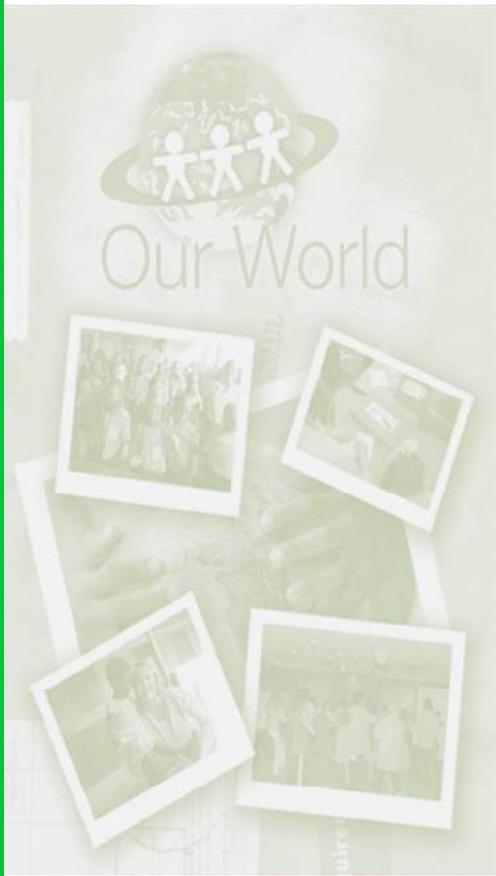




Our World

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016/17





OUR MISSION

To develop inspirational young people who are prepared to think conceptually about global issues

To encourage a greater sense of responsibility in the task of serving our world

To create a greater appreciation and understanding of other cultures and how this impacts the daily lives of people in the developing world

To encourage children to think laterally with regard to ways in which they may be able to contribute towards meeting the needs of others.

We are committed to the truths of Christianity, and our Statement of Faith provides the primary elements of doctrine.

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At this time of year we are inundated with TV adverts all trying to be the one that catches the most attention from us, the buying public. This publicity usually features puppies, kittens, snow, romance, presents, food, idyllic family life and, of course, not forgetting a jovial man in red, all of which will make that perfect Christmas....so they all say. The reality of that is obviously far from the truth. In a recent newspaper article it stated that UK companies will spend an estimated £5.6bn on marketing in the run-up to Christmas – £300m more than in 2015. For many families in the UK the pressure to provide 'Christmas' with all the trimmings, latest toys or gadgets can have a harmful effect causing long-term adverse consequences that can affect the whole family. What is it that children really want for Christmas? In a world that is so out of balance with many people not even having the basics of life, I asked a group of children to think during a recent assembly what they would like for the world this Christmas. You can find their comments later in the Newsletter and their statements might surprise you. Working with children in schools and churches, I continue to be amazed at the depth of thinking, understanding, thoughtfulness and concern that they express. At their age, like many, I lived in a world where we were mainly protected from what was happening in the news, but our world has changed. Primary school children are encouraged to be 'global' in their thinking and, recently, several have said they are concerned about the recent events in America and other parts of the world and how it will affect them. Despite this, children still have a huge heart for people less well off than themselves, and I am thrilled that we are able to give opportunities to children to help change lives around the world in a variety of ways. Often the greatest gifts we can give are the small things. Why not check out the Bible Society's amazing 'Advent Challenge' where they encourage us to take part in carrying out an act of random kindness every day; now that really would make this an amazing Christmas. Or maybe we should take up that great challenge as we head into 2017!

Georgina Varney

CELEBRATING OUR WORLD



A Huge Thank You!

In our last newsletter we mentioned two forthcoming special events in the Dudley area. On behalf of all the Trustees and myself I want to say 'thank you' so much to everyone who came along to support.

Whenever you organise an afternoon tea in the garden in July there is one element that you cannot rely on and, following a very wet week, it was decided that we would need to relocate. We were very grateful to our friends at Upper Gornal Pentecostal Church who immediately offered their coffee area that was already set with tables and chairs. The venue was perfect, and thanks to Di Swan and her catering team we had a fantastic afternoon that was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



A New Venture.....'A Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz'



"When is the next one going to be?" When you put on an event and those are the first words people say at the end of the evening you know it has been a success. We were so grateful to everyone who helped to make the evening such an amazing event. All ages were represented, children included, and it was a great opportunity to have local support all together.



We had the opportunity to update everyone on the work of 'Our World' as well as spend a fun-filled evening together. Our 'quiz master' Peter, and his wife were brilliant and one of his questions was, 'What is the capital of Uganda'? Little did

he know that one of our supporters had brought along a friend who is from Uganda. As you can imagine he was thrilled to be able to answer this question!

As a small charity we greatly value the support of friends who so faithfully attend the variety of events we hold. Your help enables us to continue the work of 'Our World'.



We are so grateful to several of our supporters who kindly use their skills to produce some lovely knitted pencil cases for us to send to the school at, New Hope, Uganda. We recently received this fantastic picture showing them in the hands of the children. Thank you so much for your help!



Friends of 'Our World' come in all shapes and sizes

In this newsletter I want to say a big 'Thank You' to a few chickens owned by one of our supporters. You may be wondering why I would want to thank them, so let me explain. Mrs Gilbert came up with a great way to raise funds for 'Our World' when her chickens started to lay extra eggs. She kindly took them into school and offered them on a donation basis to the staff. As a result, they raised approximately £40.00 to support our work. I loved the idea and the eggs were amazing ... and that's no Yoke!



WELCOME BACK – WELCOME BACK – WELCOME BACK



It's great to welcome back to the UK the Dendy family who are home on furlough from their ministry at New Hope, Uganda.

