



The Linda Project
A child has the right to be a child!
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Dear friends and other interested parties,

Here we are again with the latest news from Lira, Uganda.

It is always a strange experience: here in the Northern Hemisphere it is getting darker, colder, bleaker but in Lira the rainy season is over, it's getting hot (33 C) and there is plenty of sun. All through the year we light the candles when there are power outages. All those songs about snow and Jack Frost make no sense here in Lira at all. They have never seen snow, do not know what that is. Yes, always an special happening, Christmas in the sun.



In August **Sophie** came to visit us from Germany as already mentioned in the previous newsletter. She was an enormous help as assistant to the teacher of P1 and P2. Thanks Sophie! She has gone home now to celebrate Christmas there.



For all the primary school children she brought a fantastic present: **pyjamas**.

It was really hilarious. The girls didn't want to wear the pyjamas at first with the boys present. Then they arrived, but with a towel wrapped around them. We just burst out laughing. They finally realised they were being ridiculous and so, in the end, we could take this nice photo. In their pyjamas.



Maybe you recall that 2 of our older boys were going to China to study on Government Sponsorship. They finally boarded the plane on 11 October and their great adventure could start. Because it was all very new to them they left together, even though they attend different universities in different cities. Benjamin's university started a week later. So he had some time on his hands. He discovered that his university was into athletics and since he is a fast runner he asked if

he could join the training. That was fine. At the end of that week there were the championships of the region. He was invited to participate.

And so it came to pass that **Benjamin won the 100 meter and received a gold medal.** Unbelievable! He was so happy and we were so proud!

The school year is finished again and three pupils of the Primary School sat for their P7 leaving exams, one O level student also sat. Brian graduated from the hair dressing school, Morrisson received the diploma for procurement and logistics and Rachel received her diploma in business administration.



Brian

The annual report 2016 of The Linda Foundation in Uganda can be found on the website. You will find the realized work plan 2016 including the money spend on the various projects and the proposed work plan 2017 with the budgeted amounts. You can find it under "publications".

If you have any questions or if you would like to receive a more comprehensive financial report, please contact the secretariat.

House of Grace is starting to decline seriously after all those years of waiting for the electricity company compensation. So, as already mentioned in the previous letter, we started to construct a new house for the boys. This is now finished.



In the coming big vacation, here in December and January, we will probably start the new girl's house.

The new boy's house

And then the wall of the girl's toilet collapsed. That was a real disaster as you can imagine. So: work to do. The new girl's sanitation building including 2 showers is almost finished and already in use.



The new girl's sanitation building

In Uganda lots of children are being born. On average a woman gives birth to 6-7 children in her lifetime. 75% of the population is under the age of 30 years, 57% under the age of 18 years. These figures are startling.

The United Nations and other organizations are calling for extra donations to take care of and educate all these children; they call for more doctors, nurses and midwives to look after the mothers and their baby's. A noble objective and urgently needed.

However, would it not be more appropriate to set up a program to inform the girls in Primary School and onwards that it is better to not produce so many baby's at such an early age? The custom is still that, even though the girls can go to school and receive an education, they still want a baby immediately after finishing their school.

Times are changing, they cannot bring that baby to their mother, aunt, grandmother anymore and continue with their studies, jobs. No, they have to look after their baby's themselves. That means: no more future. Unfortunately that realization comes when it is too late.

I would like to see people being trained to explain to the young woman of Uganda that they have to change their behavior. That too many baby's creates more poverty. That it is not necessary to start having baby's at an early age, you can still get baby's when you are 30 or so. And not have 6 or 7 of them.

Soon I am leaving again for Uganda, to celebrate Christmas with the children.

A sheep will be slaughtered, presents will be under the tree. I am really looking forward to it. Christmas in the sun.

These celebrations, Christmas and New year's Eve/New year have become a real tradition in House of Grace. They have grown up with it. And all that is possible thanks to you! Without your generous and continuous gifts this would not be possible. Their lives would be very different. On behalf of all of them I am very grateful for your efforts.



We wish you a wonderful Christmas Season and a happy and healthy New Year.

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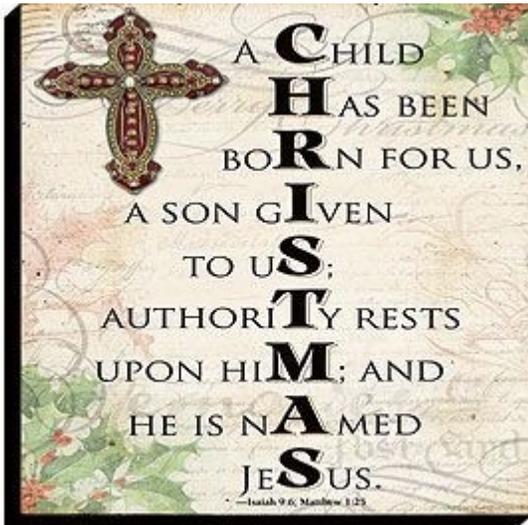
The team in Lira, Uganda.

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The children.

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