



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's hot in Lira, 30 degrees C. on average, with an occasional downpour and cooling down to an agreeable 18 degrees C. at night.

Things have calmed down again after a serious uproar some weeks ago. A man of Indian decent supposedly killed a child and half the town went berserk. The police and the army needed several days to restore order, inclusive of the use of teargas and real bullets. Our housekeeper Janet didn't go home that night, she slept over. And that same night we also had a visit from a burglar. He turned off the power from the outside meter box and thought he could have a field day. Luckily everything was locked and secured. The windows and doors are also protected by iron bars. Tough luck for the burglar. Out of frustration he did destroy our internet/Wi-Fi installation which is located outside the house.

In the meantime all the children are home again for the long vacation. In February the new school year starts.

David Odur, who attended P7, the last class of Primary School, had to do his final exams in a school quite far away. He joined for the last trimester, but to walk 16 km. every day (to and fro), that was a bit much to ask. That's why he received a nice bicycle. He expects good results and then it will be our job to find him a good secondary school.



Isaac and Daniel sat for their final exams of junior technical school, brick laying and concrete practice. Gad sat for his final exam craft plumbing. Technical school consists of 3 stages: junior, craft and advanced. Now we are left with Jimmy, 3rd year junior carpentry and joinery and Moses and Joshua who are going for their final year craft, painting and decorating, next year.

The juniors do not continue with craft, they are in their twenties and prefer to go to work.



Gad Odur had to do a 6 week internship after his final exams and was very lucky: we went together to Uganda National Water to find out if he would stand a chance to get a placement with them. The Human Resource Officer asked him for the recommendation letter from school. Well, he didn't bring that yet as we only came to inquire. "No problem, bring that letter tomorrow and you can come". Unbelievable. We looked at each other and said: "God is good"!

Two weeks ago they called him and asked if he could come ahead of time and so he has been busy ever since. If all goes well he will have a job! With 15 others, from all over Uganda, they are doing their internship. It isn't easy to get a placement with them.

Our **water tank** was leaking constantly and so he is installing a metal tank.

During the 18 years that The Linda Project is now working in Lira we have been able to help many orphaned children. Among them were also child headed families. The children could stay together while the oldest one didn't have to concern him/herself with parental care, we did that.

Because of the new law that isn't possible anymore. Everybody has to go to some relatives. Those relatives cannot look after for instance 4 children, so the family is separated. Very sad.

To my utter amazement I watched an advertisement on tv from a Dutch NGO soliciting for donations to help care for child headed families in Uganda! That is no longer possible.

The electricity company is still quiet. Let's hope something good will happen in the new year. We are not giving up.



It's been some years ago already that we were given our dog, **Bolt**. The children are very fond of him.

Nancy, Dinah and Yubo with Bolt.

Our house is quite full as even the students from university came home for Christmas. Betty, who studies meteorology and is almost finishing; Bonny, who has finished his first year in finance and accounting. Violet remains in Kampala, as she has her final exams for human nutrition and clinical dietetics in January.

Absolom is still in China, now in his second year International Business. Benjamin, his brother, is now in The Netherlands, where he is also studying International Business. China didn't go well with him, now he is settling down all right.

A number of our children go to boarding school. They carry everything. A metal box full of school supplies, clothes, shoes, beddings, toilet stuffs, brooms, soap, sugar and some sort of peanut butter to mix in the beans.

Also their mattress and a bucket. All this is tied onto a motor cycle (boda boda) and there we go!



Here is a picture of **Sarah**, on the motor cycle with Morrison, on her way to the third trimester 2018.

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Many of you receive our newsletter by email already, many don't.

Of course we gladly send you our newsletter by post, but, in case you have email and would not object to receiving the letter digitally from now on, we would appreciate it if you could send us your email address. (lindafoundation@yahoo.com)

It saves a lot on postage.

We are extremely happy with all your generous gifts, thanks so much for that. Without your support we couldn't do this work. The children are also very grateful.

We wish you a blessed and merry Christmas and a prosperous 2019.



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