

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

COMMUNITY CENTRE 1ST BIRTHDAY

The Community Centre we have spent the past 2 years completing in Mityana held its 1st birthday party in October 2009. This coincided with the official opening of the ICT suite and library. The library now holds ~800 books donated to us via Book Aid International, and the ICT suite has 5 computers all with internet access. 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. It is hoped over the coming months that the number of people using the community especially the library & ICT suite will continue to increase, and that the people of Mityana will use it as resource to help themselves develop.

OCTOBER 2009 VISIT

Members of the team again visited Mityana in October 2009. During the visit the following work was carried out:

- 1st Birthday party for Community Centre to continue to promote it to the local community as a resource to be used by all.

- Put systems in place to support the day to day running of the library and ICT suite.
- Explored the provision of adult literacy classes in the Community Centre.
- Attended MCDF (Uganda) AGM.
- First Aid Training in health centres previously not visited.
- Beat the Bugs – taught a further £1000 kids in 3 sub-counties of Mityana district not previously visited
- Provision of further training local Scouts.
- Produced DVD & other promotional materials based on the personal stories of those supported via our various projects in Mityana.
- Put in place a new management structure for MCDF (Uganda) with Executive Committee consisting of the existing Trustees in Uganda supported by Management Committee with representatives from all the organisations supported by or with an interest in the work of MCDF (Uganda).
- Provided donations of further medical supplies to the local hospital.
- Liaised with printers about production of an updated version of the Beat the Bugs teaching booklets.

FUNDRAISING

Our main priority over the coming months remains to raise the money we need to support our work over the next few years. We urgently need to raise at least £2000 by end of February 2010 to support all the work we hope carry out early in 2010. We need funds for:

- Books for the library – £30 for box of 50
- Teacher salaries at Community School - £65 per month
- Librarian - £30 per month
- Community School Vocational Classroom Roof - £1000
- Credit Union - £200 every 6 months

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

With Christmas coming why not think about giving a different kind of present this Christmas. Or instead of sending Christmas cards donate the money to charity instead. Please find enclosed with this newsletter (also available on our website) a 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.

AGM 2009

Our AGM will be held in mid 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.

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.



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