



Bushikori

Christian Centre Orphan Support (Aust.) Inc

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Director Anne Wandendeya with Fred Timbiti on his Graduation Day.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress

AUSTRALIANS SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN UGANDA

Graduation.

Last Friday I attended a graduation of six of our students and Martin (and Fred) were among them. This is in one of the nearby vocational institutions. It was such a memorable day for me as I do remember recruiting these children after the death of their father who was bitten by a dog and after a few days he died. There was no hope of these children ever becoming anything. I was very emotional thanking God in my heart for you and how you have allowed Him to use you to bring this tremendous life change. I have attached pictures of the graduation to share with you the joy of the journey of many years! I expect another small party at their home in the mountains to rejoice with the bigger family. - from Anne.

Many of Bushikori's sponsors began sponsoring at a time when they were still in employment or on a couple's pension. Life now has caused circumstances to change and unfortunately some have had to withdraw their sponsorship. Currently we have 12 students needing re-sponsoring, six of whom are in senior school at hostel or about to apply for a further education course. These students would require a shorter commitment of sponsorship, (such as two to four years), as they are close to completion of their course.

To sponsor a young person to do a tertiary or vocational course is \$500 twice yearly (that is \$83 a month) for two - four years. The majority of courses are two years.

You could help a young adult become the tradesperson, or professional Uganda needs.

A child in senior high school is \$630 a year or \$53 a month.

A child in Nursery to Primary 7 is \$360 a year or \$30 a month.

We have various funds that can be donated to at any time in any amounts. **The General Fund** is vital to keep the centre running. **The Richard Stone Fund** helps top up tertiary/vocational course costs for sponsors who struggle to pay the extra. **The Welfare Pool** allows Bushikori to give immediate help to desperately needy children such as Rita. Her update is on page 6.

A message from Anne.

Dear friends and supporters of Bushikori Christian center, Australia. Greetings in the dear name of our Savior Jesus Christ. To the Australian support team, thank you so much for greatly upholding the Ministry in pursuit of the vision for now 22 years.

It has been such a busy year so far, plenty of activity here in Uganda, last year marking 25 years of service to the community of Mbale and other neighboring districts of Manafa, Sironko and Bududa. During my tenure at Bushikori Christian Centre comes with a myriad of responsibilities, by the grace of God, we got a full involvement with all other team members to derive the best results possible. There has been transformation of many lives in many aspects – social, spiritual, economical and physical. It has been a time when I have seen my children all grow really fast, having them help out with the work is a blessing. I have personally navigated the difficult times and come out

with great strength and resolve to lean and trust in the Lord and not lean on my own understanding..... Proverbs 3:5

Last year God blessed me with our second grandchild, Kemba, who was for us a miracle long awaited. My eldest son, Samson started work in the nation of Congo, a place that has been troubled for many years, we pray that God will use him there to touch lives. Grace spent all year preparing to be a mother, and is now mothering. Mary has been very helpful in the childcare department, she knows the children well, has a lot of details about them. David has moved to fourth year of study in medicine and Mathew in his last year of high school.

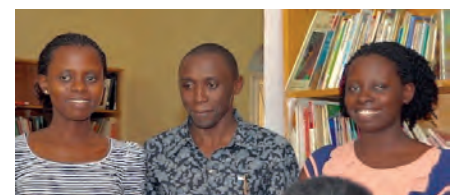
We have a renewed desire to drive forward, with contentment and passion to build on what has already been built here in Uganda. We reflect a lot on how God has used so many hands to bless the nation of Uganda, as Uganda is

starting to get healed, our desire is to see the younger generation rise up to change and run this country and the world.

May the lord bless the years that are ahead of us.

Devotedly yours
Anne Leah Wandendeya
Executive Director
Bushikori Christian Centre
Mbale-Uganda

Isaiah 58: 7 Share your food the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor, give clothes to those who have nothing to wear and do not refuse to help your own relatives



Mary, Samson & Grace

The Spiritual Conference and Christmas Gathering

By Dan Wambi.

The Youth conference was held at BCC on 16/17 December. The 146 children were from P5 to P7. The leading scripture was Daniel 6:3, and objectives included encouraging youths to cultivate a Godly attitude, and the importance of social skills. Local Pastors mentored the youth to ask themselves why am I here? What can I do? Where am I going? Asking them to consider Proverbs 19:21.

