



Isaac's House Newsletter

December 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 to visit Uganda!

In the previous newsletter we were pleased to announce that Isaac's House has partnered with Weightmans' Liverpool office as our new corporate sponsor for the next 2 years. Not only have Weightmans begun raising money for iH with office dress down days and bake off competitions but Isaac's House are very excited to announce that Weightmans will be visiting Uganda! Trustee's Paul, Beth and Hayley have organised a brilliant itinerary for 20 Weightmans staff in May 2014. Staff will be helping the community, teaching children skills and spending time with the wonderful children we support.

Ange Howells in Uganda

In September founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells surprised us all by taking his lovely wife Ange to Uganda for her first visit. The pair arrived at Isaac's House to very excited and shocked staff and children. The children were so happy to meet Angela and say it was one of the best surprises ever! Ange works really hard so it was great she was able to take some time off work and visit the children.

Gloria, Lawrence, Sam and Julius

On the 4th and 5th November Gloria, Lawrence, Sam and Julius took their Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE). The grades they achieve in these exams will determine whether they can continue to Secondary school and if so, what school they can attend. The Secondary schools are very competitive for the 1st and 2nd grade students. However all the children have worked so hard and we are very proud of them and wish them all the best.



Isaac's House Gold Fundraising Award 2013



Isaac's House would like to announce the winners for this year's Gold Fundraising Award. This award will be presented at the end of each year to those who have helped Isaac's House significantly, through their fundraising efforts.

This year, the fundraising award is presented to Angus Jordan, Richard Dunne, Paul Etchells, Anthony Erotocritou and Adam Bale who all work for RSA Insurance Group and call themselves 'Team Pie'!

In 2012, Richard, Angus and Paul cycled from their London office in Leadenhall Street to New Hall Place in Liverpool. The journey was 245 miles and took the team two and a half days. Their fundraising efforts raised an incredible £4,000 for Isaac's House charity and we were extremely grateful.

But the team didn't stop there, and in 2013 joined by Anthony, 'Team Pie' cycled Cost to Coast from Whitehaven to Whitby, a total of 170 miles. The journey involved the team crossing the Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North Yorkshire Moors, cycling up some 12,000ft in all. The team knew it would be a challenge but were determined to raise even more money for Isaac's House charity.



Angus, Richard, Paul and Anthony are pictured to the left. Adam Bale was also a valued member of 'Team Pie' as the team's manager, coach, driver, dietician and medic! Thank you Adam. I am sure the team would have been lost without you!



.....Two bike rides later and the team raised a staggering £8,500 for Isaac's House charity.

Julia Wignall, Project Manager at RSA Insurance Group and Trustee and Treasurer for Isaac's House charity has been keeping the Isaac's House committee updated with the teams incredible efforts over the past 2 years. Founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells was astonished by their dedication, effort, hard work and commitment to raise money for Isaac's House charity.

Isaac's House are delighted to announce 'Team Pie' as the more than worthy winners of the Gold Fundraising Award for 2013. The money raised will make a huge positive difference to the lives of the children Isaac's House support in Uganda. It is hard to put into words the difference the teams fundraising efforts will make, and even harder to show our thanks and appreciation. The children at Isaac's House have recorded a lovely video for the team, showing their appreciation and thanks and founder of Isaac's House Paul will be presenting 'Team Pie' with a glass trophy in appreciation of their fundraising efforts.

Isaac's House would also like to thank RSA Insurance Group, who in total have raised a fantastic £12,000 for Isaac's House over the past two years.



A huge thank you to the Isaac's House Gold Fundraising Award winners for 2013.

Welcome to all the new staff at Isaac's House...

- Carol has joined the Isaac's House team as a Director and Social Worker. Carol will be managing the children's home and the staff working for us. Carol will be focusing on the children and ensuring they are all happy and well!
- Isaac's House decided a father figure would be great for the children and from other children's home we realised the best way to do this was to employ a member of staff who would be hard working on site and set a good example. iH have employed Charles, the father of Moris and Denis to work as a gardener at the home. Charles is very well respected by the children and extremely hard working. Charles will help the children maintain their culture and be working role model. Charles will teach the children how to care for the chickens and pigs and manage the crops and other important life skills.
- A wonderful older lady Mabel, who all the children call Jjajja (grandmother) has joined the team to help teach the children skills and crafts. Mabel has already begun teaching the children how to make mats and clay pots and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and spending time with Jjajja. She is very caring and the children love her.
- As in the previous newsletter, it is great to tell you all that Susan the new housemother and her children Gift and Ramson have settled in really well and are very happy. Susan hopes to continue her childcare training and she is brilliant at getting stuck in with the activities with the children.



Graduation Success!

Isaac's House would like to give a special mention and well done to Jessica and Kate. In October both girls received their degree certificates on their graduation day and Isaac's House couldn't be more proud!

