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Abba Father's House

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End of Year 2025 News



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Introduction

Welcome to our end of 2025 newsletter

Abba Father’s House sends you our heart felt greetings with much gratitude for your faithfulness and commitment to supporting us to keep doing what God called us to do, caring and loving the orphans raised at AFH and supporting widows.

The end of year 2025 has gone already! Last January feels like just a couple of months ago, where has the year gone?

Juliet has been to Jinja this December and has brought us some news which we’re sharing in this edition, enjoy reading and please continue to partner with us.

Current climate in Uganda

Uganda's presidential campaigns are underway, with elections scheduled for 15 January 2026. This has caused a bit of rushing and running around the country. Despite this going on, Juliet reported that the country was peaceful, especially in Jinja.

The Home



The home is generally in a good condition; we give you thanks for being part of this progress. Juliet visited the home in December and found the home and the children well. Children were on holiday, so the home was full and busy with various activities.

The Children





The children send their appreciation to their sponsors for giving them the opportunity and a sense of belonging, studying etc. Juliet found the children very well, thanks to the staff and the local committee members who have increased their support to meet children's needs. This has enabled them to have a quality of life which also gives them awareness and encouragement of how they are special and loved.



The children's end of year performance was good. We have one child joining secondary school next year, two sitting 'O' Levels and one 'A' Level candidate. This has left the home with a need for more support, especially in project work as the children will not have time available as they have to leave very early in the morning and return very late in the evening.

We will have to increase staff numbers which will cost us more, but we feel there is no other alternative.

Some of the letters from children will be posted on our website, and letters will be sent to the partners who expressed interest in hearing from children.

We're proud to say that with your help we're doing a good job, changing lives. If it were not for your support, some of these children would be on streets, selling themselves or even forced into marriages and would already be mothers at such early age without any sympathy and the boys would be wandering off aimlessly fighting for survival in any way possible. May God bless you and meet your individual needs by His grace.

Christmas Appeal 2025



We're very grateful to those of you who were able to respond graciously to our Christmas appeal especially Runnymede Christian Fellowship and our partners.

Your generosity enabled us to purchase presents locally and to put smiles on their faces, and to provide a lovely dinner for the children and widows.

The widows received cash and gifts to celebrate Christmas in their own homes, rather than at Abba Father's House. This change was made because Juliet was unable to be present to coordinate the large gathering that would have attended the traditional Christmas dinner.



The long-awaited moment is here - Receiving Christmas presents





Juliet pictured with some of the widows

2025 Highlights

In 2025, we hit a milestone of installing security cameras around the home to strengthen security at the home.

This was made possible by a generous donor. We're now able to see what's going on at the home through the cameras, which is quite helpful.



To address frequent power outages that prevent the boys from studying, we installed at least one solar panel to provide lighting in their house. Although 1 low energy panel is not enough, it's at least providing enough light for reading until further funds become available for another solar panel to be added.



Solar panels on the girls' house

2025 has generally been a good year for AFH but with a few challenges. The general governance has been good, and we also overcame the issue of staff turnover which has been a challenge in the past.

The staff we had from the beginning of the year have been stable, thank God for answering our prayers. This year we have enjoyed a break from searching for the right staff and training news staff from time to time.



Towards the end of the year, we were challenged by an unexpected incident whereby part of our perimeter wall collapsed, and the home was exposed for a week, however, we dealt with the challenge pretty quickly, as it was an emergency.

We borrowed funds and a reliable builder was found to securely rebuild the broken section of the wall. By God's grace the home remained safe from intruders during that week, and funds were raised to repay the costs.

Our cow project is doing very well and generating income for the home which is covering some of our costs.



Networking

On this occasion Juliet and some staff members visited one of the big cow farms to create a business connection and training opportunity as we plan to expand our cow project. This gave us more knowledge and tips on better ways to care for the Friesian cows, and we have already implemented what we learnt.

Juliet was initially reluctant to introduce the cow project at the home, but is now quite pleased, thanks to Judith who encouraged her to start the cow project.

In the picture is little Gift feeding the cows, something he enjoys doing. Gift is a hardworking boy who likes to help without waiting to be told.

Childrens Seminar

Through networking, we managed to organise a seminar at the Home during the time Juliet was on the ground. The seminar was intended to train staff and to give children awareness of their value to society etc., and it was also open to the local community.



Both adults and the children were greatly enlightened. The children benefited most as they got answers to some of the questions they had. Staff also learned about things they should not ignore.



Food and refreshments were facilitated by the seminar provider at no expense to AFH, which is not a common service in Uganda. We're privileged to be offered the opportunity, and we were promised more opportunities in the coming year.

We have organised follow-up activities to help both staff and children build knowledge, foster care, and understand their individual values and responsibilities. Additional seminars are planned for the future.



Juliet posed for a pic with the conference trainers

Future Plans and Needs

There seems to be no indication that inflation will go down in the foreseeable future. For us to keep afloat, we're working on reducing costs at the home, although as you have read earlier there are also increases in costs coming from additional staff. Our biggest home expenses are food, school fees, utility charges followed by clothing and staff allowances. The construction of the biogas extractor last year has helped us to cut down on charcoal and firewood costs and also reduced mosquitos at the home which has also helped us to reduce on medical expenses from life-threatening malaria. This was followed by installation of solar panels at the girl's house which cut our electricity by half in 2024, and December 2025 we installed a single solar panel to the boy's house as well We had insufficient funds for more panels but hope to install another panel in 2026, by God's grace which will leave us with little to pay on electricity.

If we can raise funds to enable us to harvest water, and purchase a Tukutuku, we will have gone a long way in reducing our costs and we will be left with just the inevitable school fees, staff allowances, food and clothing. Harvesting water could cost about £2500 or drilling of bore hole which might require about £4000.

We're also looking to increase our efforts to expand our local income generating projects such as the cow, pigs and chicken projects. We have already started getting good proceeds from the cow project.

Another way of cutting costs would be that of growing our own food although that seems challenging due to the ever-changing weather and hiring of land and employing manpower to cultivate our own crops.

Transport is a necessity at this stage of our operation as we must look for grass and feeds for our herds. As we shared previously, we need to raise £2500 to purchase a Tukutuku for carrying feeds for the flocks. At this point in time it seems like wishful thinking but a small minibus to take children to school would be great. You may be thinking that we're aiming too high but it's always good to look back to how Abba Father's House started <https://www.abbafathershouse.org/about> to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness and provision.

Our Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in making Abba Father's House a success and thus far. The work we're doing is very vital, lives are being touched and changed for good, and it is worth our labour of love. Keep up the gracious spirit and together God will reward us both in this world and the world to come.

God bless, comfort and protect you all.

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