The Christmas Gathering was held on Dec 18 and 340 children attended. A moment of silence was observed to honour Elsie Brown, and sponsors who had passed during the year, concluding in prayers for Australia.

The Christmas message was shared by Pr. Richard Muwanguzi from Musaale church Mbale. He shared from the gospel of Luke 2:1-3:2 and the message focused on why Jesus came.

He said that Jesus' coming to the world leaving all the glory in heaven is a sign of God's sacrificial and unconditional love towards the fallen man, and to reconnect us back to God. He added that Jesus came purposely to redeem us and to be our substitute.

Later he conducted a Holy Communion service with children, after taking them through its importance so they partook of it with understanding.

(The communion set was donated by Church by the Bay in 2014.)

GIFT DISTRIBUTION

This was the last activity after the children had finished having a meal. The children received a gift package containing food with each taking home (2kgs of rice), a bar of soap, and vaseline to share with the rest of their family members. The children were very excited and grateful. They were supported with transport and went back to their homes. All went on well and we thank God for that.

Great thanks still go to the Committee members in Australia and sponsors who financed this day and the BCC Uganda team for organising and coordination the event.

(Thank you to Church by the Bay, and Joan Cohen for their donation to these events.)



"One of the gifts the visiting team in 2014 donated was a new laptop and smart- looking computer bag for Anne"

Many of the computers at BCC are old and need replacing.



Australian Support Committee 2016
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(* year of joining in brackets)



Margery Hobbs (1994)



Kerry Peacock (1999)



John Watts (2005)



Ian Macaulay (2007)



Liane Foord (2007)



Lucy Stone (2008)



Esther Cohen (2003)



Raelene Bolton (2014)



Marg Ryan (2009)



Layla Peacock (2014)



Matt Sayle (2015)

The Committee meets the second Saturday of every month at 9 am in one of our homes. Prayer time happens before the meeting, starting at 8.30am.



Glenda Salmon (2006)



Lance Matheson (1994)



Ella Matheson (1994)

Prayer Points

- A new treasurer for BCC Australian committee.
- A heavy duty photocopier for Uganda.
- Re-sponsorship of four children.
- Ways to inspire people to sponsor.

Vale.

Elsie Brown O.A.M (8/3/1928 - 28/9/2015)

Bushikori was blessed by Elsie in many many ways. Her generosity, her kindness, her wisdom and her delight in children. Elsie thoroughly enjoyed her trip to Uganda in 2003 and ever since she always referred to Anne as 'dear Anne'.

The sympathy letter Anne wrote, and that Chairperson Thomas Odoi wrote on behalf of the Ugandan Executive Board have been passed on to Elsie's family.

Elsie had been a member of our committee for 12 years and we appreciated being able to express our love of Elsie by being included in her service. I was asked to read Romans 8 verses 28,35,37-39 and Esther Cohen was part of the eulogy speaking on Elsie's love of Bushikori. Recently Anne's sons David and Mathew decided to make a short video about Bushikori. It arrived in time for our September meeting 2015 so the last memory many of us have with Elsie is sitting in Lucy Stone's home watching Bushikori come alive in front of us, and enjoying it together. We all miss her.

Pastor Samwiri Wamanga (1943- 17/2/2016)

Samwiri was a friend of Pastor Sam Wandendeya. He accompanied Anne Wandendeya in her visit to Geelong in 2000. Ps Samwiri served as Chairman of the Bushikori Uganda Board of Directors until he left in 2010 and was replaced by Thomas Odoi.

In January 2016 he was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour. The following was taken from SOS Ministries (sufficiency of Scripture - American based) November 2015

newsletter. Samwiri was the SOS Community Outreach Manager.

