

Dear Friends

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

How can we best help every child in Namadhi Orphanage develop a career – not necessarily an academic one?

Bishop Elijah has been keen to explain how different life is in Uganda. If a child comes into the orphanage at 14, they may never have been to school. So they don't count age, they count how long each child has been in education. They don't think of educating a child until they are 18 and then sending them away – they help each child develop a career, not necessarily an academic one.

Because Uganda's corporate infrastructure is immature, the job market for university graduates is extremely small. For this reason, the Ugandan government is encouraging children to consider vocational school instead.

The hope is that vocational school graduates will build businesses around their trades, eventually becoming employers and so **grow** the economy.



Bishop Elijah says...

“Some of our children are training as nurses, midwives, doctors, teachers and construction workers etc., they will be employed in the two Orphanages, the Hospital and the Babies Home (just about to be

launched) and will help grow the work of Hands of Love. Because they are Godly, educated and disciplined their contribution will enable us to keep on developing.”

A Hands of Love career counsellor works closely with each child to develop a career path that is both fulfilling and realistic. Vocational courses range from 6 months to 3 years. Popular courses include driving, computing, teaching, nursery teaching, mechanics, counselling, electrical installations, tailoring, fashion design, hairdressing, catering, tourism and business administration, carpentry & joinery, building & brick laying. After graduation from vocational school, the child is fully equipped to pursue employment and will leave Hands of Love.

A University Student in UK is currently fundraising for the **VOCATIONAL TRAINING FUND** and we were recently given a £300 gift for vocational training from a Sponsor. If you would like to give to this fund contact our Treasurer, Richard Bailey rik.bailey@ntlworld.com
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Youth Unemployment Challenge in Uganda

Youth unemployment remains a serious policy

challenge in many sub-Saharan African countries, including Uganda. In 2013, youth (aged 15 to 24) in sub-Saharan Africa **were twice as likely to be unemployed** compared to any other age cohort.

For 2012, the Uganda Bureau of Statistics revealed that the share of unemployed youth (national definition, 18-30 years) among the total unemployed persons in the **country was 64 percent.**

GOOD NEWS!

This is the old Kindergarten Building from 2008



This is the new building, now with its Roof



What a contrast and what an encouragement to the Staff and blessing to our children!



You're all Supporting a Fantastic Cause that is making a measurable difference in the lives of many wonderful children. Thank You!

Hands of Love UK

Sponsorship costs £20 a month

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Destiny...

Contact:

sponsorship@handsoflove.org

Can you Sponsor a Child

Will you ask your friends and family if they can be a part of changing lives of children in Uganda?

It is one of the most rewarding things we can do.

Handover of Sponsorship Secretaryship -

Thankyou John & Elizabeth Fletcher!

Since 2013 John & Elizabeth have been faithful and hardworking Sponsorship Secretaries. For health reasons, John now feels that he can't continue and so the Sponsorship Secretary tasks have now been taken up by Barrie Jones & Justin Osmond.

Holiday Club Trip to Namadhi

Two families and a Grandma from Church of the Good Shepherd, Waterlooville plus another musical family are preparing for their visit to Namadhi in August to run a Holiday Club. The first half of their time will be spent with the senior children, training them up to help run the games and musical sessions with the young ones. Numbers have increased once more at the orphanage so having fun and giving the teachers a rest will be a big blessing.

Donations

Grateful thanks to Immanuel Church, Chichester and Holy Rood, Stubbington, Fareham, for their recent generous donations.

University of San Francisco Report on Uganda

(2013) Results showed sponsored children were 42% more likely to finish secondary education and 83% more likely to complete university. To change the world for one child it only costs £20 per month.