

UGAIRISH project

2010 NEWSLETTER

First of all, we would like to thank you for all your donations of funds and supplies to the Ugairish Project over the last year. They were greatly appreciated and put to good use in Uganda.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER 2010

We are hoping to send out two groups of volunteers to Kamuzinda this summer. They will go back-to-back and cover a month between them with the option of staying the full month. We are planning for the last week in June and the first three weeks in July.

For information, you can contact either Siobhán (086 8141797) or Eric (085 7290821).

FUNDRAISING

It is essential that we fundraise again this year. A walk along the Barrow is planned for April/May. This has always proved successful, with people getting sponsored for the 15km walk.



WEBSITE

We have a website that will keep you updated with the progress of the Ugairish Project. You can also find videos, photos and a few written reports of our volunteer trips from the last two years.

www.ugairishproject.org

THE UGAIrish FARM

We have had a busy year with the farm and farm school, and many things have been achieved. The seventeen volunteers who went out in June 2009 had a wonderful time and worked very hard on various projects, including:

- Dismantling and rebuilding a tool store and office
- Hanging doors in the Primary and Senior school's latrines
- Fixing windows, doors and floors in 5 classrooms
- Painting classrooms and dormitories
- Teaching geography and crafts in the primary and senior schools
- Teaching carpentry in the farm school
- Sewing uniforms for school children
- Making curtains for the dormitories
- Eye-tests for all the students and teachers
- De-worming programme
- Weeding and planting vegetables
- Attending to the pigs, goats and hens
- Bringing milk each day to the orphans
- Bringing supplies to needy families in the bush

The team brought clothes, school supplies, tools and medicines out with them, which were distributed to the orphans and schools. All the supplies for the various projects were purchased in the nearby town of Masaka as well as animal feeds, maize and vegetable seeds.

A detailed video account can be seen on the homepage of the website.



Since last summer, a pineapple-growing project has been started and it is hoped that the sale of the pineapples will provide some income for the farm. Also, the pigs have been breeding successfully and are another source of income. Due to a very dry summer season, when there was a lack of grass for the cows, the milk yield was down. This meant there was less milk for the orphans each week. However, the hens are laying well and a new hen house is in the process of being built.

Apollo, the farm manager, sends detailed reports each month of the farm's progress and accounts so that we can keep up to date. The Ugairish Project finances the running costs of the animals and crops monthly.



IT'S OFFICIAL!

The Ugairish Project has officially become a charity since December 2009 and now has a charity number. We have also opened up a designated bank account for the Project in Permanent TSB.

TRUSTEES

In order to register as a charity, we needed a board of trustees. This consists of the following people:

- Siobhán Kinsella – Chairperson
- Eric Stilwell – Secretary
- Fran Stilwell – Treasurer
- Jonathan Jacob
- Joan Thompson
- Paddy Grant
- Róisín Buckley

The charity number is available at the bottom of the page. If you require any more information, then contact using one of the phone numbers on page one, or the contact form on the website.



PHOTOS

Overleaf, clockwise from top left: completed store and office buildings; donated medicine for the clinic; feeding programme; teaching geography and crafts.

Overleaf, bottom: farm school buildings with new store under construction.

This page: the 2009 volunteer team

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