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BULABAKULU WEDDINGS

We have anticipated that we would one day see Joseline, the headteacher at Wakiso Children's School of Hope, get married. She is quite old, in Ugandan societal standards, to be unmarried. That day arrives in October and we are very pleased for her. The good news is that she and her husband will only be in Wakiso town and Joseline will not be leaving the school (at least, not for the time being). Those of us that know Joseline will be sending greetings and gift to her for the big day and we look forward to receiving some photographs.

The wedding that has already taken place is that of Henry, a long-standing resident of



Bulabakulu and leader of the village choir and traditional dance group. We were a little surprised when we heard the news but that is probably because we still think of Henry as a very tall boy. He is actually

in his mid twenties so not a boy at all. We don't know the bride but will look forward to meeting her. Henry is able to get some work teaching traditional dance at schools and AGLMUK has helped by providing a loan to buy traditional dance costumes that he can hire when he teaches. We have

also helped him gain skills in traditional drum repair and this is an additional source of income. Henry has been sponsored for several years now and it was a real thrill for his supporters to know of the happy event.

Progress on Boys' Dorm.

We really hope that we are not too far away from seeing part of the boys' dormitory block occupied. The windows and doors are made and in place for the front part of the building so we just need some plastering of the walls (inside and out) and the screeding of the floor in order that the first residents came move in. We've had a couple of fundraising events put money against this project but we've also seen an incredibly generous piece of sacrificial giving by our long-time supporter, Gabrielle Duncan. Gabrielle came to the conclusion that her days of

travelling in her much-loved camper van were over and the time had come to sell it. After putting a few things right via a big garage bill, another dedicated supporter, Jerry, was asked to do the selling on EBay bit. The entire proceeds of the successful sale were handed over to AGLMUK - without even taking out the garage repair bill.

We are not only grateful to Gabrielle (and Jerry), we are humbled and inspired.



Another big chunk of money for the boys' dorm has come from Attleborough in Norfolk. The Infant School, High School and Friends of the School have made various donations that have added up to over £2,300, with the latest donation being specifically for beds - we're nearly ready for them!

Another Grant from Wales Africa Community Links

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AGLMUK has received a grant of over £1,100 from the latest round of grants issued by the Wales Africa Community Links.



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We have also been trusted to invest another £359 in carbon off-setting measures to cover all of the flights funded through this round of funding.



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A volunteer from the USA (April) has started a charity in

her home country that very much parallels the work of AGLMUK. We are regular touch with April and are very pleased to say that the intention is to complement and not duplicate efforts. The early priority for the Bernie project is to raise money for food and to cover the months not being funded from AGLMUK. The charity takes its name from a child at Bulabakulu.

Sponsoring High School Students

The costs associated with sending a student to High School have increased significantly over the years and it now takes around £40 per month (more in the A level years). We realise that few people are able to afford such sums and thus it is likely that more than one sponsor will be allocated to each student. We are most certainly looking for new sponsors and we are happy to accept commitments of whatever you feel that you can offer.



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Alternative Presents

Alternative presents are available all year round - but especially at Christmas. There is a special leaflet describing the list of presents and their cost but if you want to suggest something else, and we confirm that it would be appropriate then these things can be accommodated. General unspecified gifts of any value are always welcome as are contributions towards some of the specific projects mentioned in this newsletter - and we are more than happy to provide cards for all occasions.

Weebale

Weebale (pronounced very much like the Herefordshire village of Weobley) is the Luganda word for thank you. So, a very big Weebale to anyone that has contributed in any way over the last 6 months. Thanks to those that have given money, time and/or prayer to the work of AGLMUK. It is very much appreciated. We always tell people that none of their donations are spent on administration. We can't say that without loads of volunteer input!

FUND-RAISERS



There is a small but very dedicated team of people based in Corsham (near Bath) that have been raising money for food for the children of Bulabakulu for many years. Over the last couple of years the money that has been raised has been going to the village via AGLMUK and we have liaised closely to try to ensure that our

efforts are properly coordinated. The major fund-raising events have been a series of breakfasts that are held on a nomadic basis in different communities. These have been incredibly successful - and continue to be so. The provision of food is, of course, the most basic of requirements and without the efforts in Corsham, AGLMUK would have not been able to see progress on education, health, employment or environmental issues.

AGLMUK supporters were involved with two endurance events over the summer. Gill and Toby Tattersall took part in the Great North Swim which involved

plunging into the chilly water of Lake Windermere and swimming a mile. A small group of family and friends walked across Wales in a weekend. It was about 49 miles longer than Gill and Toby's swim but nowhere as cold! The two events together raised very nearly £1,500.

