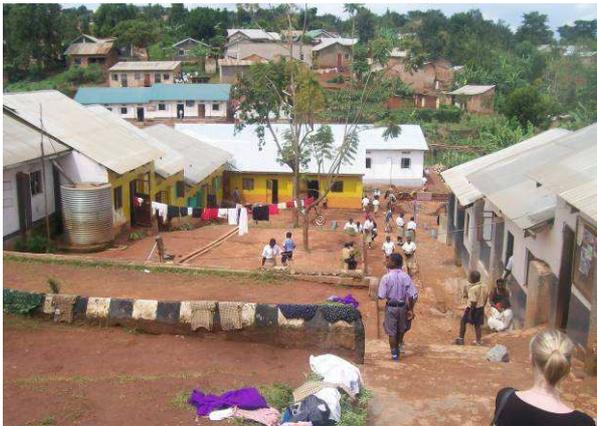


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The Revival Centre

The Revival Centre is run by Pastor Ivan Lugolobi and comprises a primary school of 450 pupils, a secondary school of 180 pupils, an orphanage for 105 children, a clinic and a busy church. The Centre provides the chance of an education to 525 local children and 105 orphans who have been rescued from all kinds of despair. Ivan's elder sister Ruth runs the Revival Clinic and treats up to 450 people a month and his twin sister Jane, runs projects with widows to help them generate income and support their families.



Accommodation Crisis Plan

Following 30 school dormitory fires in the last 12 months in which many children perished, the Ugandan Government is now forcing schools to improve safety in a very short period of time. Additionally, they want nurseries, primary schools, secondary schools and orphanages to be separated and have their own toilets and washing facilities.

Government inspectors visited the Revival Centre in December and asked Ivan to make major changes with the threat of not being able to open at the start of the new school year on 2nd February. We spent a busy Christmas and New Year exchanging emails with Ivan planning how best to use the available accommodation to reduce overcrowding in the dormitories and to separate the ministries. Ivan was already busy constructing a track to enable the 40' container to get to the site.

Within the space of 6 weeks Ivan bought land and built a new nursery block, closed unsafe classroom dormitories, moved the girl boarders into the new school hall building and

moved the boy boarders into a rented building in town. The newly completed vocational skills centre building has had to become a computer room and secondary school classrooms. A staff room has been built along with a new block for the carpentry workshop.

Whilst a major re-organisation has clearly had to take place, the additional buildings that supporters helped erect over the last 2 years have been essential in helping establish safer and less crowded dormitories and separate the ministries in time for the new school year starting. The fees that day pupils and boarders pay are a major source of income for the Revival Centre and being able to open on time was absolutely essential.

Vocational Skills Centre

The building erected for vocational skills will house a computer training room as intended but the remainder of it will be secondary classrooms. The carpentry workshop will now be established in a new purpose built block. The sewing machines and catering equipment will be used by the Revival widows group to earn income to support their families and to teach the older orphans cooking and tailoring skills. So the skills training will still take place but from a number of different buildings.



The carpentry workshop takes shape

Arrival of the 40' Container

We are absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that the 40' container and all its valuable contents was delivered to Pastor Ivan at the Revival Centre at 5pm on Tues 24th February.

We sent it on 2nd August last year, it arrived in Kampala customs yard on 29th October and

ever since has been the subject of negotiations with the Uganda Ministry of Finance. However we did succeed in getting the full contents exempt from Import Taxes on the basis that everything was to be used for educational purposes. Everything is now 'safely gathered in' and will be a real blessing to the children and staff of the Revival Centre and to the wider community of Matugga.



To recap the container includes: 220 chairs 51 desks, 76 exam tables, 12 four-seater dining units, 4 hexagonal tables, 60 computers, 4 LCD projectors, 2 filing cabinets, 4 storage cabinets, 3000 text books, stationery, laboratory equipment, 12 sewing machines, 4 carpentry work benches, valuable carpentry machines and tools, catering equipment and drugs for the clinic.

Imminent Visitors

On 6th March our friend and skilled craftsman Chris Raybould will depart for Matugga to set up the carpentry workshop. On 1st April the Chappell family will make their 3rd visit to Matugga along with Mark Gregory and David Moore. The Chappell's and Mark will focus on planning issues, helping in the schools and clinic and spending time with the orphans. David will be using his skills to set up the primary and secondary computer rooms.

If sponsors want to send a letter to their sponsored children we will be happy to take them out personally - so please get them to us by 31st March at Lyndhurst, Denton Road, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire L29 8QR.

Ivan's Health and June Visit

In the last edition of Matugga News we reported that Ivan had been struck down by a bad bout of Malaria. We are pleased to say that after a couple of weeks he made a full recovery. We are now beginning to make plans for Ivan's visit to us in June.

Finances and Support

We continue to send £2,250 pcm to Ivan and around £1,150 pcm is raised locally from school and clinic fees (from those who can afford to pay). We know that the cost of making sure staff are paid every month, that food is reasonable, that drug stocks are replenished and sufficient fuel is available costs £4,400 pcm. So Ivan is still juggling money between these essential needs with a £1,000 pcm shortfall. So much good work is being done with the support you are all giving in so many ways (gifts of money, time and skills) and we pray that with a little more support we will eventually meet the shortfall.

Please continue to promote the orphan sponsorship scheme to others and keep up the fantastic fund raising work you do on an ongoing basis. A significant proportion of the cost of shipping of the container and resolving the accommodation crisis was met by a legacy and this is a really practical way to help.

Forthcoming Public Events

Tickets will shortly be going on sale for the 'Revival Recital' concert by the Fairfax Singers at St John's, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th May (tickets £7 inc drink and nibbles in interval, available from Phil & Libby, all proceeds to the Revival Centre).

For the more energetic of you, the Ilkley Harriers 6M Trail Race will be held at 11.00am on Sunday 24th May from the Ilkley Lido (registration at the Rugby Club £6 pre-entry/£8 on day – entry form available on our website below). Some of the money raised at this event will be donated to the work in Matugga.

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