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NEWSLETTER
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Apologies for the absence of an October newsletter. It was unable to be produced due to technical difficulties.

Sandra's trip to Uganda

It had been 18 months since I left my Uganda family due to sickness and I felt the time was right for me to check if I could manage Ugandan life. I DID and brilliantly. It was amazing to be so welcomed and to feel so loved after such an absence.

On reflection, back in damp and dark UK, I can see the wonderful things that are being done by our charity. In my short two months there, 15 small businesses were set up for families now learning to live outside of subsistence living to a more sustainable life. Knowing there is a tomorrow. A week of football tournament games had me jumping and shouting for our amazing team. They are so impressive that executive members of FUFA called to ask how they can help our team and donated five strong footballs. We are about to collect our registration and then apply for International funding. Five of our under 17s have been selected to play for the National team The Cranes. What an achievement for boys from the poorest area of Lira.

I travelled in style as I bought a vehicle to ease my back, days of long journeys on the motor bike are now past, sadly. As I visited families in the bush I drove on paths only 12 inches wide and carried those children for their first ever trip in a vehicle. The screams of joy "We are going to the market in Sudan, bye mum we are going to UK," actually on that note mum jumped in too.

I visited all of our new families and children who will all be going to school in January.

We held an amazing family day where many of our families travelled to town for their very first time out of their village. Board members and staff joined in the fun, information and hugging day. People stayed overnight and we had such fun as white and black, first world and third world melted seamlessly into joy, love and fun.

Daniel, a 12 year old street boy, came to the office and he was supported and taken back to his auntie in the village and now Tracy's family has taken him on to sponsor, so its off to school for him. Sadly he left his street support Dominique behind, who is now struggling but we are trying to find a solution to his problem, maybe a vocational two year course.

Linda came as a volunteer from UK to bring another dimension to Lira, she travelled into the bush and was involved in many activities which were eye opening.

So much to squeeze into this small space but an amazing time with my second family. I have left them physically but they are all still a very big part of my everyday life.

Thank you to every one of you who makes this all possible. Big Christmassy hug to you all.

Love Sandra

(I hope you are viewing the updates on Facebook and the website.)



Women's Business Training

The Women's Business Training meeting held recently for women we have set up in small businesses was very successful. They have been struggling to manage their capital and save for the future. When you have had nothing it's very difficult to plan for the next day let alone for a possible problem the following month. All went well and they now have saving facilities at the office.

Welcome to Jacqueline

OSAAT is happy to announce we have a new member of management team in Uganda. A big welcome to Mrs Jacqueline Adar, a primary school teacher local to the office, who will have responsibility for families.

100 Club

One Step at a Time is now running a 100 Club to help it support the work that they do in Uganda.

We would like to invite our supporters to spend just £2 a month on a draw ticket. You will be allocated a unique number which will be entered into a series of Prize Draws. Numbers will be drawn every three months at one of our regular fundraising events or at one of the meetings of the Trustees. To enter you must be aged 16 or over. You may buy as many tickets as you like. Half the proceeds of the draw will be given out in prizes, with the other half going to OSAAT. Initial membership will be limited to 100 members, so by joining the Club and paying £24 a year, you will be helping to raise £1,200 for the charity. There will be four Prize Draws a year. At each draw three lucky winners receive a cash prize. The first will receive £100, the second £80 and the third £60. In addition, there will be a bonus prize of £240 which will be drawn once a year, in time for Christmas. The amount of money given out in prizes will never exceed 50% of the money received, so until the Club is full, with 100 members, the prizes given out will be proportional to the number of members.

You can download the rules and application form from: www.one-step-at-a-time.org.uk/OSAAT_100_Club_Rules.pdf. Or contact Richard Morgan: richard.morgan28@btopenworld.com

Sponsor information

New children

We are excited to announce that we have four new children in the OSAAT family all of which we have secured sponsors for and for that we are so grateful.

- Amoyo Gloria - Tina Papworth, Emma and Helen
- Ocen David - Carolyn Norman and family
- Amolo Prossy - Andrew Morgan
- Kia Pricilla - Matt Haddon
- Ageno Daniel - Tracy Goate



We are looking for help with the sponsorship for Irene who lives with her elderly grandmother. Her current sponsor is sadly no longer able to continue with her sponsorship due to unforeseen circumstances. We are so grateful to Carol Heslop who has done so much for Irene over the years, without her support Irene would have had many more struggles in her life.

London Marathon

We have two amazing ladies that have chosen to run a Marathon in support of OSAAT in 2017. A huge thank you to Cath and Becky for making this commitment. The website has a link for anyone who would like to sponsor them: tinyurl.com/BeckandCath2017.

Easy Fundraising

You can now collect FREE donations for One Step at a Time when you're out and about shopping with high street favourites like Cafe Nero thanks to easyfundraising.org.uk's in-store donations and with online shopping too at various outlets e.g. Amazon and John Lewis.

All you need to do to help us raise more is register your debit or credit card securely at [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), then, whenever you use your card at Cafe Nero and other high street retailers or online stores on board you'll collect a FREE donation for us. It won't cost you a penny extra and One Step at a Time will be really grateful for your donations. Find out more at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Exciting football news

Our three football teams are doing incredibly well and of the five OSAAT boys who participated in the Regional tournament four were selected for the national Uganda under 17 team whoop whoop!!! This is such an achievement for boys from the north who have a tough life many coming from the poorest areas of Lira and having spent their childhood days collecting scrap metal and plastics just to feed.

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated funds to provide the boys with the evidence of age that was needed to enable them to be a part of this. Also THANK YOU to Jason Thomson for donating football kits and AP Consulting Engineers for football boots.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our vulnerable children over the last year, and wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year.