'Born during World War II in 1943, Sam grew up in the home of a well-respected chief. Though uneducated himself, his father valued education and made it possible for all of his own children as well as the children in his villages to attend school. In the 1960s, Sam remembers a stable economy in Uganda. He remembers reading statistics during that time that rated Uganda's economy as part of the highest 5 African countries. Uganda enjoyed profits from exporting cotton and coffee. Following high school, Sam studied at technical trade schools in Kenya and Uganda and was employed at the age of 22 as a technical officer for East African Telecommunications Co. He experienced Uganda's astronomic inflation firsthand. In the 60s, the USD \$ exchanged at 7 shillings. Today, the exchange rate for \$1 is 3,600 shillings!! In 1971, Sam purchased a used Japanese-made Corona sedan for 12,000 shillings, now equivalent to less than \$3! What happened? The infamous Idi Amin came to power in the 70s and in his attempts for power, destroyed Uganda's economy...but not its faith. "In 1973, Amin banned church meetings. Sam articulates the persecution under Amin: "*We were not allowed to hold Bible studies or conferences. Of course, people (maliciously) would turn us in to the authorities. I was a bit crazy and went to the villages and encouraged them to continue to meet because our faith has been persecuted from day one.*" Sam personally received persecution by Amin's regime. He remembers having devotions as a family. "*I read a passage from the Bible, sang songs, and we (my wife and I and my 8 kids) prayed. The army was making its patrols. They surrounded our home and accused me of breaking the law by praying. He (the officer) told me to lie down and take off my shirt. He whipped my back, tearing my skin. He was holding a gun in the other hand. I*

thought he may decide to finish my life. He just continued to lash me and warned me to never do it again. When others met in groups praying, some were rounded up and taken to prison. But I thank God that I didn't witness any who were killed." Sam's passion for the Lord led him to join the ministry full time in 1979. "*I got so crazy loving Jesus. Most of the time I wanted to read the Bible, share the Bible, meet with people to study the Bible."* Sam pastored a church and eventually served as the president of the Baptist Union of Uganda for 5 years in the '80s.'

In the 2016 newsletter the SOS team wrote:-

"Sam led a full life, faithfully serving God's people in Uganda for several decades. Sam's children received a final charge, just a couple hours before he took his last breath. His last words were, "We should not spend more time and money on things of this world, but prepare ourselves for heaven." Sam lived these truths out as he served his Lord up to his final day. We were honored to have Sam as a key member of our team in the early years of our ministry as he served as an advocate of SOS to the Baptist Union of Uganda and as an encouragement to everyone with whom he came into contact. In his daily service at SOS, Sam patiently helped people who were sick and hurting, seeking to lead them to follow after Christ by exemplifying Christ's love for them. Sam was buried in his hometown of Mbale, where he received a hero's farewell from over 1,000 people who were impacted by his life. Due to Sam's influence upon Baptist leaders, Sam's legacy will continue through the ongoing ministry of SOS to the Baptist Union of Uganda.

We would all be wise to heed the final words of this godly man. Since James describes us as a "vapor," we'd be prudent to maximize our "vapor" to the fullest, by living for heaven as Sam did so well."

Sponsorship Report

By Liane Foord.

Students in P7, S4 and S6 undertake National Exams in November. These results determine which secondary school they can attend and for S4 students whether they can go on or branch off to a vocational school. The S6 results, of course, determine the placements for the student's post-secondary course.

The Ugandan school system is very competitive. Testing is relentless for students, as every term they have to take exams as well as having ongoing assessments of their performance; based on their results they are given a grade and a position in their class. If the child is successful, they can move in to the next school year in the New Year. However, if their performance is poor they may have to repeat the school year again.

Classes in Uganda are not based on age because a lot of children drop out and re-enter school based on whether or not they can afford to pay the school fees. This means that the children might be in classes with students who are a lot older or a lot younger than them. Whilst this may seem strange, it is of no consequence, as the most important factor is that they all want to learn!



Thank you to St John's Highton for opening their rooms for us to hold our **AGM** on 21 October. Copies of the report can be sent to you by email or post. Or view on our website

At our AGM Ian Macaulay announced after over ten years as Treasurer, this would be his last year as Treasurer. If anyone is interested in this vital role please contact Ian for any information on what the role requires.



*ELSIE BROWN; at Bushikori in 2003
SAMWIRI; with Kerry Peacock in 2014.*

Last July we launched "Bushikori month"

Thank you to Matt Sayle who co-ordinated the coinboxes, and thank you to all who donated! The coinboxes raised nearly \$400. (Thank you also to Grandfather and Granddaughter team Dave Lambert and Gabby Peacock, who made all the boxes). If you would like a box please contact Matt on 0449 981 486.

Also in July two fundraisers were held. The Make a Difference group held a fundraising auction dinner at Truffleduck. 17 July 2015 attended by 143 people. This raised \$ 15,059 and we all got to hear the lovely Trudy Thompson sing.

