



Isaac's House Newsletter

March 2015

About Isaac's House

Gloria, aged 13, wrote a wonderful letter to founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells with a lovely description of Isaac's House charity....

"Who is Isaac's House? This is a house founded by a charitable hearted, good, loving caring, generous man etc. His goals for its foundation is to help people/children affected by wars, AIDS, poverty, needs and to create big smiles on small faces. I and the children at IH are happy just because of his good heart. We are looking forward to having bright futures and surely he has made our dreams realities."



Latest News



School success

Congratulations to our youngest girl Gift who at the end of last year graduated from nursery section to Primary section at Bethel Primary school. Gift looked beautiful on her graduation day in her cap and gown and was very happy for all the staff and children at Isaac's House to be able to share her special day. At the start of the year Jesca and Grace also received the brilliant news that they both passed their end of Primary examinations and therefore were able to begin Secondary education in February. We wish the girls all the best of luck and happiness during their next 6 years in Secondary school. Only 1 in 4 children in Uganda attend Secondary school due to the high school fees so Jesca and Grace are very thankful for the opportunities they have thanks to Isaac's House charity.

Volunteer Trips to Uganda

Incredibly Isaac's House have three volunteer trips organised to Uganda this year. The first trip took place this February with volunteers Ben McCulloch, Carla Freeman and returning sponsors Anna Roberts and Graeme Tolmaer. Paul Howells greatly enjoyed the trip and would like to thank the group so much for their interactions and involvement at Isaac's House and all their help preparing all the children ready for the new school year.



Skills for Life



During their two month break from school the children really enjoyed their holiday activities including forest walks, sewing lessons, learning computer skills, dance lessons and visiting family relatives. The computer skills are taught by a member of staff from the children's Primary school and the older children in particular are becoming very advanced on the computer. Dance trainer Fred has been teaching the children many different tribal dances which are incredible to watch and very fulfilling for the children to learn with interesting background and stories behind each dance. New to the holiday activities are sewing lessons with a local friend and tailor called George. It is wonderful to see the sewing machines donated by Margaret Bandle and her daughter being put to good use and housemother Aunt Susan is also learning to help make repairs to the children's clothes. A very productive holiday for everyone at Isaac's House.



Suubi

The children were very excited last month to welcome a new addition to the family, a puppy called Suubi (which means Hope in Luganda). Suubi's mother Poppy lives next door to James Dunn House of Hope so Suubi comes and goes as he pleases but the children love having a little friend to care for and trying to train Suubi to have good manners. Hopefully looking after a dog will help the children learn responsibilities and how to care for animals, something not common in Uganda. Always have suubi!

Christmas in Uganda

The children had a wonderful Christmas this year at Isaac's House. In advance to Christmas day the children were each given pocket money to pick some gifts for themselves. The children are very fortunate to have so many clothes and toys donated by supporters but at Christmas this is the opportunity they have to pick gifts for themselves and it is always an interesting insight what they choose. Carol and Ruth bought mainly food orientated gifts, whilst the younger boys looked smart in new watches and Grace treated herself to perfume and mascara! On Christmas day the children and staff first attended church before tucking into Christmas dinner – turkey, chicken, greens, spaghetti, spinach, potatoes, cassava, yam and vegetables. Thank you to Jill Sheridan for buying a Christmas cake for the children and to Antje Schlaf, Lloyd family, Rosie Donnelly, Louise Singh and Alison Jones for the Christmas donations. Thanks to this the younger children attended a Christmas party and visited Father Christmas for the first time! A special thank you to Charlotte Mulholland for completing the Santa Dash in Liverpool and raising money for the beautiful children we support!



Fundraising in Uganda

It was a miserable day in Kampala for the fundraising day, however bright and early all the children and staff boarded the bus for the adventure. They arrived just in time for the starting gun and thousands of runners all wearing yellow. Rachel Robertson who is currently staying at James Dunn House of Hope, and Grace participated in the 10K and Kaddu, Brian and Lawrence ran the half marathon. The race was through the busy city of Kampala in the pouring rain! However all runners completed the event safe and well! The other children and staff remained in the stadium, enjoying the food prepared by staff and music from famous Ugandan celebrities, which was a real highlight for many of the children, with Nickson, Jesca, Brian and Grace describing this day as a highlight of their 2014. Thank you to everyone for sponsoring and helping the children appreciate how fundraising really benefits Isaac's House charity and raising money for their futures.



