



News from Noah's Ark, Uganda

"Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death.
- Psalm 68:20

Dear friends and family,

We're happy to share with you our latest update from Noah's Ark. Thank you for your continued support of our projects!

The Children

We're pleased to share that most of the children's health and development are doing well. But with over 200 children and young adults, of course there are some who fall ill so we're very thankful we have our on-premises clinic, doctors and nurses where they can go for immediate treatment.

Over the past few months we've had the pleasure of welcoming many new children to our family. For the majority of them, we're extremely thankful that we were able to quickly re-settle them with their rightful families or extended families. And for some of them that have been with us for a longer period of time have been adopted by Ugandan families.

Saying goodbye is always bittersweet, but we believe a child's own family is where a child belongs.

Here are just a few of the children's stories who we've been able to welcome or re-settle.

Eddie came to us in April after his step-mother tied him piece of wood while she went to work. He was obviously being mistreated and he was placed in our care. After being treated in our malnutrition clinic and he's now back on track and is at a healthy weight for a 3 year old. Unfortunately, we've not yet been able to find a solution for improving his home situation so Eddie will continue to get the love and care he deserves here at Noah's Ark.



Alexander: A woman asked a man if she and her baby could rest on his veranda for a while. He obliged, she fed her baby and after she was done, asked if she could go to the toilet, she did this, only she never came back.

The man immediately started looking for her and bystanders told him that she had stepped into a taxibus. Alexander was left with some of his belongings, including his vaccination booklet which contained clues to where we could start looking for his family. But to date, we have had no luck locating any of them. So that's how, on the 19th of June, and at least for the time being, we welcomed Alexander to the Noah's Ark family.



Evin: On the 19th of June we received a phone call from the police about a baby of around three weeks old. He was left behind on someone's porch, there were no witnesses. Initially he looked healthy but when he arrived at Noah's Ark and was about to be bathed, we saw that on the back of his hair was caked to his head in a very unhealthy way. We investigated further and found that something had been sewn into his hair so we gently removed the caked on substance. We suspect that Elvin (that's what we named him) was brought to a witch doctor to help him with his

weak neck. His neck is still weak but for the rest he's growing well.



Kulusum: on the 24th of July we received a phone call about an abused little girl. When we arrived at the police station, we met a beautiful 8 year old. She was suffering from malnutrition and had wounds on her face. She was being "cared for" by her grandmother but the neighbors become concerned when they saw that she was regularly being physically abused by her grandmother. The next day we contacted the father who was shocked and had no idea that his daughter was being mis-treated. He was willing to take over caring for her. We are happy that we could reunite Kulusum with her father. We didn't let her go without extra food from our malnutrition clinic. This way so she can be nursed back to health by her father.

Kuwonya - 'Save Us, Heal us'



Each month we help dozens of children who find themselves in very difficult situations. Either they've been abandoned, abused or are suffering other emergencies that bring their safety in jeopardy. For some of these children, we can locate their families or extended family who are willing to care for them and they can be re-settled in a relatively short period of time.

But recently the amount of children that stay with us only for a short time has been growing. The caring for and re-settling these children does come at a financial cost which we gladly cover. We provide clothing, food and more often than not, medical attention. Our social workers are also kept busy, sometimes for days just on one case.

Because these children stay with us only temporarily, we don't add them to our ongoing sponsorship program. To cover the costs required to help these children we've set up a separate program called the Kuwonya program. Kuwonya is Lugandan for 'to save or to heal'. We welcome any (ongoing) donations to fund this program. With your support we can provide temporary care and treatment plus cover the efforts required to re-settle them with their families.

Would you or your company like to help? Please go to www.nacmu.org/kuwonya or donate via the website and add "Kuwonya" to where your donation should go.

End of the school term, Beginning of the holiday

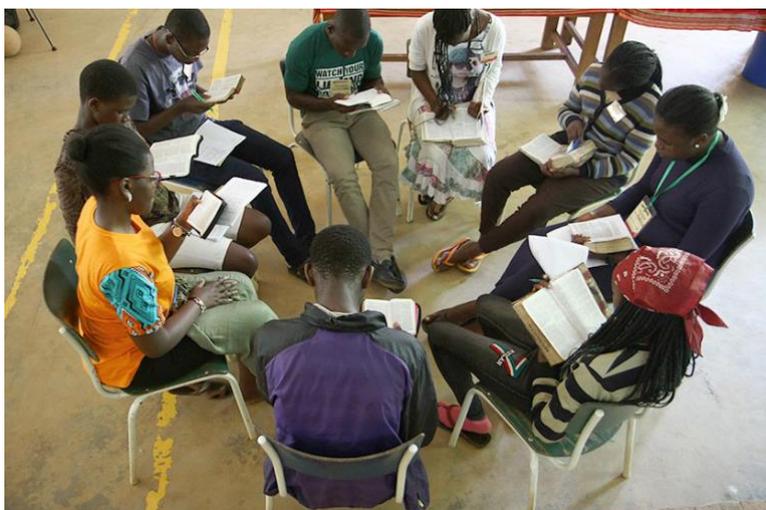
Yay! It's holiday. The children have now completed 2/3rds of their school year and have just had their 3 week school break. Before the break, students in the last class of primary school completed mock exams in preparation for their "Primary Leaving Exams" which will be held in the first week of November.