A Pleasant Sunday afternoon was held at Belmont Uniting on 19 July. We enjoyed the wonderful talents of Laurence & Miranda Matheson, Kosta Karatenisli, Trudy Thompson, Belmont Uniting Choir, Ray Ferguson and Jocelyn Mackay. This raised \$3090.95 towards the van.

A big thank you to all who worked very hard on both fundraisers, and to all who came to support these events.



Introducing
July as Bushikori Month

What a Path

In 2007 Jane Ojok worked with the sponsored children in childcare dept. Then in 2009 she transferred to the Library when it was built by Maitel (a young adult who stayed and helped there for a year) and her American friends and family who raised the funds.

A container was sent from Australia in 2000 full of many books - which eventually got to unpacked to be housed in library.

In 2012 Esther (Committee) and Samatha (a sponsor) visit and we discover a young boy Ivan has written a story.

The story comes back to Australia. Another committee member John and his daughter Caroline visit and take photos of Ivan doing various tasks to go with the story.

Liane (Committee) and her husband Rex work hard in formatting and getting Ivan's story published here in 2013 in small runs through BigW. Whenever we can, we get a copy of this picture book into a school library around Geelong. In 2013 Ivan's story as a book goes back to Uganda with Grace (Anne's daughter) and her husband Jerome to be put in the BCC library.

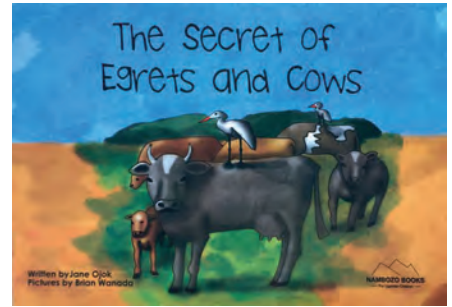
Now another Bushikori book!! Jane Ojok the librarian along with Teresa Wang (a Peace Corps volunteer) have developed a book written by Jane and illustrated by Brian Wananda, then a Joshua Primary pupil. The publishing was funded by a grant applied for by Teresa. The books were printed with a publisher based in Mbale.

In 2012 Esther saw young Brian doing drawings and thought he was good. In 2013 John got some children to do drawings as we wanted to put some designs on tea towels as a fundraiser. (Brian is pictured right.) In 2014 I was reading in the Uganda newspapers how they wanted to develop a reading culture in their country. That they wanted to develop and promote Ugandan writers. Their own voice.

This voice is happening at BCC !

We have copies of "The Secret of Egret and Cows" for sale at \$10. Please contact a committee member. The book is in both English and Lugisu.

by Kerry Peacock



Please Remember..

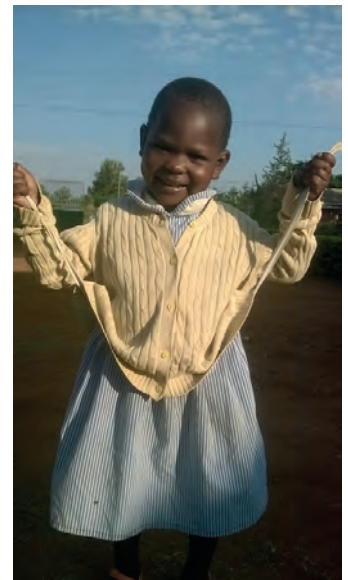
When depositing in BCC bank account please send Ian an email letting him know when you deposited and for whom and for what ie hostel, sponsorship, welfare. We still have some unidentified deposits we are holding awaiting more info.

Update.

From Left to Right: Rita and her brother Denis in 2012. At two years old Rita cannot walk.

In 2014 Denis in his school uniform and in 2015 Rita at Joshua Primary Nursery School.

Thank you to Sonshine Op shop staff for the extra support



Mathew Wandendeya (Anne's son) at home in 2014. His letter to the committee was written in 2015.

Mathew plays the guitar in the worship band at Musaale Church in Mbale. The church has been going for two years and does great work encouraging youth to change the world with the love of Jesus.



