

The Mary Wood Trust

Annual Report- 2015-2016

Charity Name

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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 held three meetings this 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, and communications with our contacts in Kanungu.

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

It is our hope that at least one trustee will visit 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, the children at Ruth Memorial Nursery School, a number of sponsored girls who have gone on to University and also the dental Clinic at Nyakatare Health Centre.

Activities and Objectives

Activities over the past year

Ruth Memorial Nursery School in Kihiihi continues to provide basic primary education for up to 70 young children, aged 2 to 11 years, under the directorship of its founder, Ephraim Tumwesigye. Thanks to a generous private donation, we are able to provide daily porridge to these disadvantaged children (many of whom are AIDS orphans and being cared for by the extended family) ensuring that they have at least one meal a day.

We have been given and have distributed polo shirts for all the children at the nursery school. and also provided sport's shorts. The desks we have donated in the past are being well used and we are able to continue to provide much needed stationery for pupils and teachers alike.

We have given out several footballs and two skipping ropes.

We have rebuilt the security wall at the back and put in a door to allow for fire access.

At Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School we have been able to fulfil our promise to provide mosquito nets for all the new entrants to the school.

We continue to sponsor 25 girls at the school. They are chosen based on most need rather than academic ability.

The Sick Bay is working well. Moline, the school nurse, left to pursue her career and was replaced by another nurse- an ex NGSS student.

The Female Staff House- Mary Hall- is providing much needed accommodation for four female staff- with the possibility of being able to accommodate more on a sharing basis if necessary.

We have bought a new generator for the school, to replace the out of date broken one. This now allows the girls to study at night when there is no regular power supply.

The new headteacher, Mrs Allen Aassimwe, appears to have settled well into her role. The pupils and staff like her, she is a good communicator and tries her best to keep us up to date with what is happening at NGSS.

The difficult water situation at the school seems to now be much improved, with the installation of two rain water collection tanks. This was part of a water upgrade scheme designed by WATSAN (a UK water and sanitation charity). We contributed £7000 towards this scheme, which also provided the installation of more latrines, shower block, eco toilet and health and sanitation education.

We have joined with the PTA to provide a dining shelter, where the girls can eat their meals under cover when it rains. The facility can also be used for other occasions when people gather together.

We have provided toothpaste and toothbrushes for all pupils at the school and set up a Samaritan Fund to help provide funds for those girls who cannot afford the necessities that they need at the start of each term.

The Dental Unit at Nyakatare Health Centre in Kanungu, under the care of the dentist, Elia Muchaina, continues to provide both dental treatment and oral health education to the local community and to some far outreaching villages. Our provision of a portable dental chair, designed by Dentaaid, with a donation from Medical Missionary News, means that the treatment can be taken out to the people, where the need is greatest and the people the poorest and least accessible.

We also bought a new regulator and an ultra sound machine for the dental clinic, with these same MMN donated funds.

We were able to distribute donated toothbrushes to the dental unit and donated baby clothes to the maternity unit.

We have been able to offer support to some of our ex NGSS students, Florence Kamusiime, post university degree, is undertaking training for qualifications as a Certified Public Accountant as well as working at Uganda Wildlife Authority. 4 ex NGSS girls are now studying at Kabale University, again through the generous donation of a supporter.

Fundraising

Cake Stall - Party in the Park – Lothersdale

Lent Lunches - Lothersdale

Presentation to Leeds Tuesday Lunch Club

Selling on E bay

Newsletters and raising awareness

Our newsletter this year was distributed in the autumn.

Article in St Bartholomew's Parish Magazine

Financial Review

Charity's policy on reserves

We have £30,000 invested 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

Bequest- £10000

Linden Trust Donation - £5000

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

Private sponsorship for 15 girls at NGSS.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

We are providing sponsorship for 25 girls at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School, all of whom come from needy backgrounds. Ensuring that they have a good secondary education and therefore a good start in life.

The provision of good water and light are essential for the good health of these girls. And the sick bay and nurse ensure that the girls are being educated and medically cared for.

Helping to update the buildings at NGSS and RMNS are all part of providing a safe and healthy environment for the young people to learn in.

Where we have been able to offer support to girls after studying at NGSS, we believe that we are giving them a further step up the educational ladder, which will eventually benefit their families and also the wider community.