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ABBA FATHER'S HOUSE

Bringing Hope to Children and Widows

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We invite you to join us in helping shape the futures of many children by supporting their education, health, practical skills, faith development, and opportunities for a brighter future.

- Juliet Najja, founder



Greetings from Abba Father's House

News from Uganda

Uganda has recently formed a new government under President Museveni, with a new cabinet in place. This renewed leadership has made fresh promises, and we pray they will bring positive change.



Midyear Focus

The home is currently looking lovely and peaceful. Our focus now is to take stock of all that has been established over the past 20 years of operation.

We had hoped to be further along with our plans by now, as there is still much to do. Unfortunately, like many others, we have been affected by global changes, which continue to impact our finances, funding, and everything connected to them.

Even so, we have so much to thank God for and to celebrate. We only need to look at the fruit of your love and support: children who have flourished, been given hope and a future, continued their education, and are now learning to provide for themselves. That is no small thing in today's world.



In a previous newsletter, we shared the challenges we were facing in selling the widows' crafts. Many of the venues we once used have changed since Covid, and in some places the number of visitors buying crafts has become very low. We have now opened an online shop called [Shop Beautiful](#), where we sell some of the widows' crafts. We invite you to take a look and consider buying items for yourself or as gifts for loved ones. We are working behind the scenes to add new items as quick as possible!



The Home

During March and April, we were busy rendering and refurbishing the buildings, marking 20 years since our work began. We are especially grateful to Kerith Church in Bracknell for their generous donation towards rendering the girls' house at a time when it was greatly needed.



To mark our 20th anniversary, we also carried out repairs to the boys' house and painted it, giving it a fresh look for a new season. Two additional water tanks were also installed to harvest rainwater, helping to reduce our water bill during the rainy season.





During this season, our cows gave birth to female calves, increasing the home's herd and helping to boost milk production. The pigs have also multiplied, although we sell most of the piglets to reduce costs because space is limited.

Focus for the children

The children send heartfelt thanks to their sponsors for providing for their needs during such a challenging economic time. Their first-term reports showed improvement compared with last year, thanks to staff who encourage their studies and support them with homework. Schools have also increased the number of trips, which, although costly, give the children enjoyable experiences and broaden their understanding.

The school curriculum in Uganda has become more demanding, requiring children to spend longer hours at school. Tabitha, who is studying for her A Levels, sleeps for less than four hours a night, which is not enough for anyone, especially a young learner. Candidates and semi-candidates now study from Monday to Sunday, which is concerning.



Schools say they are trying to recover from Covid-related disruption. The last presidential elections also kept children at home for safety reasons, adding further interruption to their learning.



We are also facing reduced funding since Covid, while schools continue to increase their requirements for supplies and trips. With 25 children, meeting each child's school needs is becoming increasingly difficult, and this pressure is not expected to ease soon.



Looking Ahead

Recently, a few people have expressed interest in visiting Abba Father's House, particularly in 2027, with the aim of teaching practical, income-generating skills to our young people. Anyone interested can contact juliet@abbafathershouse.org to learn what to expect and how to prepare for the trip. The home can accommodate around three people at a time, and there are also several hotels nearby.

Juliet is preparing to travel this August during the school holidays to spend time with the children and review what is working well and what needs improvement. She looks forward to encouraging the children, working alongside them, and offering more hands-on support to the staff.

What could be done with your help

After 20 years, some of our buildings now need replacing, including the outside kitchen and the widows' house, which were originally built with simple materials. As funds become available, we would love to rebuild a small place of worship with two bedrooms to accommodate a staff member. This could cost around £7,000 or more, while repairs to the outside kitchen are estimated at about £2,000. Having safe accommodation on site would also help the home benefit more from hosting visitors.

As our livestock has increased, we would like to purchase our own tuk-tuk to transport feed for the cows and pigs. At present, hiring tuk-tuks is costing us money. Owning one would reduce transport costs and could also generate income through local hire, helping it become self-funding. A medium-sized tuk-tuk costs about £3,500.



We recently employed a young man skilled in carpentry. His hope is for the home to develop a carpentry workshop where he can train the children, especially the boys, in practical woodworking skills. This project would require significant funding for machinery, but it could also generate income through the furniture produced.

We are also very short of play equipment for the children. Around £650 could provide one or two good pieces of play equipment.



We also need more child sponsors and regular donors, as school fees and requirements currently exceed our budget. Please consider becoming part of Team Abba Father's House. We trust that God will bless you in return as you help care for His vulnerable children.

Please visit our website at www.abbafathershouse.org or email juliet@abbafathershouse.org if you would like to get involved.

From the team at Abba Father's House!

My God bless you generously.

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