

Rwanda Aid

June 2016

Dear Friend

Having just returned from a month in Rwanda, writing the newsletter is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the fantastic people and projects that I was able to see.



I was delighted to visit Nzahaha Sector where Chris, one of the original mentees from Bweyeye, is now teaching. Chris has a fantastic understanding of what it means to deliver engaging, learner-centred lessons. It was wonderful to see him in action, inspiring these children to excel in maths. Even at 3pm on a hot Friday afternoon, he had all 54 students totally focussed and engaged: an amazing achievement for any teacher.



Alex, our Education Manager, hosted a 'Sports Ceremony' whereby 10 schools across Rusizi and Nyamasheke received sports equipment.



30 schools across these Districts have been supported by Rwanda Aid so far, benefiting in excess of 8000 children.



David and I visited Elizabeth, who many of you will know from Ngwino Nawe. Elizabeth is in her second year of Secondary School. She approaches life and the challenges that she faces with incredible maturity. She is an inspirational young lady who is always an absolute pleasure to see. One day I shall tell her that she was my inspiration to run the 2014 Kigali Half Marathon.



The Rwanda Aid team did a fantastic sponsored cycle from Nyamasheke Town to Kamembe. Hills, altitude and heat made it challenging for all, but team moral was incredibly high and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. We were delighted to have raised over £800: a huge thank you to everyone who donated.



Rwanda Aid welcomed several visitors to Munezero House in May and June. Paul, Deborah and Henry received particularly warm greetings from the residents of Nkombo Island, where we visited the Nursery school. The two classrooms being constructed there are almost ready for use and will help over 150 children aged 4-8 receive an 'Early Childhood Education'.



My husband John was delighted to show Rwanda Aid to his colleagues James and Nick, who are all teachers at Marlborough House School in Hawkhurst. John was impressed to see how far the teacher-mentor programme has progressed since 2013. The Street Children's Village showed their football talent and John, James and Nick coped well with the different terrain, climate and rules!



Manace is one of the latest boys to arrive at the Street Children's Village. He is 12 years old, but looks not a day over 8. He was made to work for his family and one day he lost his mother in the market. He then made his way to Kamembe.



If you would like to sponsor a child like Manace, or a child at Ngwino Nawe, our Disability Centre, please contact Emma, our Child Sponsorship Coordinator:

EmmaOgilvie@hotmail.com



Rwanda Aid Sponsored Walk: Sunday 26th June 2016

It is still not too late to sign up for the beautiful 5 or 10 mile walk from Fairlight Hall near Hastings! Please contact Deanne at dmthomas9@btinternet.com. Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation, please visit the Justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Karen-Mundy3>

CHARITY OF THE YEAR!

Rwanda Aid had the great honour of being selected as the 'Charity of the Year' for the South of England Agricultural Show. We had a fantastic 3 days promoting our work and raising money for the very needy corners of Rusizi and Nyamasheke. A big thank you to everyone who helped or visited our stall.



From everyone at Rwanda Aid, thank you all for your support and we wish you a wonderful summer full of sunshine!

Karen

Karen, David and the Rwanda Aid team