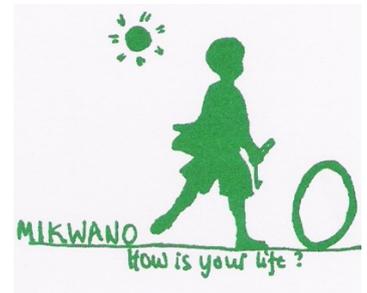


Mikwano Children's Trust - Uganda



Christmas Newsletter 2020

To all our donors,

Well, here we are again - at the end of a year that we couldn't possibly have anticipated. Whilst we in the UK were being almost overwhelmed, by either coronavirus itself or the restrictions caused by lockdown, our friends in Uganda were anxiously enquiring about how we were and how we were coping. Uganda seems not to have been as badly affected as Europe and the US - possibly because their government imposed an aggressive lockdown before they confirmed their first domestic case - or maybe because the limited capacity of the Ugandan health system means that many cases and deaths have gone unreported. Who knows? Whatever the cause of the low numbers, the effect of lockdown measures has hugely impacted on the economy and people's incomes.

We continue to support two main projects - Providence Home and Mukisa Foundation. Providence Home has about 80 children and a few elderly residents and, with your help, Mikwano has been able to support some children in education and given regular grants for food and medicines. Sadly, the wonderful Sister Angeline has now moved on to Kenya. We'll miss her energy and commitment - and of course it loosens the ties we have with Providence Home when we don't know the Sisters now running it. Mukisa has been branching out supporting disabled children and their parents, and have opened a new centre on an island on Lake Victoria. They do brilliant work with these children who are often hidden away in their society, providing a special needs teacher and physiotherapy.



As we haven't been to Uganda for nearly 3 years we don't have any new photos, but I thought I'd include a few random ones to remind ourselves that, however difficult 2020 has been for us, we take for granted the basic necessities of life. Thank you all, you are helping vulnerable children to keep well and improve their life chances.



Wishing you a happy Christmas and best wishes for a better 2021.

James, Maureen and Jenny

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