



# Isaac's House Newsletter

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## 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.

The photograph to the left, taken last year, shows Paul Howells and Isaac, the boy who inspired Paul in 2007 to begin a charity helping children in Uganda.

## Latest News

### Local boy raises 2 million Uganda shillings!

Eleven year old Jude McGlynn from Liverpool ran a half marathon to raise money for Isaac's House. Jude completed the run in an impressive 2 hours 41 seconds! Jude raised an incredible 2 million Ugandan shillings (£470) for charity! This money will go such a long way and make such a positive difference! Paul Howells, the founder of Isaac's House charity was so stunned and amazed by Jude and his efforts he visited his school Our Lady's Primary school in Formby, to surprise and thank Jude in assembly! Paul gave Jude a thank you letter from all the children in Uganda, and a banana leaf football! Well done Jude!

### Isaac's House Committee

The Isaac's House committee team, work hard behind the scenes, and this month they are attending a vision day, to discuss future projects for the charity. We will inform you in the next newsletter of our future plans and how we hope to fundraise. The committee team includes Paul Howells, Kathy Monaghan, Gill and Robbie Doyle, Peter Malone, Ged Howells, Beth Hogg, Tony Grimes, Pauline Byrne, Rachel Howells, Julia Wignall, Mike Robertson and Emma Wilson.

### School results for 1<sup>st</sup> Term

Well done to all the children completing their end of term 1 exams. Our top performers were Brian, Gloria, Denis, Carol, Simon and Sam! They all reached the top 10 performers in their class (remembering classes can have as many as 70 children, this is very impressive!). Paul Howells, during his trip in July, will be treating our most improved children, Lawrence, Carol and Jesca who have improved incredibly at school over the last year. Well done to you all.

### Spring Ball

The Spring Ball was a huge success. In total £4,447 was raised! The raffle and auctions raised an incredible £1,940 and Experian generously added on a further £250. This is a brilliant amount and credit should be given to those who helped with the raffle and auction prizes. Thank you to all who helped! Read more about the Spring Ball below in 'Recent Fundraising Events'.

# The Isaac's House Family...

## Moris and Denis

Brothers Denis and Moris were living in extreme poverty in Entebbe, Uganda before moving to James Dunn House of Hope. The boys were living with their father Charles who was working every day and night to make a living, but earning just £15 a month. Often the children would go days without food; they would be left unattended by their father and were living in what can only be described as a hut, sleeping on the floor. This hut was also shared with their father and two other men. Below to the left, shows the brothers outside their old home.

The children love their father Charles, but as a single father Charles was struggling to care for them and Denis (who loves climbing trees) one day fell out of a tree and nearly killed himself. This is when Charles knew they needed caring for and couldn't be left to look after themselves. He asked for our help as he knew the children would be well looked after and could go to a good school; Charles understands the importance of education. Charles is still a big part of the children's lives, and he visits them at James Dunn House of Hope. The photograph below to the right shows the happy boys outside their new home one year later.

Denis Wamakhuyu and Moris Kiwondo are brothers with a tight bond; they are best friends and look out for one another. Denis and Moris both want to be pilots when they are older, their tribe is Mugishu and they can both speak three languages. Denis is the oldest brother and enjoys "driving the bicycle and reading books", his favourite food is banana. Denis is a very clever boy and always does very well at school; he is caring and a loyal boy. Moris likes "playing football, shading pictures and the bicycle". Moris' favourite food is rice. Moris says he loves his Dad and rice! Moris is a funny boy who is always smiling and laughing.



## Upcoming Fundraising Events

### Liverpool Tunnel 10K: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am.

Come and support the Isaac's House runners on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June! All runners will be wearing the green Isaac's House t-shirts, so give them a cheer! Good luck to all runners and thank you for raising money for Isaac's House.

