

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2008

Welcome to the fourth edition of the twice yearly newsletter of the Mityana Community Development Foundation.

COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING

The long awaited Community Centre is fast becoming reality and we have now nearly completed the refurbishment. The building was officially opened on 24th October 2008 and will open for business on 1st January 2009 once all the remaining work is complete.

The building is the 2nd largest in Mityana and consists of 8 rooms (incl library, IT room, offices for community groups), kitchen, toilets and conference hall.

We urgently need to raise funds to provide the furniture for the building, a back-up power supply, fence, books for the library and computers.



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OCTOBER 2008 VISIT

Members of the team once again visited Mityana for two weeks in October. Key achievements included:

- Checking progress on building work on the new Community Centre & attending its official opening.
- Judged local competition for schools on their standards of hygiene. This is to become an annual competition.
- Top-up Credit Union Funds.
- Provided more new beds and a new surgical instrument sterilizer to the hospital.
- First Aid & Beat the Bugs Training at local tea plantations.
- Provision of training & camping equipment to local Scouts. Also discussed fund raising for uniforms for their members at £5 each.
- Community School – provided tapes, knitting needles, patterns to help in their vocational training programme.

AGM 2009

Our AGM will be held in late 2009 in Whitley Bay and we would like to invite as many of you as possible to attend. Further details to follow nearer the event.

FUNDRAISING

Our main priority over the coming months remains to raise the money we need to support our work for the next few years and complete the refurbishment of our new Community Centre building. Unfortunately a number of recent grant applications have been unsuccessful and costs have risen in Uganda because of the recent political instability in Kenya. At the same time the strength of sterling on the exchange market has fallen.

We urgently need to raise £10,000 by the Spring of 2009 to complete the work on the community centre.

We continue to give talks to local community groups (e.g. Rotary, Churches in the UK). We are also grateful to Amicus for their continued support and to Proctor & Gamble for their support

Enclosed with this Newsletter is leaflet detailing a number of ways in which you can support our work. Just £6 provides 100 x school dinners and £20 will buy a mattress for the hospital.

We would be grateful for any fundraising ideas you might have.

THANK YOU

We finally would like to thank you for your continued support.

Please visit our website to read more about our work & see photos of our projects. There is also the facility to make a donation in support of our work.