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News Letter - Summer 2011

I returned from Uganda on the 18th June after 2 weeks. There were five of us altogether (Faye Pickering, Gloria & Julia Reeves & Mike Swain & myself)



which meant we were able to take quite a lot of extra luggage



with us enabling us to bring out in excess of 300 new T shirts,

football equipment, school equipment and enough medical supplies to restock their pharmacy.

The photograph shows Nurse Christine who was absolutely delighted with all she received and made us a new list of things she needs for next year!



There have been quite a lot of changes since I was there 12 months ago, not least that there are now



over 600 children attending school! Half of the first floor of the new building is in full use despite there being no glass in the windows or any plaster on the walls. There is now a very good brick wall surrounding the orphanage site providing a safe environment for the children with a strong metal gate giving access. The photograph shows Constant

who is the gatekeeper, with some of the secondary boys. A new brick dormitory has been built for

the older girls with a new girls toilet block adjacent to it. Also a couple more primary schoolrooms have been added. I am glad to be able to report that the water borehole and pump that we put in 2 years ago is working well.

Whilst I was there we were made aware that the cost of food is continually rising at an alarming rate, we ordered some more maize flour one day, the very next day when we went to collect it, and the price had gone up by another 10,000 Ugandan shillings in less than 24 hours! On sharing about this at our trustees meeting we decided the next project would be to explore the possibility of obtaining a



container of food from a charity called Feed My Starving Children in the United States. It is not clear at the moment how much this will cost although it could be up to £6,600 just to pay the freight charges etc. However as it now costs £2,000 per month just to provide food and a container holds over 18 tonnes of prepared dehydrated meals and would last for over 12 months; we believe it will be money well spent. I will be sharing some different ideas about how this can be achieved in my next newsletter.

The DVD of my latest trip is available on our web-site and also on You Tube – New Hope for Africa UK 2011 Trip – part 1 and part 2.

Thank you for your interest in New Hope,

Jean Swain



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