



Message from Annette

Very warm greetings from all of us at the Buyemba Suubira Uganda Foundation and the people of Butansi and the Kamuli area. I can't

believe it's nearly a year since my return to Uganda, which took some adjustment after so many years in England.

A lot has been happening and I want to report here on the developments that have been made during the year. I have to say that I have had several challenges in running the Foundation projects, given the fact that things move at a slower pace here! However, this has in no way dampened my spirits and so the "Dream" lives on.

I would like to express my thanks to all our sponsors, supporters & friends of BSUF, for your continued support of our work in the Butansi area. I hope you appreciate hearing about where we are with our latest projects.

Thank you all again for your support.

Annette Mbedha - Founder

Sponsorship Program Update

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we



now support over 80 children through their education in Uganda. Most of our children attend Future Victory and Veina Primary Schools, but we now have some children at Arise & Shine Junior School. Also we now

have more children in secondary education. Currently we sponsor 20 students across 8 different secondary schools and we have another 10 pupils moving to secondary schools next February.

Here are the boys at St. Paul's School in Kamuli.



Mobile Medical Clinic launching to take much needed medical aid to the people



Butansi is part of the Kamuli District, which is one of the poorest districts in Uganda. Apart from one hospital, Kamuli Mission Hospital, built by the Franciscan sisters in the 1950s, the

area does not have adequate medical facilities. The majority of people are poor and cannot afford medical treatment from the Government or private clinics. Many of the patients have to walk long journeys and the very ill have to be carried on makeshift stretchers to the hospital. So Annette decided to set up a Mobile Medical Clinic to take healthcare out to the people.



This Annette has done in partnership with Kamuli Mission Hospital (KMH) and with the support of Tim Beacon from Medical Aid International. Earlier this month, Tim flew in from the UK, to work on the project and to attend a

meeting with Annette and the hospital. The project is being led by Dr Matovu and Sr Sarah, who can be seen with Tim and Annette in this photo taken at their recent meeting. Medical Aid International will help source the right vehicle and provide the equipment and kit. KMH will provide the medical staff and the maintenance of the vehicle. The mobile clinic will help to treat common infections like, malaria, diarrhoea, and coughs, as well as carrying out a child immunization program and HIV/AIDS testing, counselling and treatment.

We need your support for this worthwhile project

We are currently half way towards the £18,000 needed to fund this project. So your support would be welcomed for this worthwhile enterprise.

Community Centre Update

Having secured the land adjacent to St Mary's Church in Butansi Village for the building of our Community Centre, a surveyor is being commissioned to make a full survey of the land. The first thing to do is to provide fresh water for the site and it is hoped that we can link up to a water borehole that has been drilled by Plan International for Butansi Primary School, which is also alongside our site. Then we will get different groups of the village community to start planting nursery beds on the land (part of our proposed permaculture program) of cabbages, onions, etc - that can be used to demonstrate to the people how to have their own kitchen gardens at home and be more self sufficient. We will soon be starting a major fundraising campaign for this project.



This Foundation in Poland gives its support to children and youth locally and now in Africa. We are delighted that the Foundation is sponsoring the secondary education of one young student, who obtained a scholarship - because of his abilities - to one of the most prestigious schools in Uganda. However, his mother could not afford the fees, which is where The Signum Foundation stepped in. We also now have Polish sponsors for four more children. Kacper Przyborowski, who set up the SUS support group at Sussex University when he was studying there, is now back in Poland and helping us via The Signum Foundation. We are very thankful for the support now coming from our supporters in Poland.

Chairman's Comment

2011 has been a busy time for Annette and her team, administering our ever increasing child education sponsorship program – now with more schools for her to check in on and monitor.



So it has been a productive year for us and I am delighted to see the fruition of Annette's idea to provide a Mobile Medical Clinic for the area. I would like to thank Tim Beacon of Medical Aid International who has helped get this concept off the ground, given his close association with the Kamuli Mission Hospital. Dr Matovu and his team are truly dedicated to providing the best healthcare for the region and have really got behind the provision of a mobile medical clinic to take medical aid out into the community. This will serve as an interim healthcare service, while we get things moving on providing the much needed Community Centre for the area. This project, however, is more ambitious and will take considerable time, effort and money.

Fellow trustee, Jon Exton and myself will be making a trip out to Uganda at the end of September – to meet with Annette and to see first hand the projects that are in place and to help to move things forward.

I do hope that we can count on your continued support.

John Faith - Chairman



Duncan and Rob's Bike Ride Fundraising Adventure

Englishmen Duncan Cramb and Rob Hazelton went on a very challenging 1,000 mile bike ride fundraiser, on behalf of BSUF, around Lake Victoria – with an en route break to climb Mount Kilimanjaro!

They raised £2,000 for the project.

They also spent time in Butansi Village, where they met with up Annette (whom they had met with in England and whom had given them the inspiration for their trip) and spent time with some of our sponsored children and the villagers. They also donated funds for the building of a new pigsty for a group of 8 women in the Buluke zone of Butansi. We do thank Duncan and Rob for all their efforts on our behalf.



Trustees trip to Uganda in September

John Faith and trustee, Jon Exton, plan to visit Uganda again at the end of September to meet up with Annette and to view, first hand, our sponsorship scheme and other projects.

They will visit the schools where our sponsored boys and girls attend. As well as catching up with the children again, it will be a great opportunity for the heads and the teachers to meet with the charity's trustees from England, to appreciate our commitment to the children.



One of the highlights of the trip will be a special service to be held at St. Mary's Church in Butansi where an official presentation will be made of the St. James's Bible, kindly donated as a gift by Richmond Hill St



Andrews URC, in Bournemouth. It is hoped that the congregation, for this service, will now all be seated on pews, again thanks to the generous donations by this church in England.

We need your continued support:

Do please talk about us to your family and friends and think about ways that you can give us more support. Why not host your own fundraising event with colleagues, friends or family? Or raise money on our behalf at regular sponsored events and fun runs. We can provide charity collection boxes & other merchandise. Just let us know and thank you again for your support.

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