

Lifeline Uganda

Newsletter 2012



Dear family, friends and supporters,

Thank you for supporting our sponsorship programme Lifeline Uganda! This newsletter informs you about our activities in 2012. Enjoy reading!

13 educational sponsorships

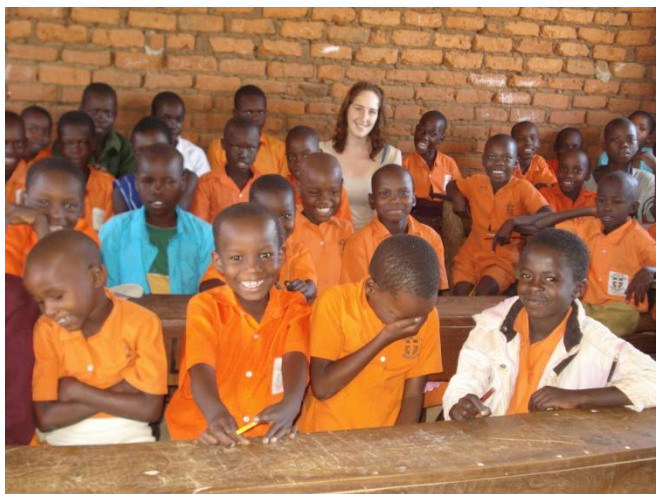
What started with one sponsorship in 2009 has grown to 13 sponsorships in 3 years. One child is currently attending preschool, 11 children go to primary school, and one student is going to secondary school. In 2013 we will support 15 children to get a good-quality education. We thank all our supporters for your trust!



Oliver with 6 of the 13 supported students

Intern for 2½ months

For the first time we sent an intern to the Lifeline Schools in Bukedea. Julia Buchholz, a student from Muenster, taught English and history for 2½ months, and assisted the sponsorship programme. She made a marvellous effort, sometimes teaching classes of over



A quite different English teacher – our intern Julia B. from Germany

100 pupils. She fell in love with Uganda and will visit the schools in 2013 again. In collaboration with a German school class in Emsdetten she is planning to conduct an intercultural exchange between Ugandan and German students. Students from both countries will take pictures of their everyday lives. The pictures will be put together in form of a collage allowing the children to get to know each other's cultures.

Bayern Munich in Bukedea

The FC Bayern Munich fan club "Limespower Markt Weiltingen" is one of our supporters and equipped the school football team with shirts and shorts for two whole teams. The ceremonial handover of the kits took place at an official football tournament. No doubt FC Bayern Munich was able to win new fans in Uganda. We thank Limespower Markt Weiltingen for the generous donation. You have raised the hearts of many football fans.



Football is serious business! – The Bukedea school football team

Headmaster's wife passed away

We regret deeply that the wife of Ecael John Joseph, headmaster of the primary school, passed away at a young age. We wish Joseph all the strength and courage to overcome this great loss.

Strengthening the partnership

Our partnership with the Lifeline Schools strengthened in the course of the year through several visits. Oliver Mundy, chairman of Glocal LifeLearn, visited the schools 3 times for several days in September, November and December. Oliver, who was collecting data for his master's thesis in neighbouring Kenya for half a year, took the opportunity to meet 7 of the 13 supported children and had the honour to visit them in their homes. He participated in a geography lesson in the secondary school and got to know all the new developments in the schools. During his last visit, Julia

Wagemann, coordinator of Lifeline Uganda, joined him. All supported children are motivated and enjoy going to school.



School director Julius Adome Ben showing Julia W. the developments at the Lifeline Schools

Preschool Graduation Ceremony

In Uganda it is not the primary or secondary school graduates who celebrate their graduation – the preschool graduates do! Parents, students, teachers, the local press, a member of the city council and Oliver Mundy from Glocal LifeLearn attended the ceremony that took place in November. The ceremony began with a parade with a brass band and ended with a parents' evening. The programme was filled with performances by the primary school choir, traditional dances and speeches. The graduates demonstrated what they had learned in their 3 years of preschool by writing their names on the board or by solving tricky maths problems. Proud parents gave their children juices, sweets or new clothes as rewards. Some children even received their first chicken!



Proud as Punch – the preschool graduates in 2012

The Primary School is moving!

At last, the entire primary school is moving into two newly erected buildings next to the secondary school, approximately 400 m away from the primary school's original site. In contrast to the secondary school, the primary school has until now rented its classrooms. The classrooms were in a bad condition and had become too small for the growing number of students. Also the school administration regarded the rent as too high. The new buildings offer more space and a better learning environment. The buildings were financed via

a bank loan. Glocal LifeLearn contributed €400 that was used to put a roof on one of the buildings.



Old (above) and new (bottom) primary school buildings

Our goal is to support the entire school career of vulnerable children, from preschool to secondary school, giving priority to the quality of education. We build on a strong partnership with Bukedea Lifeline Schools. These are among the best schools in Uganda, and the directors are familiar with local problems and solutions. We thank our supporters for their help. They give children from poor families the chance to receive a good education.

More pictures, videos and information about our project, the Lifeline schools and the children can be found on our homepage.

Your Lifeline Uganda Team