

# **The Mary Wood Trust**

## **Annual Report- 2013-2014**

### **Charity Name**

The Mary Wood Trust

Registration Number ----- 1144311

Registered address --- 9 Handforth Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 2LX

### **Charity Structure, Governance and Management**

#### *Trustees*

Chairperson- Clare Ramsden

Treasurer — Dr Peter Wood

Trustees — Kath Smith, Ann Gover

Trustee selection method – By personal invitation and approval by existing trustees.

We have three meetings a year to discuss the finances of the charity, fundraising activities since the last meeting, proposed future fundraising events, various on-going projects in Uganda, how monies should be spent in Uganda,

communications with our contacts in Kanungu.

We endeavour to make sure of the accountability of monies sent and received by asking for receipts where possible.

At least one trustee visits S W Uganda each year, at their own expense. This allows for inspection of building work carried out and also for continued support and interest in the projects and people, especially the students at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School.

### **Activities and Objectives**

Main Activities

## **Achievements and performance**

### *Activities over the past year*

At Ruth Memorial Nursery School we have provided the daily porridge for the 65 children at the school. During our last visit we were able to distribute polo shirts to each child, for use when they play sports. These were kindly donated by KJB builders in Wilmslow, Cheshire. We also bought some footballs which were much appreciated.

We received funds to finish two classrooms with secure doors and windows and to build a new 3 stance latrine as the previous one was full and collapsing.

At Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School we have continued to provide mosquito nets for all the new entrants to the school- approximately 90 per year.

The Sick Bay was completed and officially opened in November 2013. A full time nurse, Moline, has been appointed. Her remit is to look after the girls when they are sick and also to improve the health education throughout the school, particularly with regard to women's issues. She is an ex NGSS student.

The Female Staff House was completed in time for the start of the new school year in February. Three teachers, including the school nurse, are living in it.

The Bags of Basics Campaign is now complete, with all girls at NGSS receiving a bag of basic necessities which contained toilet paper, sanitary towels, vaseline, body soap, clothes washing soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, exercise books, a biro and some colouring pencils.

The sponsorship programme at NGSS has shown more people interested in supporting individual girls and at the end of March the number of sponsored girls had grown to 22.

We have supported Justine, the acting headmistress of NGSS, to do a specific degree course which will allow her to be considered for a full time appointment to head the school.

The Dental Unit at Nyakatare Health Centre is now up and running, thanks to generous support from Medical Missionary News and also Dentaid. Elia Muchaina has been appointed to the position of dentist. He is a trained Public Dental Officer, very keen to deliver oral health education at both clinic and outreach levels. We handed over a donation of toothpaste and toothbrushes from the Laburnum Dental Clinic in Handforth.

At Nyakatare Health Centre we donated numerous baby clothes to be given out to new mothers and babies.

We continued with our medical assistance for the young man with the growth on his face. Unfortunately it proved to be an aggressive terminal cancer and he passed away in July.

We were able to offer some food and clothing to the Congolese refugees who had crossed the border into Kanungu District to escape fighting in the Congo.

### *Fundraising*

Oliver Ramsden- sponsored half marathon

Esther Wood- sponsored half marathon

Big Band Concert by 'Fish Lip Soup' in St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow

Kath Smith – Tombola

Cake Stall - Party in the Park - Lothersdale

'Christmas by Candlelight' in Christchurch, Lothersdale

Lothersdale Lent lunches

Fundraising by Jessica Leigh for the Bags of Basics Campaign- cake stall, coffee morning and presentation, fun run at school, guide presentation.

Presentation to Cheadle Rotary – Clare Ramsden

### *Newsletters and raising awareness*

Two newsletters have been distributed to supporters and interested parties this year – Summer and November.

Articles in St Bartholomew's Parish Magazine and also Wilmslow Express.

## **Financial Review**

*Charity's policy on reserves*

We have invested £30,000 to help provide a regular on-going income to support 10 girls at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School.

### **Further Financial review details**

#### *Principal sources of funds*

Reserve investment

Donation from the Linden Trust

Donation from FG Trust

Donation from St James Place Foundation

Donation from Medical Missionary News

Provision of reconditioned dental unit from Dentaaid

Private donations

Various fundraising activities in the UK

Sale of DVD to provide funds for mosquito nets for new girls at NGSS

Regular monthly giving from individuals for general funds has increased, due to raised awareness of the charity and its needs.

Private sponsorship for 12 girls at NGSS

#### *How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.*

Continued and increased number of girls being sponsored for their education at NGSS

Helping the needy and sick

Food and care for the hungry and needy children at RMNS

Improving buildings and facilities at both NGSS and RMNS.

