

# ABH Newsletter

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Hi everyone, it has been some time since I have updated everyone on our progress in Uganda. First of all, I have had some reports of hacking into my old email which some people still use from time to time. My advice would be to only use this email address to contact us or to receive information.

I have just made the decision to remain in Uganda until after Christmas, my plan is to return to Australia in early March but are still trying to organise flights and my visa expires in just over two weeks with no great direction of how to proceed.

Anyhow, all in God's hands, this year has been tough with Irene losing a number of family members including her brother two months back. We also lost an eleven-year-old and two weeks later his two-year-old sister. This was a family we have had contact with for some years and the family where the nine-year-old boy we call Chairman / Charles has grown up since his parents abandoned him just after birth. We have helped care for him for about five years now and have him in boarding school where he seems to be enjoying himself. We also pay school fees for another four children. I thank those who donate to make this possible. I can tell you that you are making a real difference to their lives, If anyone would like to add a little to increase the numbers of who we care for, there are plenty more we can help. Please note though....this cannot be given as a tax deductible gift.

The school of Pastor Fred's near Mayuge has been blessed with four new classrooms, thanks to the Cornwell family who started it all off last year. A large number of new school uniforms have also been supplied to the children but there are still doors windows and plastering to be finished.

Bee keeping still remains my main passion but wow what a challenge. I could write a book on all the challenges. So, I have decided to stay here and see what happens during this busy honey season, production still remains low hence my plan to stay here for the first time in seven years. Our donations have declined this year so it looked like an impossible task but a few donations have just come in and the fund raiser done by Tom and Di Ferguson last month gave us a great boost. A big thank you for all those who helped to turn everything around. Not to forget the creator of heaven and earth who seems to be on our side and has carried us through all these trials. I still see the need to bring in queen bees from Australia to turn this low honey production around. Unfortunately, the government departments seem to be against us despite one senior scientist saying to me that there is no reason why we can't but my colleges won't come on board. Dr Robert went on to say that the British brought them in about seventy years ago and that Rwanda allows them to be imported. While people can produce some honey and out in the remote village, this can double their income, my hope is to boost people's income and also export honey to help the whole country.

So I pray that you are all well, thank you for your continued support and i will mention that I look forward to being in Uganda with Irene as we celebrate our tenth wedding anniversary. We will keep on working hard with our projects here and hope to see you all in March, blessings Phil.

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