We are delighted that the whole family will be making a special visit to St. Margaret's Primary School and 'Our World' will be hosting a tea in the Dudley area so they can meet those of our supporters who have sent nappy liners, knitted cardigans, pencil cases, etc.

My friendship with Sarah goes back many years to when we first met on a 'Soapbox' Expedition Team working with Latin Link missionaries in Ecuador. It has been such a joy to follow the path that God has taken Sarah and Stuart on from serving on a short-term team to full-time ministry in Uganda.



'HOPE FAMILY' NEWS UPDATE

In our last Newsletter, we reported on the House That Children Built for the family who were part of the 'New Hope' Outreach Programme. It has been good to receive the latest photographs showing the completed concrete flooring.



'HOPE FAMILY'

This is baby Reuben - in India awaiting heart surgery. Kimberly, our New Hope Uganda Nurse is there with him but his condition is serious. The following is an excerpt from a recent email received by Stuart and Sarah.



*It's been a rough week for him. **Reuben** went down to the ICU very very early Sunday morning. He remained there till Wednesday when he was transferred to a high dependency unit. Unfortunately, his breathing became increasingly laboured and he was brought back to the ICU on Thursday. He remains there now. My prayer for Reuben is that he would become strong enough to have the surgery. We covet your prayers for strength for Reuben and healing to his lungs that are not very happy. We are choosing to trust God and His timing for Reuben. He knows what this little man needs. And He remains Good. Thank you for standing with Reuben and Kate, Mary, and myself.*



Aunt Zam with **Jesca** who will be 4 next February. She came into 'Hope Family' in August 2015 and was severely malnourished having had no stimulation, was severely neglected and unable to walk, move or feed herself. Now she is thriving and is beginning to reach developmental milestones. She has recently started to crawl and is using some simple words – she now has no problem with feeding herself!!!!

Stuart with **Karahanga**. We are in the process of working with his biological family to transition him back home. Please pray that his biological family members will step up and take responsibility.



This is **Nalongo** (which means mother of twins in Luganda). She was literally destitute, having no-one and nothing to help her care for her babies. The local authorities wanted to take the babies away from her but we were able to help her through 'Hope Family' by bringing her in and providing 'work' and support for her - helping to show her she has purpose and value. Our prayer is that she will be able to live independently again one day soon, with support and care from NHU and the local church.

Isabella, a new member of staff and one of our new mothers!!!



'Our World' is thrilled to be able to play a small part in supporting the outstanding work of Stuart and Sarah Dendy. Their commitment to the children and families reflects their aim of **bringing the fatherhood of God to the fatherless. Ps.68: 5,6.**

P.S. I hope to make a return visit to both our projects in Uganda in 2017.



My First Day at School!

I love the first day of a new school year when the playground is full of anxious parents and excitable children. The main thing that always stands out for me is the smart uniforms of the new 'Reception Class'. Parents often buy a uniform that is just that little too big to allow room for growth. Seeing them all lined up looking very smart in their uniform is very important for the children, as it identifies them as belonging to their school. I remember a child starting school in her old school uniform as her parents had not been able to source the new one....no-one likes to stand out for the wrong reason and, within a few days, the correct colour cardigan was being worn. That is the same wherever you are in the world, we all want to belong.

What can we do to help is a question that is often going around in my mind? After talking to Maggie Maclean the leader of the school support group in the UK, an idea started to come about. So here it is!

Our brand new project is all about providing school uniforms for the children at Hosanna Primary School, and we hope you would like to be part of helping this fantastic school in Kampala in a really practical way.

For only £5 we can make a world of difference to a child at Hosanna!

The school is in a very deprived area of the capital with slum dwellings many of the children live in just next door to the school. My memories of visiting the homes of some of the children when I was in Uganda in 2014 will stay with me forever. How is it possible for the children to keep clean, and to manage the normal things we all have to do? The Head Teacher, Anne Nsubuga and her staff do an amazing job and this act of kindness will be such a help to many parents who struggle to provide a school uniform for their children.

Maybe you would like to buy an extra present this year and help one of the children. Maybe you could send £5 on behalf of your family or even instead of your usual Christmas tree present for the family. One local school is going to collect money for the project and for every £5 they collect a gift tag in the shape of a child will be put onto their Christmas tree. If you would like to be part of our Christmas/New Year Appeal then do join us and we will send you a child shape to add to your Christmas tree decoration or to just hang up to remind you of another child in the world who feels they belong.



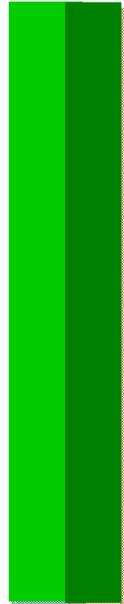
Children in Key Stage 2 were asked what Gift they would like to give to the world at Christmas

- I would give the world food and water, homes and a good life, and especially hope
- I would give peace, harmony and homes to the homeless, happiness.....love more people
- I would give money so people can have shelter, education make their illnesses go away
- I would give clean water and food because people in Uganda sometimes drink bad water
- I would give away all the clothes I don't need
- I would bring the homeless into my home and give them food
- I would give unity to people...talk together and share
- I would give the world thankfulness





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I want to be part of supporting people around the world through the ministry of 'Our World'

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'Our World' Newsletter

Workshop details for my school/church

Please use my gift to support:

School Uniform Project, Uganda £5 per uniform £

Georgina's return trip to Uganda in 2017 £

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I enclose a cheque/charity voucher made payable to 'Our World'.

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Using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give, 'Our World' will receive an extra 25p. This helps your donation go further at no extra cost to you.

Yes, I would like 'Our World' to treat all donations I make from now and since 1st October 2012 as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and community amateur sports clubs that I donate to will reclaim from my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 that I have given.

Please inform us if you have any changes in your address details, want to cancel this declaration, or no longer pay sufficient tax.

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