



Isaac's House Newsletter

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About Isaac's House

As a small charity, we are very appreciative of our sponsors, donators and supporters. The success of Isaac's House and the positive difference that has been made to the lives of the children we support in Uganda is wholly thanks to the passion, commitment and generosity of all of you.

Isaac's House continues to be a personal charity with a vision to help vulnerable children in Uganda. We currently have 19 children living at Isaac's House children's home in a safe, stable, family environment. Thanks to their sponsors the children have access to education and health care, and more importantly they have a place to call home. As a charity we also support 22 children in the community with their education, to give struggling families the opportunity to send their children to school and the chance for a bright future.

Latest News

Education updates...

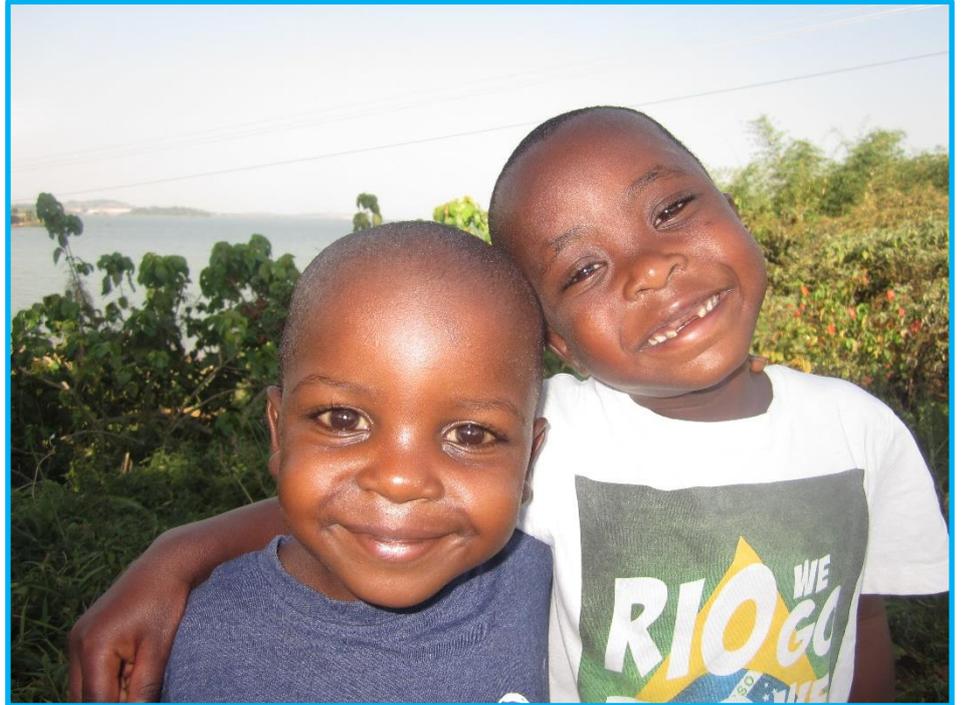
This year saw Mike, Nickson and Concy, who all successfully completed their end of Primary examinations, beginning their Secondary education. Mike and Nickson joined Merryland Secondary school, the same school as Sam, and Teddy and Connie who we support in the community. The brothers are doing really well at their new school and are already achieving high grades in the new subjects they have begun. It is always wonderful to see the boys so supportive of each other with their education; being in the same class they motivate and challenge each other.

Concy decided she would like to study the Cambridge curriculum as opposed to Uganda's curriculum UNEB. Cambridge is not offered in many schools in Uganda but it offers many benefits. Jesca and Gloria, having continuously improved their grades, have also chosen to change to the Cambridge curriculum and increase their options in the future for travel and careers. All girls are blossoming under the Cambridge curriculum at their school Taibah International. As an International school, the girls' participation, effort and homework is considered along with other aspects of studying and it's pleasing to know the girls are settled in class and teachers are pleased with their efforts. Jesca has joined the school swimming team and it is rewarding to see she is making the most of the opportunities and facilities offered at her new school.

Isaac's House would also like to congratulate Ruth, Junior and Safina for completing their end of Primary examinations, they will enjoy a 3 months break now before beginning Secondary school. The end of Primary education, is celebrated by a class trip out to the beach and a party! Ruth looked beautiful in a green dress, chunky necklace, long earrings, sparkly bag, high heels and sunglasses ☺ and Junior of course looked very smart in his own unique style. Both Ruth and Junior, when first starting school under Isaac's House care, struggled academically and the charity had concerns, especially at a time when Junior was required to repeat a school year. We are so proud that both children have finished their Primary education having achieved so much and completely turned around their grades!

Welcome little Ibra!

Many of our volunteers to Uganda, will have met and loved little Ibra. Ibra was being cared for by his Uncle and family, neighbours to the children's home. Ibra hadn't begun education, and from a very young age was helping at the family home, washing and cooking and other household work. Ibra is a very hard working little boy and would always play at the children's home. Sadly for Ibra his parents are not involved in his life or financially supporting the Uncle for caring for him. The charity offered Ibra a place at JDHOH, as he was already part of the family, mixed with the children and sponsorship would enable him to begin education. Ibra joined Sweet Valley Primary school with Ramson and his English has improved immensely. Ibra and Ramson have become best brothers, always playing together and fighting a little! Ibra is photographed on the right.



