



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020



Dear Friends and Family,

“Oh to be in England, now that April’s here!”



Well – this year I won’t be as I leave the UK on March 29th to head down to Africa again, swapping daffodils and blossom for banana trees and the lush green countryside of Uganda. I am travelling with Sheila Royle (from Bridgnorth) and we are stopping off en route for 4 days



in Addis Ababa, to visit sponsor children and Moses’ family there.



April will be action-packed, with many visits to make in towns and villages. There are new staff to meet. Flavia, the orthopaedic nurse who has been managing our clinic, will have left on maternity leave and

returned to Tanzania . We are praying for a temporary suitable replacement for her – she has been an excellent, committed worker. Ruth, our Administrator/Accountant, has also left, following the birth of her first baby. Alfred Olupot has stepped into her role in the Starfish office in Mukono – a married man and father of four in his 30’s. He is extremely well-qualified and keen to help Starfish Foundation. He is also a part-time pastor – a bonus for us as we work with struggling families who need all-round, understanding and prayerful support.



“Making a difference –one by one”



Our friends from Stenson, Fields Christian Fellowship (in Derby) – Jem, Joni and Jennie Hudson - visited Uganda in early December 2019 and left a wonderful Bible Exhibition resource there for us to use. Coupled with dramatic acting out of Bible stories, this presents the Gospel in an easy-to-understand way. I am taking out a Luganda version with me. It will be great to see this in action while we are there.



Jem, Joni and Jennie delivered 156 shoe boxes of goodies to many children and adults, which were received with great delight. If you want to see a short video YouTube link it can be found on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmjX98nIEzI> It is heart-warming and makes all our efforts seem so worthwhile.



The school year has recently started in Uganda and Moses has been very busy paying school and Uni fees for our many children and youth at different stages of education. On February 21st we had a fund-raising event at St Stephen's church, Sinfin, Derby, which raised £491 and awareness of the work being done through Starfish Foundation.



We have three children with disabilities starting at the Kampala School for the Physically Handicapped as boarders. They need our prayers as they settle in away from home – a world away from the village life to which they are accustomed.



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It will be great to meet up with all our friends to see how things are “in situ”. Sheila will stay until April 21st and I return on May 7th.

Please pray for a safe, successful visit – and for wisdom for the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you to all who support us in so many ways. We couldn't function without you! I look forward to linking up with fresh news on my return.

God bless you all.

With love and thanks,

Mary and Moses. xx

“We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8 v 28.)

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