Faith in Action
Community Development

Join us on our journey

Welcome to our Christmas 2021 Newsletter.

A Warm Welcome to You

A warm welcome to Faith in Action Community Development this Christmas – whether you've been supporting us from the start, or if this is the first time you've heard of us. **Our charity was inspired by Faith Aguha,** who was moved by her faith in God to use her late father's land for the greater good of her Ugandan community. Faith continues to be encouraged by this Book of Isaiah verse:

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

During the last 8 years, our charity has supported this community with an educational sponsorship programme, building a clean water dam and a nursery school, and latterly establishing a primary school with around 200 wonderful pupils (some of whom have to walk up to 15km every day to receive their education).

Covid-19 continues to be a huge challenge on their journey, but **this community continues to show resilience and optimism, working together for their children's brighter future.**

"Trust in the Lord on your long journey" Proverbs 3:5-6

Thank you for your support. Wishing you a very happy Christmas and healthy new year.

God Bless, Linda

Revd Prof Linda Morgan, Chair of Trustees

Isaiah School children and some of the staff in between lockdowns, April 2021

Hope For Our Children

Covid-19 has been a huge challenge for our Isaiah School children, as the schools have mostly been in government-enforced lockdowns since March 2020. Unlike in the UK, all Ugandan schools are currently in lockdown, but the President of Uganda is hoping to open them this January.

Our school's excellent leadership team is ready. The teachers are prepared (having been paid throughout the lockdowns), Phase 3 building works have been safely completed, and teaching plans and materials are in place. The teachers have been visiting the children and their families, spreading the word to their parents that education is vital for the prosperity of their children and community.

The children are raring to return to school, and we can't wait to see them again!

One of the poorer families of Isaiah School, standing outside their home.

Majority of the Isaiah School staff (photo taken before the lockdowns).

What Makes Faith in Action Special?

Our small charity was established in the village of Claygate, and it's from the people of Claygate and its surrounding areas where we receive most of our support. **Our charity, in turn, is focussed on supporting the village of Katete, Uganda.** Daily life in Katete couldn't be more different than Surrey, where we have access to schools, transport, shops and businesses. Katete, conversely, is poor and very remote, with the nearest jobs and markets 2 hours walk away, and before Isaiah, there were no nearby schools.

What links Claygate and Katete is their great sense of community, pulling together with pride and optimism, to make their villages better places for all. **Our charity is fortunate to receive support from the congregation of Holy Trinity Claygate, as well as Claygate Primary School.** We are grateful to receive donations, and one of our Trustees, Sarah, has a prayer network where individual people here pray for individual people in the Katete community.

Isaiah School children proudly wearing their uniforms from Claygate Primary School!

"The most important of all is being healthy. God has taught us to be patient and live contented with little."

Revd Stuart Amanya, Katete community

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Together, we transform lives.

Delivering high quality, sustainable education can positively transform a child's life, and transform their entire community.

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(Standing) Jill & Roger Marsden, Steve Cramer, Linda Morgan (Chair), David Barnardo, Dale Todd, *(Seated)* Barry Wakefield (Treasurer), Sarah Slater, *(on Zoom)* Miriam Schafer

Christmas Prayers

Please pray for the safety of this community and the success of Uganda's vaccination programme. **Please pray** that Isaiah Nursery & Primary School re-opens in January, and that all pupils can return to school. **Please pray** for all the Isaiah parents to be supportive of their children's education. **Please pray** for the growth of the school, so that even more of the poorest children can receive a high quality education. **Please pray** that God will keep doing new things, so that this community can continue their transformative journey.

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