BUSHIKORI CHRISTIAN CENTRE			
P.O. BOX: 594 MBALE UGANDA, EAST AFRICA TEL: +256 045 4 660 847 - OFFICE			
LETTER TO THE SPONSOR			
SPONSOR'S NAME:	AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT COMMITTEE	SPONSOR COUNTRY:	AUSTRALIA
CHILD'S NAME:	WANENDEYA MATTHEW	ID NUMBER:	607
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:	ADVANCED LEVEL	CLASS:	S.6
HEALTH STATUS:	GOOD	AGE:	19
			DATE OF WRITING: 21/04/2015
Dear,			
Australian Support Committee, greetings and appreciation from Mbale, Uganda. I would love to acknowledge and applaud the endless consistent support you have offered me as a sponsored child.			
It has been fourteen years of your support since I started primary school. I will this year 2015 when I am meant to finish my last year of advanced education all courtesy of your help. "Glory be to God".			
Through these times I have achieved skills in higher level English courses and public speech. I have also made lots of friends from Australia through your workshop program has helped me deal with life challenges and and I adore you for that. Out of all this, the sponsorship feelings such as low self-esteem and belief in myself. Thank you!!!			
"From your Son, Matthew, GOD BLESS you!!!"			
THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY		SPONSORED CHILD	
CHILD CARE DEPT OFFICER, COMMENTS.		FACILITATOR/ GUARDIAN/PARENT/SIBLING	
Dear Members of the Australian Support Committee, We pray and believe that you are all well. Thank you so much for supporting Mathew in his education. We appreciate your love and care. Mathew is fine and studying hard at school. God bless. Much love to you all.			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Signature: Mary Wandendeya		COORDINATOR: Signature: Dan Wambi	
Matthew 28:19 - 20 & 25:21-40			

Sometimes we fail..

By Ian Macaulay

Yes, we are human and with some children we do fail, but thanks to God, only rarely.

In a desperate country like Uganda, there are many competing forces to distract a child from the path to education and a better life.

Similarly there are many difficulties that the caring staff at BCC face in helping these children overcome the handicaps they face in everyday life.

To name a few:

The children face:

- Loose family ties
- Poverty
- Competing attractions
- Culture complications
- False promises

The staff face:

- Shortage of staff
- Tyranny of distance
- Poor communications systems
- Bad and dangerous roads
- Shortage of transport

We introduce children to the program from kindergarten age but we also have needy, older and more developed children coming into the program---each requiring separate but caring approaches. Over time BCC has progressed over 700 children through its programs of primary, secondary and tertiary education. The success rate is very high but occasionally we feel we have failed when a child leaves the program of his or her own accord without completing the education path set. And we accept this to be our failure despite our belief that the child is better equipped to face

the future as a result of the relationship and experience with BCC. We also believe success is not always measured in academic terms. If a young person can speak English, read, write, manage their money and have knowledge in Christian principles then they have been given a great advantage through sponsorship.

Although not finishing their academic course to the end is the case in less than 1% of the children that come under BCC care, we feel every individual failure and look always to examine and improve our methods.

The greatest help we can ask of our supporters is through prayer so we are asking that you all remember the children and the staff of BCC in your personal prayers

A society in which all people live dignified lives and have sustainable livelihood.

Ways people help..

Regina McGinn: My friend and I have made jams, chutneys and cordials to raise funds. We sold them at our workplaces and to friends.

Through this project they have been able to sponsor a child through Tertiary Education.

Joan Cohen: throughout the year grew plants with the aim of having a stall at Lara Christmas market to sell the plants to help raise funds for the Bushikori Christmas Gathering. It was a great day that raised \$451.

Morning Tea at the McLeans: The Make a Difference group held a Morning Tea on Friday 4th March 2016 for 50 people raising \$1757.80 for general funds.

Meredith Kennedy: I'm commissioned to make quilts with the profits going towards Bushikori.

•You (or someone you know) could commission me to make a quilt, for yourself/family or to gift to someone?

•The payment would be made to me for the finished quilt

•The money paid, excluding the cost of the materials used, would go to support the work of Bushikori.

Because the larger portion of the payment would be going directly to Bushikori as a donation it would require you, the buyer, to view this quilt as more than just a commercial purchase, but also as a gift to Bushikori that both you (in the money you would pay for the quilt) and I, the quilter (in the many hours spent making the quilt) are giving.

You can contact Meredith: meri.ann.kennedy@gmail.com
0408 127 551.



FUN FACTS about Bushikori

At the beginning of April 392 students were sponsored either in Nursery, Primary, Secondary, Vocational or Tertiary.



BCC Staff Uganda

**MOSES
NANGWALE**

My name is Moses Nangwale aged 42. I am a Ugandan born from a rural village called Bunamubi in Bududa District which is 43km away. My parents are still alive and have a family of eight sons and one daughter and I am a fifth born. I am married with four children i.e. one son and three daughters, all primary age. I visit my parents once a month and take sugar etc.

