



Supporting the Mary Wood Trust February 2023

As we start 2023 this means the start of a new school year for the girls at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary Boarding School (NGSS) and also the children at Ruth Memorial Nursery School. These are the main two facilities that we support as a charity, as well as some students who have gone on to Further Education and also occasional support for Nyakatara Health Centre.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING

We really are blessed with our supporters, who have stood by us throughout Covid 19 and continue to do so. Fundraising is never easy but you will all be delighted to know that the Christmas support projects and birthday fundraiser means that we can now buy the 100 mosquito nets needed at NGSS and also provide sanitary protection for all the girls and female staff at the school for the whole school year ahead. The school is in a remote rural location and the majority of the girls who attend are from very poor backgrounds. These items are vital necessities and by offering them at the school free of charge it can sometimes mean the difference between a girl attending school or not. Another generous donor has kindly given us enough money to build a new, efficient incinerator at the school and once again we are so very grateful. **Thank you for your support.**

NEW A LEVEL BLOCK

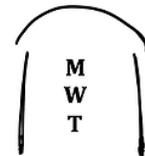
We are very excited to be able to tell you about our next project at the school. This is being made possible in the main because of a legacy left by a dear friend of the Wood family, who died 7 years ago. After many discussions with the school they have asked if we could build a new A level Classroom block and include a Fine Arts room and an office for the director of studies within this building. We are in the process of agreeing plans and costings but we are pretty certain that some major fundraising will also have to be done by us to bridge the £10,000 financial gap. We are planning a Quiz Night on Saturday May 13th in Wilmslow. Perhaps you would like to be involved or maybe you have other ideas to share with us. Please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

VISIT TO UGANDA Due to the pandemic it is now three years since the last visit to Uganda. Clare and Oliver will be flying out there in March for 17 days, ready once again to continue the great relationship that they have with Kinkiizi Diocese and to offer support where they can. They will arrive in time for Mary Wood Day and International Women's Day to be celebrated at NGSS. They plan to visit Ruth Memorial Nursery School in Kihiihi and also hope to see some of the girls that the MWT has supported through Further Education. This is often where we can see the proof of what a difference an education can make, whether practical or academic.

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It's always heart-warming to hear from our ex-students and to know that our sponsorship has made a difference to their lives. Like Dorothy, who recently sent this message:

"I greet you and the entire Mary Wood Trustees in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is still protecting us. The reason why am writing is to thank you very much and all the Mary Wood Trustees for the great work you did to my life through sponsoring me with education. You enabled me to acquire education since I joined secondary school at Nyakabungo girls from S.1 to S.6 and a Diploma in Business Administration at Bishop Barham University College of which I wouldn't have acquired without your help. May the Almighty God bless you so much. It's this education that I acquired being sponsored by MWT that has changed my life! I am now working with Lucky Financial Services in Kihiihi, Kanungu, Uganda as a loans officer, which is a step that I have taken and am doing well at my work place, saving money to study a bachelor's degree in Business Administration this year. Indeed when you educate a girl child you are educating the nation and by investing in a girl, you are investing in the future. I am very happy because my life has changed through the education that I have acquired being sponsored by MWT. May the good Lord continue to bless you richly for the good work you're doing in educating a girl child. Long Live MWT!!!"



SPONSORSHIP If you feel inspired by Dorothy's story you may wish to know more about the possibility of sponsoring a girl at NGSS. It is a girls' boarding secondary school in rural South West Uganda and the girls that we choose to sponsor are usually from impoverished families, often with many siblings and no real breadwinner. £20 a month will give a girl a chance to further her education, a chance for a brighter future. Some people like to be able to write occasionally to their sponsored student and to hear how they are progressing. **Please do get in touch if you would like more details of how to set this up.**

NEW TRUSTEE As a charity we are well aware of how important it is to get the younger generation involved in the organisation. It is a great delight to be able to share the news with you that our treasurer Dr Peter Wood's eldest daughter Rachel has agreed to join us as a trustee. Having lived in Uganda as a young girl with her family when her father was Medical Superintendent at Kisiizi Hospital, she will be able to offer a knowledgeable and youthful aspect to any decisions that are taken.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE UGANDA VISIT As previously mentioned Oliver and Clare will be travelling to Uganda next month. Please keep them in your prayers as they make the long journey, travelling along sometimes difficult roads, and that they remain safe and healthy.

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Sponsor a girl at NGSS - Sponsor further education - Donate for the new A level block



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 Ruth Memorial Nursery School

The new term at Ruth Memorial Nursery School started this week. They continue to face issues of increasing food and other commodity costs. We are very grateful to some committed donors for their continued generous support to fund daily food and milk for the children at Ruth Memorial Nursery School.



The Mary Wood Trust, Ephraim (the director) and the children very much appreciate their support.



With your support the Mary Wood Trust has agreed to fund a new pit latrine and paint for the walls in the school, both essential for the needs of Ruth Memorial Nursery School.

Here is an example of the type of a pit latrine that they need:



Excited children receiving toys.