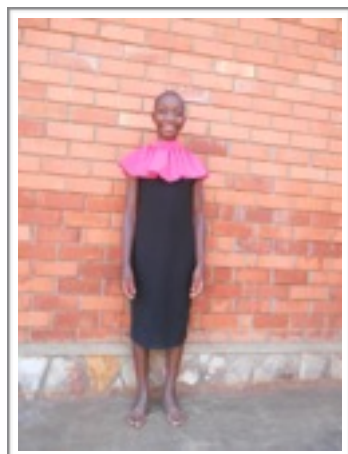




Latest News

EVC Awards Its First Bursary



Meet Catherine, just 15 years old and excited that last January, at the beginning of the new academic year, she was able to realise her dream of continuing in education and, of hopefully, eventually realising her dream of becoming a doctor.

Having achieved the highest grades ever awarded to a student at St Kizito - 96% - 98% in all subjects, she was awarded a place at the prestigious St Thereza Bwanda Secondary School which also gave their own bursary to cover some of her fees. A sponsor was found here in the U.K. to cover the balance, but Catherine still needed funding for all her scholastic and personal needs.

So the Charity itself decided to award a further bursary which will pay for these. When Catherine wrote to apply for this she said, 'If I am assisted I will be very happy and promise to work hard and maintain my good performance.'

Hopefully, Catherine's achievements will be an inspiration to other children to strive for such good results, so that they too will have the opportunity of a better future.

Girls' Dormitory at St Matia Mulumba Nears Completion



As many of you will know our major building project this year has been to complete a girls' dormitory at St Matia Mulumba Primary School. It's great to see that the roof is now on and that work has started on finishing the inside of the building - electrics, plastering and other internal jobs. Once this is completed, the last tranche of money will be sent to equip the building, and Ted and Judi Fawcett are looking forward to seeing how close to 'the finishing line' we are when they visit in June.

The extra capacity the dormitory will give the school for sponsored children will be welcome, especially as, in April alone, EVC has seen the number of sponsorships rise by 15, due to three very successful church appeals held recently. Our thanks to all those who contributed so generously at each of these. Extra to sponsorships, just over £3,000 in cash was raised.

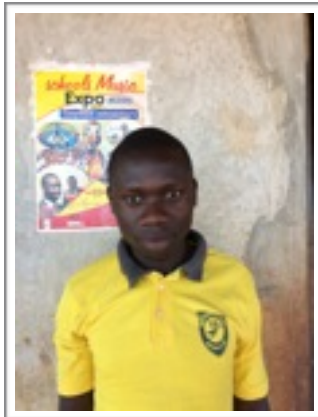
Save the Date!

The evening of Saturday 23rd September is the date set aside for our 'Autumn Festival'. Put the date in your diary and come along to meet Father Boniface, who we expect to be in the U.K. during September, as well as other members of the EVC family. Further details later.



Get to knowNnume Paul

Recently Ramon Monserrate, one of EVC's Trustees, together with Michael Clout, returned from a two week visit to the projects in Uganda. Whilst there they had the opportunity to sit down with Paul, who teaches Science and P.E. at St Matia Mulumba Primary School. Here he shares with us what inspires him, as well as his interests outside the classroom - including his enjoyment of refereeing football games!



How long have you been a teacher?

For two years. After graduating from college I went straight into teaching.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

It was my dream to be a teacher. It was something I liked very much from a young age and I did not need any forcing to do it.

What do you enjoy about your job?

Helping to develop the children I teach. I like the school and also my fellow staff members. I also enjoy seeing the children succeed when they study. Our vision and expectation is that they can become good, reliable citizens for our country.

Who do you teach?

I teach Primary 5 and Primary 7 children.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy listening to music and watching movies. I also like football - my favourite team is Chelsea. We are planning to organise a football team here at St Matia Mulumba, but first need to look for more facilities. I also enjoy being the referee for football games at the school - I try my best always to be fair.

Favourite food?

(Chuckle) - Rice and chicken.

Thank you Paul for spending some time with us.

Thank you for all the work that EVC and the donors in the U.K. have done for us - God Bless you!

House to House Collections



The first two weeks of April saw our Chairman, Ted Fawcett, walking the streets of Bedford as he carried out a 'house to house' collection on behalf of EVC. Thank you to all those in the local community who gave so generously. Over £1,000 was raised, which will be used to sponsor two children in their education.

Raising Awareness



On a sunny day in March, the University Catholic Society, based at Bede House Catholic Chaplaincy in Newcastle, ran a Photo Competition to raise awareness of EVC within the university. Alongside the usual information on the stall outside the Student Union, was something unusual an Instagram frame! Many students and staff had their photos taken using the frame. Others found innovative and creative ways of forming the letters 'EVC'. The photos were uploaded to social media and hashtagged #evcuganda. Later that evening there was a small event at Bede House, where some authentic African food was shared and the EVC video was shown. An EVC hand print banner was also created. There were, naturally, some prizes for the best photos, which you can view on Instagram and Facebook by searching for #evcuganda.

Raising awareness of EVC's work, is something the Charity sees as very important. Last term Judi Fawcett took an assembly at St Gregory's Catholic Middle School in Bedford and returned in April to take a two hour workshop with their School Council. They compared life in Uganda with life here, looking at food, homes, schools, animals and the general way of life. There was time to learn a little of the Lugandan language as well as sing a Ugandan welcome song. The children are planning to write to some of the children in Uganda and it's hoped, that when Ted and Judi are visiting, a Skype session can be organised so the children from both countries have the opportunity to interact.

Providing Light in the Darkness



Thank you to the men's group of All Saints Church, Riseley, who during January this year, raised over £1,200 through sponsored beard growing by Dudley Ferdinando, Bill Wallis and Keith Williams. The money was raised to pay for solar lights, which will be provided to children so they can study in the evenings and to families, who live in an area where there is no electricity and there is fear and superstition about darkness.