Family Visits

During the school holidays, the children if they wish can visit any family members. As a charity we really encourage the children to keep this bond with their relatives and the children love the experience and adventure of it all. It is important for them to remember their tribe, culture and family history. We enable the children to pick who they wish to visit and how long for, and this December the children travelled far and wide! If you look on

the map of Uganda, you can see by the red dots just how far some of them travelled! From the photographs below you can see Jesca visited her grandmother in Mukono. Brian spent time with his elder sister and family in Jinja, Concy and brothers Lawrence and Simon travelled far to visit their youngest brother in Soroti, Mike and Nickson were nearby in Kampala, Sam and Junior ventured to Hoima with their sister to see their older brother who they hadn't seen in 5 years and Gloria spent Christmas with relatives in Mbarara.



Upcoming Fundraising Events

Football Tournament

On Sunday 22nd March, Geoff Hawkins will be hosting the 8th 5 aside football tournament at Cardinal Heenan, West Derby, L12 9HZ. The competition will begin at 10am and this year players will pay only £5 to enter with every penny raised donated to Isaac's House charity. Individuals and teams are welcome to participate, please inform Geoff prior to the event on geoff.hawkins1965@googlemail.com.

Annual Summer Ball

Isaac's House are hosting our annual ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Liverpool, L3 1QW on Friday 19th June to celebrate our 7th birthday. With lots of glamour, food and dancing the evening will help raise money for Isaac's House, as well as giving you an excuse to dress up to the nines. The evening will begin at 7.30pm when you will be served with a delicious 3 course meal. You will then be free to dance the night away to live music and brilliant prizes will be up for grabs. Tickets are £35. Please book your place early by e-mailing isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk.

Photograph Moment....



Congratulations to beautiful Concy on becoming assistant head girl at Bethel Primary school. In February Concy began her final year at Primary school and was elected by children and staff to be the new head girl. However, Concy felt with this being an important final year and lots of revision to be done, the head girl duties would be too much for her so she requested to become assistant head girl. We wish Concy all the best in her final year of Primary studies and are so proud of her and her achievements. The photograph above shows Concy at school performing on Speech Day in her traditional African dress.

Highlights of 2014....

The children and staff would like to thank all the supporters of Isaac's House and use this opportunity to share some of their highlights of the year. Firstly a thank you to all the volunteers who visited the children's home in Uganda in 2014 and the lovely gifts they brought. The staff and children always have memorable days out with visitors, whether to the beach, swimming, or the zoo; these days out with visitors are always memorable. In 2014 Isaac's House began their yearly Family Day party where children invited relatives and friends to see their home and share a special day all together; this was a highlight to all staff and children along with attending the marathon in Kampala. Sam, Lawrence and Gloria were very thankful to have begun Secondary school education and can't thank their sponsors enough for this opportunity. The staff continue to work well together creating a family environment and our thankful to everyone who helps the children at Isaac's House.

Isaac's House also continue to support the community in different ways; volunteers bring gifts and help with any work that needs undertaking in the village; the charity sponsors 11 children in the community with school fees assistance, and still actively involved in the lives of Kate, Jessica and Anna Grace who were supported through university.



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Support Isaac's House with £5 a month...

We are looking for supporters to donate £5 a month to Isaac's House charity. You may think your £5 won't make a difference but it really does help...

- ✓ £5 provides clean water into the children's home for 2 weeks
- ✓ £5 can feed a child with their school breakfast and lunch for 2 months
- ✓ £5 enables children to visit their guardians during school holidays
- ✓ £5 purchases medicine to treat malaria
- ✓ ...and whereas £5 may buy you 1 drink, £5 in Uganda allows ALL of the children we support to a nice cold soda!

Set up sponsorship online today at www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse.

Thank you from the children at Isaac's House!



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