- Sponsor a child to live for £5 a month as a regular monthly donation
- Sponsor a child for £20 a month and for your generous support you will receive letters and photographs from your sponsored child
- Donations can be made online on our Just Giving website, [www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse](http://www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse)
- Come along to our fundraising events (as listed above) or hold your own fundraising events!
- If you wish to visit Uganda on a volunteer trip, please e-mail us for an application form

## Contacts

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