The girls have worked really hard to achieve success at university and both looked very beautiful for their graduation.

Kate has a Degree of Accounting in Money, Banking and Insurance and Jessica achieved a degree in Development Studies.

Kate has several ideas for businesses she would like to begin and Jessica would like to work with NGO's. We wish you all the best in the future girls.

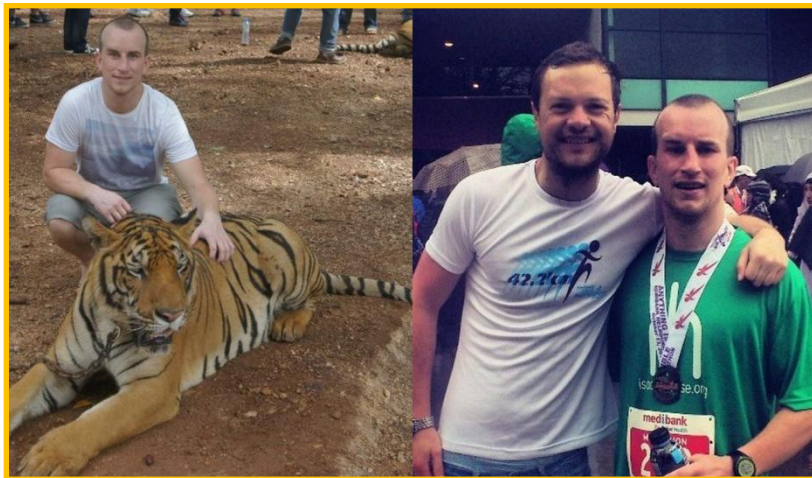


Photograph Moments – Baby Ramson



All the children love baby Ramson! They all enjoy helping Housemother Susan care for Ramson. Ramson is a really happy little boy and is always smiling and playing. As you can see Ramson loves having his photograph took!

Fundraising Events



A special mention to Andrew John White who raised a staggering \$2,000 Australian Dollars!!! Andrew participated in the Melbourne Marathon to raise money for Isaac's House charity. The marathon course was through the streets of Melbourne and completed in an impress 3 hours and 45 minutes. It really inspires Paul Howells when individuals take their time and effort to raise money for Isaac's House. Paul was really excited when he rang Andrew in Australia to thank him for his fundraising efforts. Thank you Andrew!

Isaac's House would also like to thank the 25 volunteers who participated in the Zip Wire event on Saturday 16th November. Thank you for giving up your time and having the courage to complete Europe's longest Zip Wire! I am sure you all really enjoyed the experience and we hope you will be up for another adventure next year! Thank you to all the Zip Wire volunteers' friends and family for sponsoring and helping raise an incredible £2,000 for Isaac's House charity!



Upcoming Fundraising Events

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

On Friday 20th June 2014 we will be hosting the Isaac's House Charity Ball at Liverpool Crowne Plaza. We would like to invite you all to join Isaac's House celebrating our 6th birthday! Tickets cost £35 and you will be treated to a 3 course dinner and live music from The Captains of Industry. On the night we will also be hosting a silent auction and raffle to help raise money for the charity. If you wish to buy a ticket, please speak to an Isaac's House committee member or e-mail Rachel at isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk.

Items Needed in Uganda

Household Items

Bathing Soap

Shoe Polish

Sanitary Towels

Nappies

Soap for Clothes

Clothing Items

Socks

Underwear

Flip flops

Trainers

Smart Black

Shoes

T-Shirts

Shorts

Skirts

Football Kits

Stationery

Pencils

Colouring Pencils

Pencil Cases

Rulers

Geometry Set

Pens

Coloured Paper

Stickers

Art Pencils

Reading Books

Larger Items

Towels

Bed Sheets

School Bags

Board Games

Balls



One of the main ways supporters can assist Isaac's House is by helping us with the items we need at the children's home and items that can often be expensive in Uganda. If sponsors would like to send gifts we also request you send items from this list and for the gift to be for all the children at the home. If you have any items or would like to donate any to Isaac's House, please e-mail isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk and we can organise collection.

Founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells regularly visits Uganda and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been donating items for Uganda over the years, he is always overwhelmed by the generosity of others and the huge support for Isaac's House charity.

Thank you!

Support Isaac's House Charity

Change for Children

2014 is the year of 'Change for Children'.

Isaac's House are launching a new campaign to encourage our supporters to collect change. We want everyone to put their change in one of our collection tins and fill it to the brim over the next 12 months. Change which might be considered worthless in the UK could make a big difference to our children in Uganda.

If you know a work place, shop, school or anywhere that would have a tin, please get in touch with Rachel at isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk.

We are not asking for large donations, just a tin full of loose change!



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
- 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

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Isaac's House would like to thank you all for your continued support and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

