God's Grace in Katete this Christmas

Faith in Action
Community Development

Welcome to our Christmas 2022 Newsletter.

Sharing the good news

This Christmas, we are full of joy and gratitude to God for His presence in the Katete community of Uganda.

After 3 long years of Covid-19, Faith Aguha, our charity's founder, was finally able to visit Uganda, the Year 6 children of Isaiah School could sit their national exams, our sponsored children are once again flourishing, and following years of drought, the valley tank continues to nourish the community with clean water.

"On behalf of my village and my country, thank you for loving us. Thank you for your support and prayers. With God's love. Faith"

Faith Aguha's message to you, our supporters

Claygate and its surrounding towns and villages are linked to Katete by their great sense of community, working together with resilience and optimism to make better places for all. Your continued support makes such a difference to this community's children. **Thank you.**

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and new year.

God Bless, Linda

Revd Prof
Linda Morgan,
Chair of Trustees

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever" ***Psalm 136:1***

Faith Aguha with Isaiah School children, 2022

Faith's long-awaited visit home

After 3 long years of Covid-19 restricting travel to Uganda, Faith Aguha was finally able to return to her homeland. Faith spent three months in Uganda, joyfully reuniting with her family and community in Katete.

Faith spent careful time visiting the charity's projects, and was finally able to complete the Isaiah School registration process. A huge amount of work has gone into this, and will safeguard Isaiah School for many generations to come.

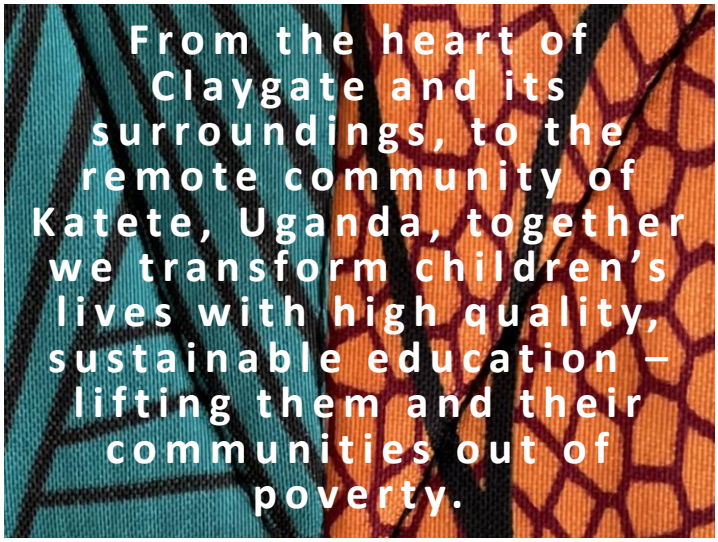
"I found such joy in the village, hearing the parents say 'we never dreamt that we would be able to walk our children to school'. These are families that don't expect, don't dare to dream, yet with God's grace we were able to build them a school." *Faith Aguha, founder of our charity*

Some of our charity's trustees are planning to visit Katete in the new year. They will be taking suitcases full of boys' and girls' school uniform, **kindly donated by the parents of Claygate Primary School and Esher Church School.**

The Isaiah School children feel proud and smart wearing their school uniforms, so we're keen to visit them soon with more donations!

Lifting this community

Last month, all Year 6 Isaiah School pupils spent two days sitting their national entrance exams for Year 7. They had to make a daily early start for a long journey by dirt track to the nearest examination centre. After eating morning porridge, the children worked hard in their examinations for Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and English. The Isaiah School teachers have also worked very hard, and we hope for good news!



We are delighted that even after 3 years of drought, the valley tank is still providing a year-round supply of clean water for the families and their cattle. Clean water is essential for children to survive and thrive, and it was our first project (2013). **We remember with gratitude Colin Wheatley,** a Holy Trinity Claygate member, who died the year before the tank's completion. Colin was one of the first people to whole-heartedly support Faith, and persevered to make this project happen. The community has recently built Colin a simple memorial to honour him.

Some Year 6 children before their National exams. Observe from their sizes how long they have had to wait to receive an education.

Memorial to Colin Wheatley, built by the community in 2022.

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FIACD Trustees with Faith 2022
Dale Todd (volunteer), Miriam Schafer, Steve Cramer, Faith Aguha, Sarah Slater, Linda Morgan (Chair), Jill Marsden (volunteer). Missing from photo: Roger Marsden, David Barnardo, Barry Wakefield (Treasurer).

Christmas Prayers

Please pray for Isaiah School's leadership and staff, for wisdom and Christian care, as they grow the school.
Please pray for the health and development of the Isaiah School children, particularly for the poorest migrant children, that their families might increasingly value education.
Please pray for the trustees' visit to Uganda, for their strength, wisdom and discernment as they visit the projects.

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