



Africa Greater Life Mission UK Newsletter

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Where are We Now?

This time last year there were 91 young people in the AGLMUK programme, 28 of whom were in primary school. There are now 81 in the programme, 23 of whom are in primary school. There are eight at university, 18 on vocational courses, 24 in high school and eight awaiting the next step. Those that are waiting might be there because of practical considerations such as the start date of an appropriate course but the wait is often associated with the fact that the appropriate course is much more expensive than school fees and the finance needs to be secured. Regular giving to AGLMUK has reduced as compared to the previous year and the total income was down by around 7.7%. The expenditure has only fallen by approximately 2.7% over the previous year – even though the number of children and young people being supported has reduced by almost 11%. The cost per person will increase as the average age of those being supported increases and the price of most things (including school fees) has risen quickly over the last year or so.

In Summary:

Commitment to 81 children and young people

Costs per person are rising quickly

AGLMUK income has fallen

and Where are We Heading?

The trustees had previously adopted a policy not to take into the programme anyone younger than the current youngest person. In view of the growing realisation that the ability to best support those currently within the programme might be prejudiced by introducing new commitments, it has been decided not to accept any new children or young people. This was tough decision but one we felt needed to be made.

There are still 23 primary school children in the programme and the intention is to see every last one of those through to independence (as well as the older ones). The “winding-down” is going to take many years yet and we are going to need lots of support to see these children through to adulthood.

In Summary.

Your support to-date has been amazing

Continued support is required to see through what has been started.



News of Some “Leavers and Trainees”

The route to independence is just about as varied as there are young people following it! Barry supports students as they wrestle with “what do I do next”.

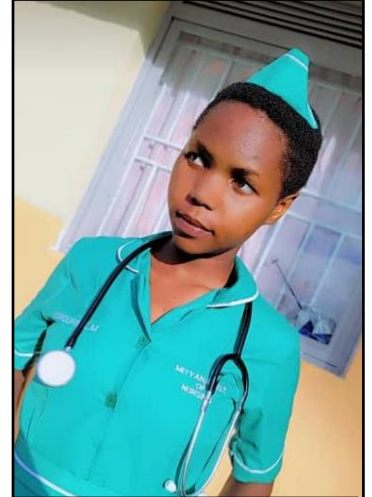


Sometimes it doesn't work out the first time and there needs to be a bit of an adjustment. Here are a few recent and varied examples.

Scovia wasn't very academic but she can now, after 2 years of training, make wonderful clothes – here modelled by herself and Joseline's daughter, Agape.



Galiwango Henry mechanic training



Mercy in her first year of training



Augustine showing Andy around his Organic Agriculture college near the start of his course – and as a proud graduate this year.



From Augustine to his sponsor

“It just takes a heart for people like you to help us that you don't know and had never met before. I really thank you so so much for the great work you have done in my life. I will always remember you in my lifetime. I love you all and your family....I wish you well”

Trustees Visit in 2024

The trustees are planning a visit to Wakiso in February 2024. Chris will be in touch with sponsors about sending gifts/letters.

Christmas Appeal

It has been possible over recent years to send extra money to Barry and Joseline so that they can buy something “extra” for those associated with the AGLMUK programme. Costs are so high at the moment that simply making sure that they have food is the first requirement. A bottle of soda might have to constitute the treat! If you would like to contribute then please get in touch by the end of November.

You are also able to purchase “alternative gifts” – a gift for someone in your circle that you think would like to see a child in Uganda blessed. Here is the link to the web site. https://www.aglmuk.org/?page_id=469



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