



# Latest News

## Ted and Judi Fawcett visit projects in Uganda



As usual, a warm welcome from the schools and congregations was waiting for Ted and Judi when they flew out to see how the work in the schools has been progressing and, to assess the ongoing needs in terms of buildings and materials. The demand for new classrooms and dormitories is great and so, the necessity to raise larger sums of money to provide these is pressing. The girls' dormitory at St Matia Mulumba is part finished and the money to complete half of it, so it can begin to be used, is well on the way to being raised. However, with Judi experiencing teaching classes of 94 and 109 at St Kizito, one can see how important it is to have extra rooms so that children can be taught in smaller classes. The next months will see us begin to seek grants for these from trusts and foundations who support work in the developing world, as well as continue to fund raise in many other different ways.

### Father Boniface models his new EVC t-shirt!



### Light in the Darkness

Many families in Uganda have no electricity and night falls at around 7 p.m. each evening. This means that day pupils often have difficulty completing homework. Recently, EVC was given money to buy a number of small solar powered LED lights, which are now being trialled for three months in family homes and at St Matia Mulumba School. Feedback will be gathered on their effectiveness and, if they prove successful, we will fundraise to provide more. Lights cost around £5, last between 3 - 5 years and give 3 - 4 hours light when charged.



## Daily Life for our Sponsored Children

Meet Irene, eight years old and a pupil in Primary 1 at St Kizito.



What's a school day like for her?

6.30 a.m. Wake up

7a.m. Lessons begin - Maths

8.00 a.m. Break

8.30 a.m. Assembly

9.30 a.m. Lessons - English

10.30 a.m. Break time and a breakfast of porridge.

11 a.m. Lessons - Reading and Lugandan

1 p.m. Lunch of posho and beans

2 p.m. Lessons - R.E and Social Studies

4 p.m. Adoration prayers

4.30 p.m. Cleaning the compound, after school activities such as music, dancing and art and craft, sport on some days and bathing.

6 p.m. Evening prayers

6.30 p.m. Supper

7.30 p.m. Free time

8 p.m. Prep

10 p.m. Lights out

**We're very grateful for the success of two church appeals held in early September, which raised in excess of £2,000.**

## Three Brothers go to School for the First Time

Mmande, Kakooza and Moses come from Father Boniface's home parish. They are the children of their father's second marriage and have another brother, Sunday, who does not yet go to school. Their family is very poor and, in a recent rain storm, their family home fell down.



Behind them in the picture is the rubble of their old home and, the part built walls of their new house, which their uncle is helping to fund. The boys have been in school for two terms and had not been back home in the holidays because their parents had no money to fetch them. On Ted and Judi's recent visit they were able to take them to see their parents - a great surprise for them and lots of excitement from the boys. Their parents could see the tremendous change which has taken place in just a short time. Mmande, the youngest, could not speak when he first went to school. Now he speaks full sentences in Lugandan and also some English phrases. It was encouraging to see his independence and the confidence he shows in carrying out daily tasks around school. Please pray that we will soon find a sponsor for Sunday, so that he can join his brothers in school.

## EVC Happenings



**Our EVC Vice-Chairman celebrates 26.2 miles run in the Prague Marathon.**

As we reported in our last newsletter, our intrepid volunteers suffered the agony of half and full marathons and, a small matter of a 97 mile walk, in order to raise funds for EVC projects. A magnificent £2,500 was raised. Thank you to all who supported them through sponsorship, encouragement and prayer.

**Gift Aid is now 'up and running' thanks to all the hard work of our Gift Aid Secretary, Mia Fox. The first claim to HMRC brought back almost £3,000. If you are able to register for Gift Aid and haven't done so, please contact us.**