### Zumbathon in Wirral: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 11.30am.

Zumba is the latest fitness craze! Zumba involves dancing to music from around the world, with all different styles of dancing. The children in Uganda loved Zumba, so come and give it a go! The Zumbathon will take place at Westbourne Hall, on Westbourne Road, West Kirkby, CH48 4DQ. Tickets are £5 and you pay on the day or online at [www.justgiving.com/ihzumbathon](http://www.justgiving.com/ihzumbathon). We will also be selling some healthy snacks and water to help raise money for Isaac's House!

**If you are interested in holding your own fundraising event, or raising money for Isaac's House charity please get in touch. We are currently looking for help organising a car boot sale in Formby.**

# From British Pounds to Uganda Shillings, this is where your money goes...

Isaac's House supports twenty-two children in Uganda and employs four staff from the local community. Running the two orphanages is only possible thanks to Isaac's House supporters, and this is where your money goes...

## Monthly Costs

**Staff Wages: 650,000 UGX or £176**

**Weekly Fresh Food, such as fish, bananas, milk: 600,000 UGX or £162**

**Bulk Food, such as rice, sugar, wheat: 600,000 UGX or £162**

**Running Water: 100,000 UGX or £27**

**Household Items, such as soap, shoe polish, toilet roll: 150,000 UGX or £41**

**Charcoal for cooking: 100,000 UGX or £27**

**School Fee's: 600,000 UGX or £162**

**School Lunches: 120,000 UGX or £32**

**School Requirements and Stationery: 200,000 UGX or £54**

**University Fees: 600,000 UGX or £162**

**Total: 3,720,000 UGX to £1,005**  
(Based on rate 3.7)

On top of our monthly costs, Isaac's House also has extra costs, such as; school uniforms, medicine, birthday cards and books, maintaining the orphanages, clothes, shoes, school trips, play equipment and so on! Help us run and sustain our orphanages by donating today! Every little helps.

## Recent Fundraising Events

### Isaac's House Spring Ball

The Isaac's House Spring Ball on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April was a huge success and a brilliant evening. Thank you for everyone who attended the event, I hope you all had a good night! Isaac's House raised £4,447 from the evening, which is an incredible amount of money and will help sustain the orphanages and begin saving for future development projects. We will be holding another Spring Ball next year on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** so save the date in your diary!

### Zumbathon in Formby

The Zumbathon in Formby was a fun evening and brilliant turn out, thank you to everyone who came. The total raised on the night was £313, thanks to all those who attended and look out for the next Zumbathon's in Wirral and South Liverpool – guaranteed a giggle!

### Ladies Tea in Rainhill

Sharon Cook who sponsors a child for Isaac's House kindly organised her own fundraising event for Isaac's House! The Ladies tea was a lovely afternoon, with stalls, raffles, Irish bingo, cakes and tea. The event was a huge success thanks to Sharon's enthusiasm, passion, hard work, effort and cake baking skills! Not only did the event raise awareness for Isaac's House charity but an astounding £800 was raised! Thank you so much Sharon and everyone else who helped at the event!

# 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!
- Volunteer your skills to help with the daily running of the charity!
- Any old clothes, items to sell, paperback books? Isaac's House are always looking to hold car boot sales, or take out to Uganda for our children and staff and we are happy to collect!
- Collect stamps for Isaac's House!

## Photograph Moments

This photograph shows the children playing together at home. Thanks to our supporters the children have lots of different games to play with at the orphanage.

At the end of the day before their evening meal they enjoy a hot cup of tea! This is simply tea leaves and hot water, and the children love it at the end of a busy day!

In this photograph the children are enjoying their tea, which they often eat with popcorn or biscuits! So lovely to see the children so settled at home and playing together.



During volunteer trips to Uganda, the children are treated to a day out, and always ask to go swimming. For all the children swimming is a new experience and like all children, they love splashing and playing around in the water. This photograph to the left shows the three boys, Nickson, Julius and Mike enjoying the water. A day out for all the children, including transport, swimming pool entry and a meal (they always choose fish and chips or chicken and chips!), costs roughly £100. Days out give all the children a fun filled day to remember, and as you can see puts big smiles on their faces! No matter where in the world, children love to play.

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