



# Isaac's House Newsletter

March 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

### Brian and Job pass Primary School!

Congratulations to Brian and Job for passing their Primary school level exams. In Uganda, to reach secondary school level, you must first undertake exams and the results of these exams determine which Secondary school will accept you to study there. Brian completed his exams with a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (our equivalent to an A grade) and Job successful achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace (B grade). Well done boys, brilliant results!

### Volunteer Trip

In February founder of Isaac's House charity Paul Howells took 6 volunteers on a two week trip to Uganda. For four of these volunteers, it was their first time in Uganda and meeting the children Isaac's House support. During the trip the group spent time with the children Isaac's House support, completed maintenance work to the orphanages, visited different schools and babies orphanage, completed small building work and helped with small community projects. All the volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were amazed to see the positive difference Isaac's House charity has on the lives of orphaned children.

### Anna Grace qualified hairdresser

Congratulations to Anna Grace! Anna Grace has been studying hairdressing at college and at the end of last year Anna successfully graduated. Anna is currently looking for hairdressing work and we wish her the best of luck in her new career.

Please also 'Like' our new facebook page [www.facebook.com/isaacshousecharity](http://www.facebook.com/isaacshousecharity).

# The Isaac's House Family...

## Mini updates from the children living at James Dunn House of Hope...

**Constance:** I am playful, funny and African.

**Grace:** I like school to know how to respect our fathers and mothers, to know how to write and read.

**Carol:** I am playful and I like playing.

**Jesca:** I like school because I want to learn, to meet my friends and to know more about the world.

**Ruth:** I like JDHOH because they care for me, I go to school and they cook for me food.

**Gloria:** I am bright, hard working and I am an African.

**Simon:** I like school for books, pens and pencils.

**Mike:** I like school for doing new work, writing and learning.

**Samuel:** I am clever, African and fun.

**Junior:** I am 11 years old and in P4 class. My favourite subject is English.

**Nickson:** I like school to learn, to learn how to speak English and to build my future.

**Lawrence:** I like school to learn many things, to learn school jobs and to learn how to do things.

**Moris:** I am a fun African.

**Denis:** I like to play football, read and learn.

**Fred:** I have a good home.

**Brian:** I like school to study and get a job. There are good friends with good advice, and school avoids boredom.

**Job:** I like school to learn English, to learn about other countries and getting new friends.

To see the children's full 2013 updates, please visit the 'News' section on our website!



# Book Appeal

**We are always looking for books! The children living at JDHOH, love to learn!....**

- During the school holidays, Jesca and Sam created 'practice' exams for the children which they wrote, and titled the papers 'In Our Lord We Trust Primary School', a school they had made up!
- The girls sneak their books and pencils into their beds at bedtime and continue to study when they should be sleeping!
- Moris and Denis after receiving their school holidays booklets (to last them a month) didn't put them down and after two days had completed all the work!
- Fred on his first day living at the orphanage was keen to pick up a pencil and start to learn to write his name and draw pictures!



**If you have any paperback books to donate to Isaac's House charity please email [isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk) and we can arrange a time to collect!**

## Photograph Moments

The children living at James Dunn House of Hope have chosen some skills they would like to learn! They include computer, sewing, first aid, carpentry and farming. This is a photograph of Carol enjoying a day of farming. Each child had their own little plot and chose what they wished to plant. The children chose crops such as sugar cane, maize, carrots, cabbage and one is going to plant a mango tree!! Moris and Denis' father Charles came to help the children with their farming and it was brilliant to see them all working hard!



## Upcoming Fundraising Events

### 5-side Football: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Volunteer Geoff Hawkins has organised the 6th football 5-side competition at Cardinal Heenan, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 9HZ on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The competition will start at 10am and cost is £10 per player. For further information or to enter your team into the competition please e-mail Geoff on [geoff.hawkins1965@googlemail.com](mailto:geoff.hawkins1965@googlemail.com).

### Spring Ball: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

This year's annual Spring Ball at Formby Golf Club will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are £35 for an evening of fine dining and dancing to live music. Last year the Spring Ball raised an incredible £5,000 for Isaac's House and we hope for another successful night this year. If you would like a ticket please e-mail [isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk).

### 10k Run: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

This year the Mersey Tunnel 10K run is taking place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 09.30am. Last year thanks to Isaac's House supporters and a brilliant turn out £6,500 was raised! If you don't fancy running, come and support and cheer for the runners in the green Isaac's House t-shirts!

# Community Projects



Isaac's House have contributed to the nearby community of Namulanda over the last few years. Not only do we employ local staff to work at our orphanages, Sarah, Barbra, Kaddu and Teo but we recently helped the community bringing electricity to the area. The expensive part of the electricity was bringing the electricity posts. With the posts now in place, locals can decide whether they wish to join. Alongside the children Isaac's House support living at James Dunn House of Hope, we also help other children with their school fees and help them remain living with their family and study at school. We also support three older girls with their further education. Anna Grace graduated at the end of 2012, and Jessica and Kate will be graduating this summer. With the village being near to the capital, jobs aren't always available but with a degree the girls will have a better chance at pursuing their chosen careers and we look forward to following their progress and supporting them along the way.

Isaac's House support Bethel Primary school, where the children living at JDHOH study. Over the years we have supplied the school with sports equipments, books, and stationery and often volunteers for Isaac's House spend time at the school volunteering in the classrooms. The picture above shows children at Bethel Primary school pleased to greet the volunteers! Isaac's House feel strongly about continuing to support the local community and schools and we hope to update you with more projects in the future.

## 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

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