And students in their 4th and 6th year of senior school also completed mock-exams for their academic certificates and those in the 3rd year completed their mocks for vocational certificates (catering, woodworking, masonry etc). For the older students, state exams will be taken in October and November after which the kids will have to

impatiently wait for their results for 3 months. The aunties are sure to be busy with making them study hard!

During the vacation, school children from the village stay with their own families, but the children that stay at Noah's Ark we organized an "Under the Sea" themed holiday program packed with game days, music practice, arts and crafts'.

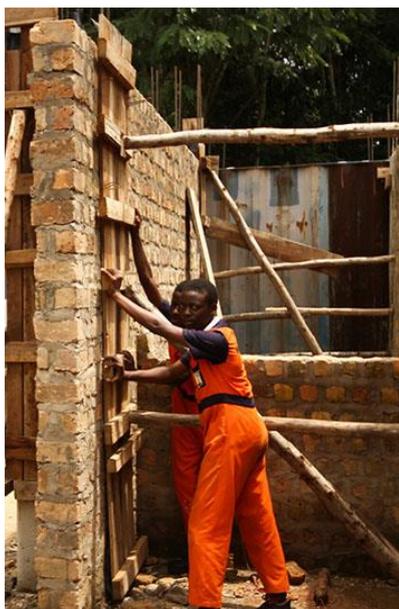
Vacation Bible Week



This holiday, like the one before, Noah's Ark hosted "Scripture Union Camp", a camp organized by Scripture Union Uganda. This camp was not only for children from Noah's Ark but also for children from other schools and organizations. During camp, participants take a deeper look into the bible but also play plenty of games, sports and also take the time to get to know each other.

Thanks to your generous donations we've been to continue building the much needed new classrooms for New Horizon's vocational school. The students themselves are also

helping with the building of these classrooms. The 5 new classrooms spread over two floors will be used to teach our students practical skills they can use to get a job when they are finished with school.



Sponsors wanted for our schoolchildren!



Each school day about 200 children from the poorest families from the surrounding villages attend New Horizon thanks to your generous sponsorship. For many of these children the hot lunch they are served at school is their only square meal of the day. But many of the children who attend our school do not yet have a sponsor. For these village children receiving an education is one of their only chances of improving their future.

Would you or someone you know like to sponsor a schoolchild? You can sponsor a child for as little as €22,50 per month. Please visit our website to become a sponsor!

www.nacmu.org

Visitors and Groups are Welcome!

This summer we had the pleasure of welcoming over 20 visitors to Noah's Ark! If you'd like to experience first hand what we're doing at Noah's Ark then you are more than welcome. We even have space for large groups (up to 20 people).

So if you're up for a challenging but heartwarming experience and are ready to roll your sleeves up and help out, just contact us at uganda@nacmu.org

Malnutrition program

Over the past year we've made a tremendous effort with our community outreach program in order to educate the villages around Noah's Ark about the identification and treatment of malnutrition. We're very pleased to announce that it seems to be having a positive impact as we've seen an increase of children being treated at the malnutrition clinic. We are one of the only clinics in the area with the knowledge, experience and mandate to treat children for malnutrition. Many of the other clinics in the area reject these patients.



We treat the children to the best of our ability and if we can't, we refer them onwards for more specialized care. We are only able to operate the malnutrition clinic because of your kind donations. For this we thank you!

Our trip to Mombassa (Kenya) By Owen Mugabi (one of teenagers at Noah's Ark)



In June we were invited by the owner of Mombasa Cement Limited on a fully paid trip to Mombasa Kenya. We went on tours like going to Game Park Reserve's to see animals that we don't often get to see up close and many others. We also had a first time experience going to the Ocean which was fun but the ocean was so salty. We had ferry rides and had history about Fort Jesus at the coast which was cool because we studied about the place at school, we then

visited the Mombasa Cement Factory where we learnt about the process of making cement. We had so much fun together with the family and many new people we met, It was a great experience for all of us and we had the time of our lives and we are grateful and thankful for the people who made this possible for all of us.



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