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HOPE

Welcome to our Christmas issue of Faith in Action Community Development.

Thank you for the amazing difference you have made to the children of Katete, South West Uganda. Thanks to your prayers and donations, these children and their communities have HOPE for a brighter future.

A Message to You from Linda

Christmas will be very different for us all this pandemic year. Every single one of us has our own story and quiet thoughts to contend with, and many of us will have had times of personal struggle. This year, let us look forward in HOPE as we celebrate Christ's birth, remembering the words of St. John: **'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'**.

We spread that light as we pull together at this special time of the year, in kindness and love for one another. **Let's also draw inspiration and HOPE** from our cherished community in Katete, South West Uganda – from their resilience and optimism, and their **HOPE for a brighter future for their children.**

Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and a blessed 2021.

God Bless, Linda

Revd Prof Linda Morgan



Hope during this Pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one third of the world's children are not in education and the UN estimates that around 24 million children may never return to school. It's all too easy to feel despair at these numbers. **But there is HOPE around the world and one of these areas of HOPE is Isaiah Nursery & Primary School in Katete.**



Isaiah children collecting firewood

Although the school remains closed as COVID-19 continues to spread, the Ugandan Government hopes to safely re-open it in January. In the meantime, **Head Teacher Denis Muhwezi and Revd Stuart Amanyia are working in the community to make sure Isaiah's teachers and 190 pupils return to school.** The children are busy helping their families, at home or on the land, but it is vital they continue their education – for the prosperity of their community and because **every child deserves to enjoy a quality education.**

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God's Grace Shining Through

Our charity continues to be inspired by Isaiah 43:19:

“See I am doing a new thing... I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland”.

In spite of the pandemic and Uganda's continued lockdown, **God's will continues for Isaiah Nursery & Primary School and the wider community.** His grace has been evident in so many ways, as the Katete community works together to make the school a success for its children and bring HOPE to all their lives:

- **Head Teacher Denis has delivered learning materials** to all the primary school pupils, so the children can continue their education the best they can.
- **Revd Stuart Amanywa has been praying with the builders, giving them God's strength.** The new classroom block and teachers' accommodation are nearing completion, which means that even more children will be able to receive the quality education they deserve. Our charity's ability to fund this new phase has provided local employment during times of even greater financial hardship and uncertainty, and is covering the school staff's salaries.
- **There have also been some wonderful celebrations in the community,** including Revd Stuart's marriage in August.



Revd Stuart with the builders of Isaiah's new classrooms, and below with his beautiful bride



“Isaiah offers quality education to the vulnerable community – to help the poor families educate their children, who are the hope for the world.” Revd Stuart Amanywa

Thank you, God Bless and Merry Christmas to you and yours



“The best gift that has ever happened in my village. Being a beneficiary of this wonderful project, I can surely thank the HTC family for this life-changing mission.”

Nelson Nabaasa, one of our first sponsorship graduates

Thank you for giving the children of these communities the childhood they deserve – **a chance to learn, play and enjoy their childhoods.** They are so excited to eventually return to school! **Please pray** for the safety of this community, the building work to be finished in good time and for the safe re-opening of the school. **Please pray** for all the Katete parents to be supportive of their children's education. **Please pray** that God will keep doing new things in Katete, to enable these children to thrive and to bring HOPE to their communities.

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