



The Linda Project
A child has the right to be a child!
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Dear friends,

In the last news letter I informed you about the unsafe situation in Northern Uganda, because of the war in South Sudan. This unsafe situation is still there and it's getting worse. This is mainly caused by the famine in Northern Kenya and South Sudan. Because of the civil war the farmers cannot get to their gardens to dig. To make it worse there is drought. Many people flee to Northern Uganda, hoping to find food there. The people from North-Eastern Uganda are also coming our way. Their cattle is dying because of the drought and they are looking for grass.

We also experienced an enormous dry period, from half November until half of February. Not a drop of rain, just sunshine, a hard wind full of dust and temperatures around 38 degrees Celcius. Boy, sometimes it was just too hot.



And then there was rain! And what a rain it was. It's all or nothing!

At the moment it's about 30 degrees, still the hotspot of Uganda and sometimes there is refreshing rain. The farmers are busy in their gardens. We are lucky: our region is still (barely) in the zone where rain falls regularly. In the North-East the riverbeds are already dry for years. People dig holes in the river sands to get to water. So no famine where we are, thank God.

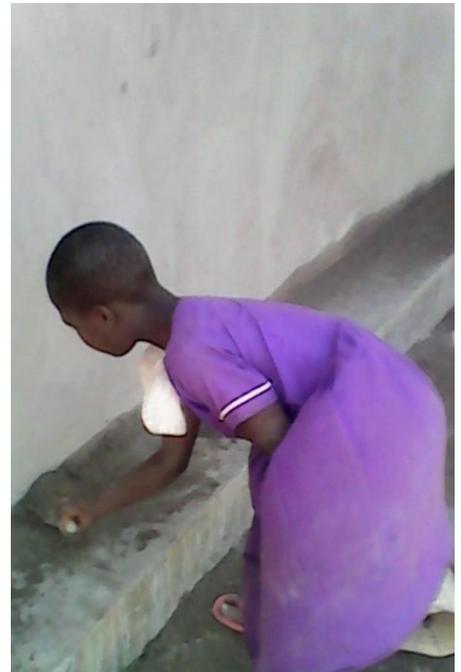


Because of this first enormous downpour the school (Romney shed) has been severely damaged. Luckily we now have brick buildings, but in the shed are the administrative offices and the dining room located. There is work to be done.





In the summer holidays, that's the months of December and January here, we have all worked very hard on the new school buildings. Everything is now plastered and the back- and sides are roughcasted



in green. The classrooms are painted white and light blue inside. We have also erected a separate toilet building for the teachers and other staff

Good news: we have our official license to operate our school. That wasn't easy. We had a license from Lira District and had started our registration procedure. That's when we found out that the District wasn't allowed to give out licenses. That is done by the Ministry in Kampala. After applying all over again we received the official license at the end of January. Now we have 2 years to register. Since that is almost the same as applying for a license, we have started it right away.



The **fun day** at the end of the school year was again a big success. Look at our soccer team and the "eat the cake" event.



We have a nice school with enthusiastic teachers and a good supporting staff. Something to be proud of.

Let me tell you about the day to day affairs in **House of Grace**, the children's home, these days.

During school times only children that attend Linda Primary School are there. **Augustine**, the father, stays at House of Grace to look after the animals (sheep and chickens), to welcome visitors and to maintain the garden. He also looks after the sick children. But the mother, also the cook, **Susan and Morris** (caretaker) go to school with the children. There Susan cooks for everybody at school and goes to House of Grace at around 14.30. After some rest she goes shopping for the evening meal. The children come home at 17.00, together with Morris. Then it's bathing- and play time till supper is ready.



Augustine



After food and doing the dishes everybody assembles in the activity hall and starts with doing their home work under the supervision of Morris. The children then go to sleep step-by-step. Augustine and Susan bring the youngest children to bed at 20.00(P1-P2)

Nancy, Kizito, Dinah, Miriam en Madeleine. They live at House of Grace.

At 20.30 follow P3 and P4; at 21.00 P5, P6 and P7. The next morning at 06.00 it's wake up time and Susan prepares breakfast, tea and 2 buns. At 07.30 everybody goes happily to school.

While at school, **Morris** is the bursar.

During the vacations all the other children come home from their boarding schools. A busy time.

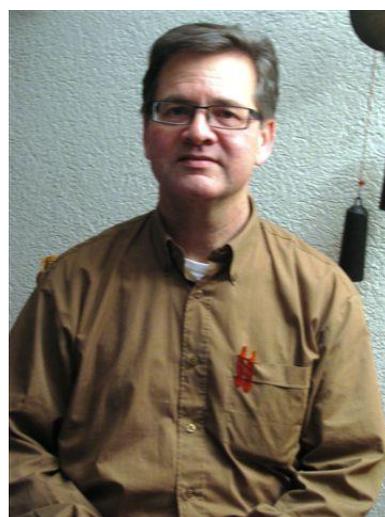
In February we received **the results of all our candidates.**

The 2 primary school students passed. Sarah is now attending S1, Jimmy has joined Buluge Technical School. He wants to become a carpenter.

Gad did his O level exam and passed. He is now joining the plumbing course. There were 4 A level candidates. They have to wait until September to go for further studies. We are still looking for what they can do. Except Violet. She was lucky and could start her dieticians course on 13 March.

This year we have 1 candidate for O level en 3 candidates for P7, Linda Primary School.

On 1 March our secretary, **Philip Heintz**, said good bye as a member of the Board of The Linda Project. After 5 years he decided it was time for something else. Too bad for us, but understandable. Thank you so much, Philip, for a job wel done.



We are now urgently looking for a new secretary, also a member of the Board. We are also looking for ordinary members of the Board. Something for you maybe?

We are still sending many news letters to you via the post. That's no problem, but if you would rather receive these letters via email, could you please send us your email address? You can send it to lindafoundation@yahoo.com Thanks.

We thank you so much for all your generous gifts. It's what makes this work possible.

We wish you all a blessed Easter, on behalf of the children and the team in Lira.

Jozina van Eerdenburg (chairperson) and Karin Somberg (treasurer).



Sack race during the fun day.

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