

SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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PHIL'S STORIES FROM UGANDA

Philip Lee Harvey is an award-winning Film Maker and Photographer and Spotlight on Africa Trustee. He has been on several self-funded trips to Uganda to visit our projects and taken incredible footage for us to share with you. In this newsletter, he shares some of the personal stories of the people he met there.

'I had been told about Sylvia and how her life had almost ended when she had been savagely attacked and left for dead by her husband. But nothing could prepare me for her warm heart and contagious smile, although I know her scars are much deeper than they look. Spotlight's horticulturalist, Sam Ejibu, has been teaching Sylvia how to grow lemons, not only for her family, but also to sell at the market. I made a short film to tell her story called, "When Life Gives You Lemons" which you can watch here'

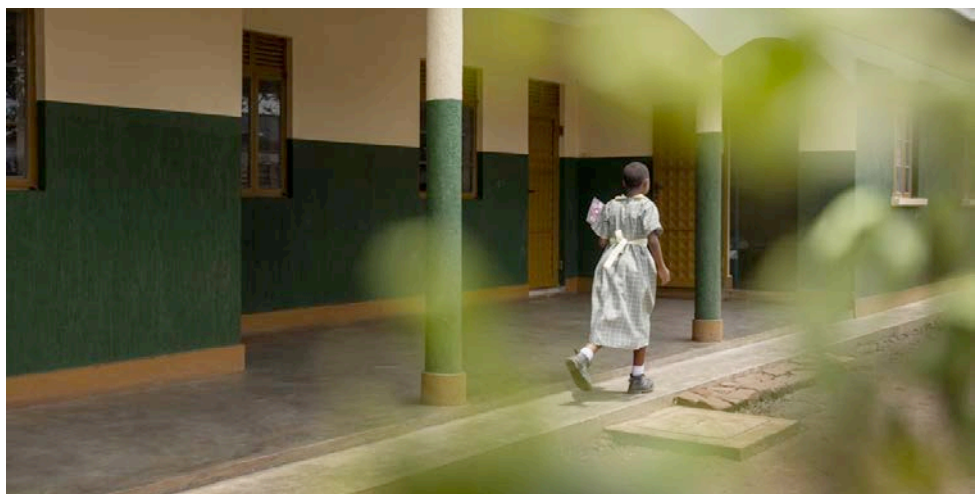
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'As a film maker, I'm always looking for powerful yet heartfelt stories. Head of Spotlight's carpentry workshop, Walter, has taken on a new apprentice, Sande. Although Sande can neither hear nor speak, that doesn't mean he can't communicate. The two of them showed an amazing bond and according to Walter, Sande is one of his most capable carpenters'.

'The new girls' dormitory at the Musoto Christian School is life changing. They now have a safe place to make their home when the day ends. In my film we asked this young student to be



Walter and Sande



our actress and without any on camera experience, she shined like a pro... her classmates couldn't believe what they were seeing'.

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Phil's Stories Continued

'I was asked to look at a new incentive about bee keeping in a local village. I had no idea the importance they could make to the local community through their ability to pollinate new plants such as mangos. I also learnt that if bees are angry, they try to sting anyone wearing white, thinking it's the beekeeper that disturbed them; lesson learnt!'



Volunteer With Us

Would you like to help us transform these communities?

Our Events Team are looking for new volunteers to help out at local community events such as the Harpenden Carnival, Highland Gathering and Christmas Carnival. No prior experience is needed, just boundless enthusiasm. For more information, please contact Hilary Hollick on

hj.hollick@gmail.com

Save the Date!

We're hosting a

Garden Tea Party

and we'd love to see you there

13th August 2pm-6pm

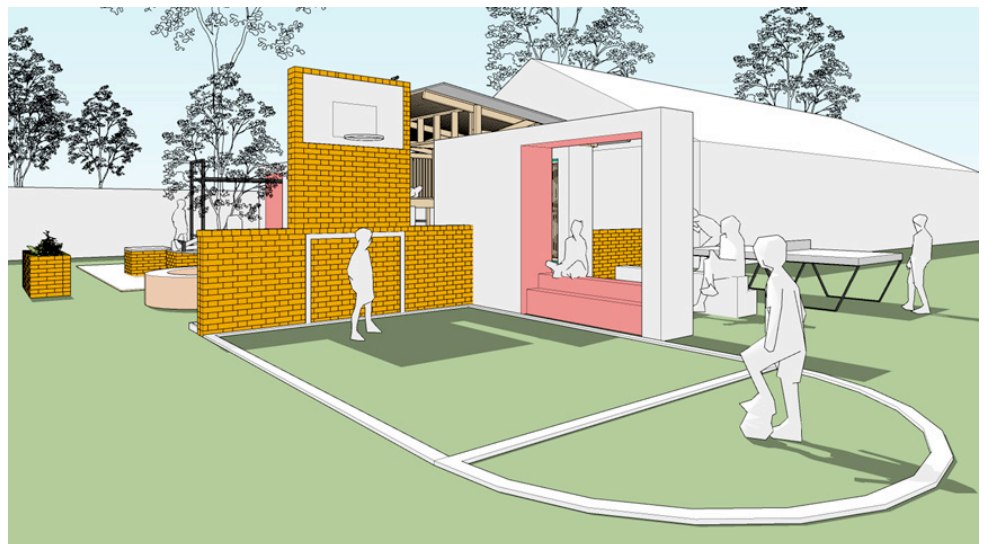
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SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

CAUKIN Studio (who designed the Maternity Centre and Secondary School) will be returning to Uganda again this summer for our NEW project - a playground at Musoto Christian School (MCS). During this visit they will not only be overseeing their design, but also building it! They will be joined by 20 international students from architecture and engineering schools, who will work alongside local community members.

The design of the playground is particularly special, as pupils at MCS Primary School were included in the process having been asked what their dream playground would include during

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School Playground continued

a design workshop with CAUKIN Studio. These aspirations were then incorporated into the final playground design which includes slides, swings, areas to play ball games, a mini gym and a covered space to provide shade in hot weather and shelter so the students can still enjoy the playground during wet weather.

The multi activity design will help the children develop key skills, test their creativity and build their confidence. It will be large enough for 30-40 students at any one time, a place where they can all learn through play.



BUILDING UPDATES

Construction work continues at all our sites, with excellent progress at the new IT Centre.



Great progress is also being made on the Administration Block for the new Secondary School, with the roof works expected to be finished next week.

And foundations have been completed on the Classroom Block. We will shortly be starting on the superstructure which, due to its size, will take about 4 months to complete.

To help with security, extra sturdy windows have been fitted on the ITC building and a Guard House is being built opposite the centre to provide 24/7 security when it opens. It will also include a small shop to sell drinks and food to adult learners who attend IT courses at the new centre.



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