



Latest News

'Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!' Revelation 5 : 12 NIV

EVC Uganda Celebrates Its 10 Year Anniversary



On 6th December, current and former EVC children, EVC staff, teachers, the EVC Ugandan Committee, parents and guardians, clergy and other invited guests, all met together to celebrate 10 years since EVC was formed. The celebration was held at St Matia Mulumba Primary School and Father Michael Kamulegeya, the Diocesan Education Secretary, led the celebrations with Mass. This was followed by speeches, one given by Brenda Nambatya, a former EVC student, who completed her bachelor's degree in Business Management, specialising in accounting, last year. She spoke to the students about making education their first priority and that, despite the challenges they may face, they should use this chance offered by EVC to study, so they can have a better life in future.

There was entertainment by the children and, of course, food. A cake was cut, which everyone enjoyed and, a collection was taken, which St Matia Mulumba School plans to use towards putting in pipe work to connect the school to the government water supply. The school's plan is to buy this water, when water from the water pump and rainwater harvesting tanks, is insufficient for the school's needs.

One of our EVC students, Angella Merici Nalumu, wrote, ' I am so thankful to the EVC organisation that is working hand in hand, to make our school shine and us children get access to education, in order to succeed in future'.

Update on the Construction of the New Nursery

Building works are going well on the new Nursery for St Matia Mulumba Primary School.

The roof has been fitted and work is almost complete on internal floors and finishes. Completion date for the building is on plan for February 2025.

Work has started on the toilet block and, the building will be fully kitted out with rainwater collection tanks and solar panels.

Children and teachers are looking forward to moving into these new purpose-built facilities and, at long last, having adequate space for nursery teaching and external playground equipment.



The Nursery is situated adjacent to the main road and will be fully enclosed and secure. It will also be a great advertisement for the primary school and, the teachers are planning bright and attractive wall murals, to attract the attention of those passing by.

When finished, St Matia Mulumba Primary School will have one of the best pre-schools in the Diocese, if not the country.

We are still in need of nursery equipment, teaching aids and early learning books. If you would like to contribute or fundraise for this, please get in touch with us through the website, or email us direct at the email address on this letter.

Rainfall and Floods

As we highlighted in a previous Newsletter, in the area in which we operate, there is a constant and ongoing struggle to cope with tropical storms, torrential rainfall and flash flooding.

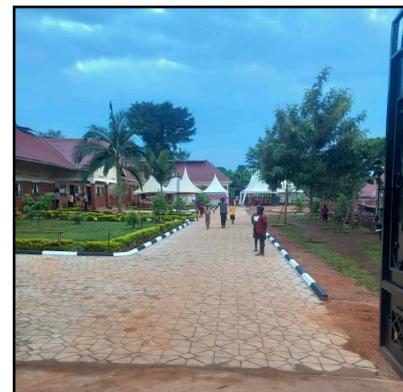
When it rains, the ground becomes saturated very quickly and, most roads become almost impassable. Four-wheel drives are the only vehicles which can operate efficiently in these conditions and even these, at times, get stuck.

Forecourts and paths in the grounds of St Matia Mulumba Primary School often descend into two or three inches of dark red mud. Children walk through this mud between classrooms and slips, slides and falls are commonplace.

The school needed substantial paving to provide safe and clean hard standing areas. EVC first started to instal this in the yards behind the boys' and girls' dormitories, and this has made a significant improvement to the dryness and cleanliness of these buildings.

We are delighted to say that we have now begun a major project of paving the school's main forecourt and interconnecting walkways. Work will be completed on all the paving by the end of this year.

The school will then be able to lay out neat and tidy pathways, small gardens and green areas, to enhance the school campus and, provide a clean, calm and pleasant environment for study and accommodation.



Call for Volunteers

EVC Uganda is now a very successful charity and, in 10 years, we have gone from sponsoring 26 children to currently having around 450 in school. We have been instrumental in the establishment of a brand new primary school at St Matia Mulumba and ensure that, after primary education, our children are managed through excellent secondary schools and vocational institutions. A number of our students have progressed on to university education and are now engaged in fulfilling careers.

As you can imagine, as our charity grows, we have an ever-increasing workload. Could you spare a few hours to help us with tasks such as :

- Managing children's and sponsors' letters
- Managing our Gift Register for presents to the children
- Record keeping
- Maintaining a photo library
- Website and social media development
- Marketing and fundraising
- Appeals in churches
- Sending out information to sponsors and donors
- Education and teacher liaison

We can use help, even if it's only a few hours a month. Perhaps you have children or grandchildren who would like some work experience. Nowadays, in this modern IT age, much work can take place remotely. No prior skills are necessary - we will provide training and supervision. Lastly, you will have an opportunity to liaise with our wonderful staff in Uganda, who are a joy to work with.

We can guarantee that, if you join us, you will have an uplifting and rewarding experience. Please contact Judi Fawcett on, info@evcuganda.org or phone 01234 838134 if you are interested.

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