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FOOD - A New Era Starts

AGLMUK has been assisting AGLM for a period approaching ten years but over that period we have never been the ones with the primary task of providing that most basic of requirements - food. In the early years it was the Ugandan Child Development Fund that had undertaken to provide money for food. A group based in Corsham in Wiltshire took over and whilst, in the past couple of years they have been routing their money through AGLMUK, it was still via



largely independent fund-raising heroics. Just as the Corsham group was starting to struggle keep going with their amazing achievements, the Bernie Project (based in the USA) took up the slack. We told you about the Bernie Project this time last year

and it has provided the majority of the food at Bulabakulu over that period. The children and young people at Bulabakulu owe a huge debt of gratitude to UCDF, the Corsham Group and the Bernie Project, without whom life would have been very miserable indeed over the last 8-10 years.

We have been informed that the Bernie Project will not be supporting Bulabakulu at all from the end of October. AGLMUK had already committed to providing food for November and so the "problem" does not really kick-in until the start of December.

Rising to the Challenge

At a time like this it is tempting for the trustees and supporters of AGLMUK to feel over-whelmed by the challenge. There are 200 children and young people at Bulabakulu and whilst Joshua and Barry are working on ways to bring in income or grow significant quantities of food, these are some way off yielding results. The monthly food bill (for a very basic diet that consists almost exclusively of poshu and beans) is around £2,000. That is £24,000 per year.

At the meeting when we discussed the issue we reminded ourselves of some basic truths. It is not our project and we are there to support Joshua and AGLM.

We serve a God who has a real heart for widows and orphans and we need to trust him.

Our current plan is to try to find the money for food for December, January and February. This will buy us enough time to visit the village, meet with Joshua and come up with a plan. As part of this approach we have decided to switch all of our "alternative gift" effort towards food. We have come up with the notion of the "Alternative Christmas Dinner". Don't panic - we are not asking you to eat poshu and beans instead of roast turkey. When you are planning your festive spread we would like you to consider buying another meal for someone at Bulabakulu. You could even set a vacant chair around the table as a reminder that you



have sent money to feed a child in Uganda. Some may like an alternative - go without brussel sprouts and donate the savings! The standard alternative Christmas present idea is, of course, available and we can provide other options but we really want to push "food". We would really love it too, if people would consider sponsoring food for a child at £10 per month. £2,000 a month sounds a lot - but not when it is realised that this is only £10 per month.



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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. Chris will keep all sponsors up-to-date on progress through school as reports are received and exam results known.

Supporter Going to Live in Uganda

Adrian Stott from Llandrindod Wells is moving out to Uganda in November with the intention to remain there and establish a horticulture training initiative. He is being supported by his church, New Life, and living close to Bulabakulu.



Very Sad News for Joseline

The headteacher at Wakiso School of Hope for the whole time that we have been visiting Bulabakulu has been Joseline. We were delighted for her when she got married last year and many of you will remember that we featured the wedding in the autumn 2013 newsletter. Her first child, a girl, was born a few weeks ago, in September, but unfortunately only survived for around two days. Whilst we would have to observe that this sort of occurrence is not uncommon in Uganda we are desperately sad for Joseline and her husband Jude.

Vaccine Fridge Moved to Local Clinic



The solar powered vaccine fridge was not being used effectively at the Bulabakulu clinic and so the decision to

taken to move it to the local government run clinic at Banda. It was immediately put to good use.

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. The major emphasis this year is food - see front page.

MOSES NEEDS YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES

Moses has been funded by AGLMUK to undertake training to repair mobile phones and helped start his own small business. It would give him a big boost if we could take some mobile phones with us when we go in January so if you have upgraded and have a phone or two in a drawer somewhere let us make Moses' day!

Other things that would be really useful for us to take are Good News bibles, decent black trousers and skirts for high school age, black belts and new underwear.



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