

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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COVID EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPEAL



Last month we launched a Covid-19 Emergency Appeal to help support vulnerable children and their families throughout the lockdown in Uganda; families and children that without the appeal, could have gone for days without eating. But thanks to your donations, we have been able to set up an emergency food distribution point at Musoto Christian School whilst it remains closed. Food packages that will last for 42 days were given to all 120 orphans and vulnerable children on our OVC programme and another 97 children outside Musoto that the Mbale COVID-19 task force identified and asked Spotlight on Africa to help.



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

With Gift Aid, this increases to over £1.21!

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COVID Emergency Response Appeal

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The children and their family members were also given facemasks to help protect them from contracting COVID-19. Many of them were completely overwhelmed by this simple gift, after receiving the food packages, as it showed them that they will not have to struggle alone and that there are people who care and want to help and support them in their desperate need.

This is an ongoing appeal and donations are still very welcome if you are able to help.

<https://tinyurl.com/covidemergency>



Carpentry Stories

With Uganda in lockdown, Musoto Christian School remains temporarily closed. So Norbert and Jolly (just 9 years old) decided to utilise the time learning a new skill that will help them earn a living and feed their families in the future. Welcome to our 2 newest apprentices!



Julius, who is 26 years old and one of our very first graduates, has developed a business recycling plywood boxes into beehives for the communities around Mbale. He told our volunteers that “the carpentry training and the tools that came from the UK in a container have helped me to feel financially stable and I can now save for my marriage”.



And this is Denis, another of our graduates with a success story. He recently won a contract to make 30 children's desks for a local nursery. Congratulations Denis!



Spotlight Eggs

We're all well aware of the amazing people that look after rescue dogs or cats, but what about hens?! Sarah, one of our fabulous supporters, rescues battery hens that were destined for culling after they failed to fulfil their egg quota. She lovingly nurtures them back to full health, at which point they are able to start producing eggs again. After learning about our Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programme, Sarah decided to donate the money from these egg sales to HSoA to support our work. We're so thankful to Sarah for her fundraising initiative and ongoing donations.



We are always looking for new volunteers
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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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OUR 2021 ABSEIL FUNDRAISING EXTRAVAGANZA!

ABSEIL DOWN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TOWER
AND HELP RAISE MONEY TO BRING OUR
NEW MATERNITY CLINIC TO FRUITION

When: Saturday 16th October 2021 (10:00 – 16:00 hrs)
Where: St Nicholas Church, Church Green, Harpenden AL5 2TP
Whom: Open to individuals or teams (32 spaces available)
How: With a minimum individual sponsorship of £500 the cost of the Abseil is met



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GARDEN TEA PARTY

It's been a long time since we've been able to hold a fundraising event, but what a great way to start back up again with our first ever garden tea party! The African themed event included drumming from Damilare and his family, face painting, a raffle, auction and lots of cakes and scones!



We were blessed with the weather, which helped create a lively atmosphere of 70+ people. Thank you to everyone who attended the tea party, all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly before and on the day, the bakers who made cakes or scones, and anyone who donated a prize. But a special thank you of course goes to Mark and Sarah Vickers who hosted this special day in their beautiful garden. So far the event has raised £2250 which is just amazing.

