



# Latest News

**‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight’ Proverbs 3 : 5 & 6 NIV**

In July, our governance visit to the projects in Uganda, saw the much awaited opening of the new Nursery department at St Matia Mulumba Primary School.



The building is light and airy, with five classrooms, offices and a small dining room. There is also a large sandy play area with swings and a roundabout and, the outside walls are decorated with bright coloured murals. Many times on the visit, it was stated that no other school has such a Nursery department.

After the ribbon was cut by Roger Nicklen, who generously funded the project, the building was blessed by Father Michael Kamulegeya, the Diocesan Education Secretary and afterwards, he led a Mass for the children, parents, teachers and other visitors.



Following this, there was entertainment and speeches and, donations were collected towards the next building project at the school - a much needed kitchen and dining room. Most of the funding for this has been promised, with the school needing to raise the last £10,000, something the Headteacher is confident they will be able to do before the end of the build.



Of course the celebrations ended with food for everyone, something thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

## School Donates to EVC Uganda



On 7th July 2025, Maidwell Hall Primary School in Northamptonshire, closed. In a parting gesture, they donated school equipment to EVC. This will be extremely valuable to our schools in Uganda and, will be put to immediate use.

They school donated two complete sets of football kit, a hundred simple English reading books, calculators, pens, pencils stationery and teaching aids. This coincided with the recent visit by our Trustees to Uganda, who took a large proportion of the items as hold luggage.

The photo shows the St Matia Mulumba Primary School footballers, proudly wearing their new strip. If you are involved in a school in the UK and would like to support our Ugandan schools, please get in touch. There is so much we take for granted, which they lack.

## EVC Mailbox and Gift Register

### EVC Gift register - Background

When we formed the charity in 2014, sponsors packaged up presents for their children and posted them to Uganda for birthdays, Christmas and Easter. This became very expensive, with for example, the value of a present being £20, but postage to Uganda, being in excess of this. Some packages took over 3 months to arrive and, some did not arrive at all.

### How to use EVC Gift Register

We took the decision in 2022, to start up the EVC Gift Register and, would like to remind everyone of the procedure.

1. Donate a sum of money into our EVC UK bank account, Account Name EVC Uganda, Account Number 73654214, Sort Code 20 05 74 and leave a short reference.
2. Send an email to [giftregister@evcuganda.org](mailto:giftregister@evcuganda.org) and tell us how much you donated, the name of your sponsored child and any preference for a present.
3. We will log this information on our spreadsheet and send you an acknowledgement.
4. You can email us any time and we can track where your money is located, what has been bought and, what money remains on balance for future purchases.
5. When purchases have been made, we will try to send you a photo of your child with the presents received from you.

If you donate money into our bank, but don't send an email to [giftregister@evcuganda.org](mailto:giftregister@evcuganda.org) we find it very difficult to record and track your donation and send photos to you.

### How Gift Purchases for your Child work in Uganda

Where your child lives in Uganda there are no tarmac roads. Local villages have a few tin shacks selling meat and vegetables. To do shopping, our staff team need to travel about an hour to the nearest large town, travelling on rough dirt track roads by motor cycle taxi, or make the journey to the capital city Kampala, a journey of 4-5 hours by car. They may do bulk shopping trips once a month.

When the successful shoppers return to our base, it may take some time before they see your child. Your child may be in a distant school and, delivery of your presents may have to wait until the end of a school term, when your child returns home.

£10 to £30 is a reasonable amount for a gift. If you want to donate more, we can keep it on account for later purchases or, as in some cases, sponsors wish to give something to the family of the child they support, often a pig, a goat or chickens, which enable the family to gain an income.

Due to the logistics involved, we would advise you to allow **3 months from your donation date to your child getting their presents**. For example, please **donate in September for Christmas and January for Easter**.

### EVC Mailbox

In addition to children's handwritten letters posted back from Uganda, you can email a letter to your sponsored child at any time, by sending it to [mailbox@evcuganda.org](mailto:mailbox@evcuganda.org). Please do not include any of your personal contact details. Our Ugandan team will print your letter and deliver it. In response, your child can also write a letter to you. It will be scanned in Uganda and emailed to you

Finally, please email us with your comments or suggestions on our Mailbox or Gift Register addresses. We will be delighted to discuss things and can always improve our ways of working.

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