I was born in a Christian family where life was not very easy, my parents were just peasants. It was a struggle by my parents to see us in school. I thank God that out of the little income they were getting, they were able to educate me up to when I completed school. I completed a course in Business Studies and also a course in Public Administration majoring in Human Resource Management.

I started working in 1997 as a Cashier then by God's grace I was promoted as an accountant in 2000. In 2004, I got a job where I worked as a Child Development Officer and later as a Project Director till 2012. I left this organization after God had opened a door for me to work in BCC as a Human Resource Officer.

I have seen God work in me throughout my life and especially in my work. I have had challenges in life but God has been there to teach me some thing out of it. One thing God taught me is that "Challenges are opportunities for Development"; this has made me to grow mentally and to have a positive attitude towards certain challenges.

For me to fully exercise and develop my skill in Human Resource, God opened a door for me to work with BCC effective 1st October 2012 as a Human Resource Officer and I do believe that the God who used me in this other organizations, will together with others achieve the Bushikori goals.

Van Update.

In 2015 many people worked hard to raise funds for a vital transport need - a van to be used as part ambulance, part school bus, part staff mover (and occasional chickens!) Thank you to the efforts of Make a Difference, Rev Webb, Herman and Edith Rockefeller, Ella & Lance Matheson, and the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon who supplied the needed funds.

On 17th October Anne's son David wrote "helping with the purchase of the new bushy van, I have been networking with some church friends who are in the car import business, it was not easy for me to do an online purchase, but by Gods grace and a lot of prayer + some careful work, I think the van will arrive at the Kenyan port on 1st Jan." The van is a used van from Japan, manufactured in 2004. (BCC current van was 1993) Well the van came earlier.. David wrote again on 11 November "Greetings to you from here. I am doing okay, I just arrived from Mombasa very exhausted but with good news- I came with the new van- glory to God. I travelled in total 2500km to get here, never travelled such a long distance. The return journey was so much better as we drove the new van, she is very good on the road, it looks and runs great, has stronger and faster engine and I think should do the work of the ministry for many years.

For me, having the van here on our birthday was beautiful, especially that the process of buying on line came with all these worries and I asked the Lord that nothing would go wrong so I am very happy. And I am so happy that mum trusted me to be able to contribute to the work of bcc in this sense. I now share some pictures I took of the van."

David had to drive to Mombasa Kenya and pick up the van and drive it to the Government impound lot in Mbale. There it sits as the amount of import tax that should be paid is worked out.

Anne wrote on 5 December that she has been trying to get a tax waiver or exemption for the van. The tax amount was 39 million (Ug shilling) -much more than the cost of the van - 35 million. She did receive an email of rejection from the Commissioner of Trade but was advised to re-appeal through the area council systems. Anne went and saw the political leader at the District level (Chairman LC5) who was going to try and help. The process has been complicated by the up coming elections. The Ugandan Government had temporarily suspended the tax exemptions that would have normally been allowable for the van. This was in a bid to collect more tax

for the next campaign period in the Ugandan election process.

On 23 March Anne said she had many meetings postponed but finally the Area Minister had agreed to speak with her. It was requested that Australia send an official letter to the Assistant Commissioner Trade, Uganda Revenue Authority stating we are the rightful sponsor of BCC, that we sent the funds for a van to help widows and orphans. We also had to send proof that we were a legitimate organization. We sent our tax invoice from Consumer Affairs Victoria, and our registration on the Australian Government Charities and Not-for-profits website.

Anne sent these letters by car from Mbale to Kampala. Now we wait and continue praying....



The van in the impound lot.



Triplets born at Bushikori Health Centre turn the page for their story.

Children's Ward.

After the Thanksgiving service for Bushikori in Nov 2014, Coral and Des Picklum gave a generous donation towards health care at Bushikori. After some time spent consulting it was decided with Anne that creating a children's ward was an important need.

Anne writes:

"Previously, male patients had to go through the pediatric ward, which was not appropriate especially for the sterility required, and we had many awkward moments in cases when we have accident patients, so now this doorway has been closed off and the male ward given its own entry. The children can now have their own space. The walls and ceiling were re-painted, linen changed, and curtains fixed in a bid to create a calm and relaxing environment for the children. Also, insect proof netting was fixed to all windows and vents.

