

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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COMPUTER TRAINING BEGINS



The Information, Communication and Technology Centre is up and running! 34 computers and a projector were set up as soon as they arrived so that the training could begin, with teachers from Musoto Christian School (MCS) becoming the first beneficiaries when they attended a typing lesson.



This drone photo of the ICT Centre shows its perfect location next to Musoto Christian School (MCS).



A beautiful new sign has now been erected outside MCS advertising the new ICT Centre.

ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

We are delighted to report that the Administration Centre at the new Secondary School has been completed, celebrated during a ceremony in early August attended by our Chairman Hefin Rees KC.

This important building at the new Secondary School will house the offices of the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher, Dean of Studies, Bursar, School Secretary, and a Staff Room for all the Teachers.



Spotlight is run entirely by volunteers, so over 95p of every £1 you donate goes directly to our projects in Uganda.

With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

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SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

You may remember that in our last newsletter we told you about the volunteer student architects that had travelled from the UK to help build a playground at Musoto Christian School (MCS). It was designed by CAUKIN Studio, whose architects also went over to supervise and help with the construction. We're pleased to report that it has also been completed, to the absolute delight of pupils at the school who wasted no time in having a go on all the activities.



The aerial photograph below shows the playground during its construction with the volunteers and local community members all working together on its build.



We are always looking for
new volunteers
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But it wasn't all work, work, work. The volunteers also immersed themselves in various community activities playing a football match, attending a church service and learning how to make chapatis!



HEFIN VISITS UGANDA

This month our Chairman Hefin Rees KC visited our projects in Uganda. He met with the senior officials at the Ministry of Health in Kampala (including the Permanent Secretary, Dr Diana Atwine) to discuss our health projects and how they can benefit Uganda. Our Maternity Centre, which we opened last year, was the key item of discussion as we seek to make it a national Centre of Excellence in maternity care within Uganda.



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3RD PLACE IN PHOTO COMPETITION

We're absolutely thrilled to learn that we've won third place in this year's Big Give's UK National Photo Competition with two photos taken by our new trustee, Philip Lee Harvey.

We were given the award as the 'photos not only capture the beauty of happiness but also highlight the positive impact that the charity is making on local communities'.

The winning images were of a mother and her newborn infant who was safely delivered at our maternity centre; and Sylvia, who was attacked and left for dead by her husband but through our income generation project has learnt how to grow and sell lemons to support her family.



<https://biggive.org/photo-challenge-winners/>

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Our Chairman discussing the Maternity Centre in the office of Dr Diana Atwine, the Permanent Secretary at the Ugandan Ministry of Health.



And at a meeting in Kampala with our Ugandan Patron, Emeritus Chief Justice Bart Katureebe who was presented with our new brochure and a photo of the Opening Ceremony of the Maternity Centre last year which he attended.



SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Over 70 supporters and Spotlight volunteers enjoyed a sunny Sunday afternoon Garden Tea Party in the beautiful grounds of Sarah and Mark Vicker's home in Harpenden this month.



There was a traditional English cream tea alongside a delicious spread of cakes, with African rhythms of 20 djembe drums from Damilare and Tosin Adenayo's drumming workshop. There was also face painting for the children and raffle prizes for the adults.



We raised just under £1500 which will go towards a set of small tables and chairs for the pre-school children at MCS, protective outfits for the beekeepers at our Bee Project, and uniforms for the pupils of MCS that attend the Scout group. Warmest thanks to everyone that made it such a successful event!



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