



Latest News

'For what you have done, I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.' Psalm 52 : 9 NIV

Work Begins on a new Nursery Department



Through the large and generous donation we mentioned in our last Newsletter, construction has now started on the new Nursery building for 100 pre-school children at St Matia Mulumba Primary School, the smaller of the two primary schools used by EVC Uganda.

The site has been levelled, the foundations for the new part of the building have been completed and the walls to roof level have been built. The old nursery building will be incorporated into the new building. Currently, its roof has been removed and work to bring the height of the walls to that of the new part is taking place.

Once these walls reach the same height as those of the new construction, roofing will begin. The plan is to complete the building ready for the beginning of the new school year in February 2025.

In total, the finished facility will have five classrooms and a small kitchen and dining room. It's compound will be totally secure and the classrooms and playgrounds will give the children the much needed space children of this age - 3 to 6 years - should experience.

Recently, the Ugandan Government has said that all children in Uganda should receive education in Nursery School. It is therefore anticipated that there could be an even greater demand for places, and, should it be necessary, further classrooms can be added to this new facility.

Once the building is finished, we will be looking to equip it with all the learning materials and play equipment the children and teachers will need, in order to provide a first class start to education for children who would not normally receive such an opportunity.



New building joining with old nursery buildings

Can you help support EVC Children on their Sponsored Walk?

Imagine if your kitchen looked like this and you had to produce three meals each day for around 200 people.

This is the situation at St Matia Mulumba Primary School, where 197 of our sponsored children currently study. Food is cooked outside on open fires under an awning and, pots of hot food and boiling water, balanced on wood fires, make for an unsafe environment. With no purpose built dining room, the children sit on the school verandah, or in classrooms, to eat their meals.



Plans have been drawn up for a purpose built kitchen and dining room for the children to use, but funds for this are currently only partly available.

Fifteen students from the school, both boys and girls, ranging in age from 9 - 15, decided that they wanted to try to raise some funds towards the cost of these buildings.



They are planning to take part in a sponsored pilgrimage to the shrine at Namugongo in Kampala, which commemorates the martyrdom of 45 Christians who, in the 19th Century, were killed because they refused to renounce their faith.

Together with four staff, the children will set off from school on 28th May and walk for five days, covering a distance of 100 miles in total. To avoid the heat, they will walk at night and rest during the day, staying in different church parishes along the way. The plan is to reach Namugongo on 1st June and then have time to rest and visit the shrine, before taking part in a Mass to celebrate Martyrs' Day on 3rd June, together with thousands of other pilgrims from all parts of the world.

The students are seeking sponsorship in Uganda from among parents and friends of the school. Could you also support these children in this endeavour? If you would like to help, money can be donated via the Donate button on the EVC website or by sending a cheque to the address below. If you are donating, please could you indicate that your donation is for the sponsored pilgrimage. Thank you for all your help.

Finishing Off Work

Work is continuing at St Matia Mulumba to finish off any outstanding work on site. At present the towers at the entrance to the school are being worked on, in order to improve the look of the school for the children, other potential pupils and their families, and for other visitors.



EVC Uganda, Chapel Corner, 1 Church Road, Willington, Beds MK44 3QD
Tel : 01234 838134

email : info@evcuganda.org website : www.evcuganda.org

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda, Registered Charity Number : 1158189