We have also fixed a total of 6 new beds as we previously had only 3 children's beds, this will allow up to 6 children at a go. Each bed will have a medical utility stand (we locally call them drip stands) which

come in handy when we administer IV drugs. Each bed has a mosquito net. We also improved the lighting, and fixed the sockets for electricity access especially when we use portable electric equip such as nebulizers, oxygen concentrators and ultrasound.

We purchased all new mattresses and linen for all 6 beds, the mattresses are mackintosh lined to ensure that when kids wet them, they stay safe and can serve longer. We also hope to purchase a drugs trolley which may serve for the entire centre. We are working to put it all together and hopefully can be done soon as possible.

We therefore would love to appreciate the Picklums who graciously gave towards this cause. Thank you for your care, love and for making a difference in the lives of children at Bushikori and the surrounding communities. This new look is much appreciated."

(Below: Finished Ward Nov 2015)



Honey Fact. Honey is the ONLY food source produced by an insect that humans eat.

Edmonds Honey fundraising for Bushikori since 1993.

Triplets.

On 5 March triplets were born at Bushikori Health centre. David, (Anne's son who is studying medicine) writes:

"At the maternity, for the first time, we had triplets! And 3 other mothers delivering. The mother came in 11am this morning and we suspected a multiple pregnancy, so we picked up the ultrasound machine (thanks to Rotary-Kenthurst Sydney who donated this machine). It confirmed only two and so we kept this mama around and late this afternoon, she gave birth to three bouncing baby girls! So the third was a surprise. The staff brought some clothes, made contributions to the mother.

The girls were all underweight-1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 and the news spread. Local TV and radio came in to break the news, we thought this will raise some support for the family- so it was good for them. So excited for the medical team which did well in ensuring a safe delivery.

Late afternoon, enthusiastic about the news, Mama Anna came in and we helped transfer these cuties to the regional referral as they couldn't breathe that well all by themselves. I think they needed a lot of intensive care support. While in transit, I pictured the day when we can grow to be able to look after these kinds of cases.

At the regional referral, the neonatal unit was obviously overwhelmed- the corridors were filled with mothers waiting to have their infants have attention from Dr. Catherine, a visiting muzungu pediatrician. She seemed to have well-adjusted to the Ugandan setting, she marched over to us, and asked us why we had brought the triplets to her. We said well, they can't breathe on their own

and they are premature/underweight, so small they could die of hypothermia. Well she took our referral and didn't return until after 3 hours. And so we just sat there and waited.

During this time, we ran around town to a private facility, they said they could take them in but we didn't have the confidence they had the experience to look after them, so we went to an American run pediatric neurosurgeon. Hospital and they couldn't take them either. I tried to argue that even when they didn't have a neural condition, but their state could lead them to have neural disability.

Well after running about town, we had to go back to Dr. Catherine who finally could see the triplets. For Bushikori, success is in the hope that tomorrow morning we can walk into that hospital to find the triplets doing well, fingers crossed. We are glad God brought this mama our way, and to anyone in Australia, who has supported healthcare, you make a difference right here."

On 12th March we had news they changed from being fed by a tube to breastfeeding. On 14th Anne visited and wrote: "they are surviving till now and we thank the Lord for this so far, the mother had challenges with her health she has high BP but has since normalized, BCC is trying to give some small monies to facilitate their stay in the hospital."

On 21st Anne wrote "they have since reduced their weight from 1.4kg to 1.2kg and 1kg, this could be due to the nutrition aspects of it but there are signs of improvement. Bushikori is giving some continuous support in terms of welfare and prayer though the family is Muslim. They still respond to prayer when we visit" On 23rd they were discharged from hospital.

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Child Sponsorship



#988 Doreen Khaita.
Tertiary/Vocational Student.



#1596 Jeremiah Emuron.
Secondary 1 Student.



#1589 Jacob Majeme.
Primary 2 Student.



#1120 Sharon Mukite.
Tertiary/Vocational Student.



#1100 Barbra Nabutsale.
Secondary 6 Student.



#1309 Tabitha Duluka
Tertiary/Vocational Student.

We have a lot of older students that are in secondary or waiting to start a tertiary or vocational course that need sponsoring. I also have some nursery and primary children that are waiting to be sponsored. Talk to your family and friends about sponsoring a child through Bushikori or consider getting a group of friends together to sponsor someone through a course. I would love to hear from you! - Liane Foord.