

An Entertaining Day



Playing Pass the Ball

One afternoon at the orphanage Jan and Jude thought that the children would enjoy playing some traditional English games. Lots of their local friends joined in as well. They all had great fun playing Pass the Ball, Ring a Ring o' Roses, What's the Time Mr Wolf and the Hokey Cokey. I don't know who enjoyed it the most - the children or the grown-ups !

Later, in the evening, Ruth and the older girls had made some delicious local food for us to try, with plenty for all the children as well. Then all the orphans entertained us with wonderful singing and dancing.



Perina leading the singing



The younger ones finishing up the roasted sesame and ground nuts

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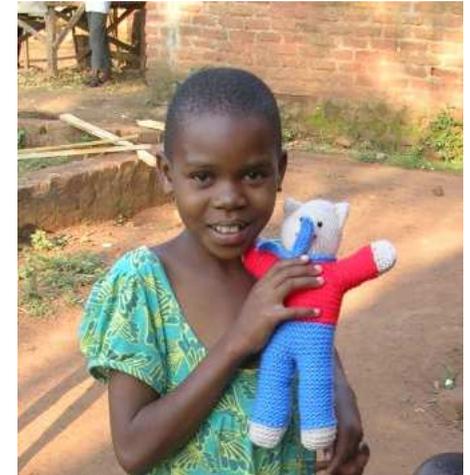
Zuleha is a star performer!

Zuleha has been attending Nakavule Primary School, studying in classes that can sometimes have over 100 pupils. She has proved to be a star performer by coming 4th out of 287 pupils in her year! Thanks to a very generous donation of well over £1,000 to Margaret's Children Fund (from Michael Murray and friends who work at Cummins and raised funds by walking up Snowdon) we will be able to support her move to Iganga Children's Centre - a better school with smaller classes.

Three other orphans, whose schooling we already support, attend Iganga Children's Centre and their results are:

Jordan -16th out of 55 students
Siraj - 15th out of 44 students
Asan - 22nd out of 44 students

We also support Phiona who is a boarder at Nkuutu Secondary School. Phiona came 60th out of 251 students.



Zuleha with a bear knitted by a lady in Northampton

Juliet and Rose are also at secondary school. Juliet has been promoted to S4 but Rose has not been promoted as she failed Science which she finds very difficult. Hopefully we can send her some user friendly science books with the next visitors going to Iganga in February!

Would you like to help by sponsoring the children?

If so, contact Carey Minhinnett, Membership Secretary of Daventry Friends of Iganga on 0116 2393061 or email her on carey@minhinnett.fsnet.co.uk

Successful Sewing



Juliet sewing

some new curtains so Juliet (one of the older girls at the orphanage) sewed them for us on one of the machines that we had previously given them.

Juliet is a skilled machinist and also makes school uniforms, bags and other crafts to help raise money to support the orphanage.

One of the recent projects in Iganga was to improve the Children's and the Maternity Wards at Iganga Hospital. A group of the UK visitors cleaned and decorated + painted murals to brighten up the Children's Ward and also had new curtains made by a local seamstress. The Labour Ward also needed



Murals in progress in the Children's Ward

Another Nanny from the 'Friends'



Peter Fielding presenting the new goat, Helen, to the grandfather of Ruth and Richard (on the right)

On his 1st visit to Iganga last June, Peter Fielding used some money given to him by a friend called Ruth to spend on a worthwhile cause. Peter decided to buy a new goat for the orphans to be kept at Ruth's rural village. The new goat named Helen has joined two other goats donated by Daventry Friends called Jasmin and Richard. Hopefully there will soon be some kids to increase the family!

Lizzie Supports Nasser's New Lease of Life



Nasser

Nasser has been at the orphanage for the longest and hasn't received funding to help with his schooling as we have recently only set this up for the younger ones. Nasser has developed the wood workshop making furniture using the renovated tools provided by Tools for Self Reliance in Northampton. He also helps with many other things including the paper bead jewellery and various crafts that the orphans produce and sell to help support themselves.

However, due to an incorrect diagnosis of some health problems, Nasser believed that he had a weak heart and didn't have many prospects for the future. But, during the last visit to Iganga, Susanne (a former Nurse from the UK) took Nasser on a visit to hospital in Kampala for a proper check up and he was given a clean bill of health — what celebrations back at the orphanage!

Lizzy, who was also on the recent visit felt that she would love to help Nasser achieve his ambition of going to University and studying Social Care & Social Administration. So she has been raising funds to enable Nasser attend the two year course at Uganda Christian University in Mukono. Well done Lizzy and good luck Nasser - we are looking forward to hearing how Nasser progresses with his studies. If anyone has a spare laptop computer that could be given to Nasser, it would help him with completing his assignments. There is always a long waiting list to use the limited number of computers at the University.



Lizzy

Cheeky Priscilla



Four new young orphans have now joined the others at the orphanage - Priscilla, Asman, Fatuma and Erickson.

Priscilla won over the hearts of everyone who met her on our last visit to Iganga with her cheeky smile and happy personality. Even when she was poorly and Suzanne and Barbara looked after her and took her for treatment, she kept cheerful and didn't make a fuss.

Priscilla in her odd shoes!