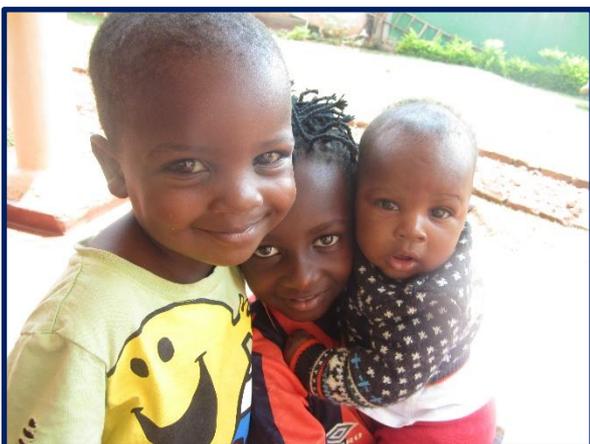
Volunteer Trips!

In May next year Isaac's House charity will be welcoming the 4th Weightmans volunteer trip to Uganda. The trips are always a lot of fun, and the children and staff at Isaac's House eagerly anticipate the Weightmans volunteers. The trips involve helping with any work needed at the home, or in the community and spending time with the children. Weightmans collect donations to create Care Packages for children and families in the community and gifts for our lovely children at Isaac's House and this is always such a special treat and appreciated with huge smiles.

The founder of Isaac's House Paul Howells has been travelling with volunteers to Uganda since 2009 and in February 2017 he will be taking another group of volunteers and would like to welcome anyone interested on this lifetime experience. Seeing for yourself the wonderful work of Isaac's House charity, along with the Ugandan culture, children and charm is an amazing opportunity. There are still a few places available on the trip, please e-mail isaacs.house@hotmail.co.uk for an application form.

Welcome to the family

Isaac's House are very happy to announce the birth of Jayden to our lovely housemother Susan. The photograph on the left shows Ramson and Gift with their little baby brother. Congratulations to Anna Grace, photographed on the right, on the birth of her twins born earlier on this year. Anna's twins were born very premature and if wasn't for the support and help of the charity, Anna would not have been able to pay for the vital care the twins needed. The twins continue to need health care and with no family, Anna Grace is very appreciative of the charity supporting her with medical care for her precious children.



Family Day Fun!

Each year Isaac's House welcomes all friends and relatives of our staff and children in Uganda to join in and celebrate the good work of the charity. The children help organising the event, from the tent and chairs, to the food, music and entertainment. This year Jesca took to the microphone as the MC and the guests enjoyed singing, dancing and modelling from not only the children at Isaac's House but also some of the visitors. Paul Howells was greatly moved when some of the community members took to the stage to thank him, and the charity, for the massive difference made to their lives, and how they don't know where they would be without that support. Many came with home-grown fruits and vegetables to show their appreciation and all sent their thanks to everyone who supports Isaac's House charity. The children all had a wonderful time and really enjoyed seeing their friends and relatives.



Top left: Children performing for guests

Top right: Jesca and her Aunty

Bottom left: Sam and Junior with their sister

Bottom right: Grace with her cousins

Helping in the community...

Isaac's House, as a charity continues to help in the local community. In our last newsletter, we introduced Mr Katato, who in his old age is still working hard. Kindly a neighbour allows him a room to sleep, after, unable to afford his rent, (£7 a month), he was made homeless. Each day Mr Katato collects banana leaves and peels to sell to be able to buy his food for the day. He is greatly loved in the community and always has stories to share with our children. Mr Katato was very happy to be invited to our family day and enjoy a delicious meal. Mr Katato has only one request from the charity, and that is to enjoy 1kg of meat on Christmas day. With the donations we receive this will be made possible and is an example of how a small amount of money, can really go a long way and make someone very happy. We are really proud too of our children and their enthusiasm to help others in the community, with the boys even offering to help Mr Katato carry the things he collects during their school holidays.



Isaac's House this year has also helped a lovely lady Diana who wishes to be able to afford to send her deaf son to a school where he will be able to thrive and his cares and needs met. The charity helped Diana set up her business selling clothes and she is doing extremely well and continues to be a strong, hardworking, and caring mother to her son. The charity have also supported Viola (photographed in black), a young new mother, who cares for her younger siblings and was struggling to make ends meet.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Christmas in Uganda is celebrated, but without the countdown and the excitement in preparation. On Christmas day itself, the day is all about being with family, enjoying a nice meal and attending church. Very few houses will decorate inside, or give expensive gifts and sadly Father Christmas does not visit. Some children believe Santa doesn't visit Africa, where huts are homes. However the day is a very joyous occasion, with favourite foods and often cake being enjoyed and everyone dressed in their best clothes or even a new outfit! With the sun shining, Christmas day can even be spent at the beach on the shores of Lake Victoria. At Isaac's House most of the children spend the day all together at home, with some choosing to be with their relatives on this important day. The children are very lucky to receive all their clothes from donations to the charity, along with their toys and reading books but for this occasion, the charity gives each child their Christmas money for them to pick something for themselves from the shops or the market. Of course, some of the children choose to buy sweets and ice cream, whereas others show their clothing style buying unique outfits or a fancy watch! If you would like to donate to the charity this Christmas, please visit www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse - every little helps.

Photograph Moment....

This photograph is from 2010, when the children all began their new Primary school.
Which faces can you recognise?



Top row: Sam, Concy, Lawrence, Jesca, Simon
Bottom row: Junior, Nickson, Denis, Ruth, Carol, Moris, Mike



Founder of Isaac's House charity, Paul Howells and all the children at Isaac's House would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year! Thank you for all your support.

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 or donate online today at www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse.



Thank you from the children at Isaac's House!

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