



## The Linda Project

A child has the right to be a child!

### Newsletter nr. 3 – December 2020

Dear friends and other interested parties,

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

**What a strange year we have had!** You don't realize how we had come to take all our freedoms for granted. And then a virus arrives and suddenly nothing is possible anymore. Very confronting. I hope that no corona has struck among our loyal newsletter readers and that you are all still healthy.

Like everywhere else, there is still no sign of the end of the corona epidemic in Lira. The schools are still closed, only the final exam classes are allowed to go to school, for the second trimester. Everything is shifted to next year. There is still a curfew and mouth masks are required everywhere.

Christmas and Happy New Year will be celebrated different from usual. No hotel or bar is open and then there are no beautiful fireworks either. Fortunately, the church is accessible again.

Next January there will be **elections** and the police and army are intervening strongly if people are too close together during the campaign. In Kampala, the capital, this resulted in 50 deaths. If President Museveni does not win, many fear a bloody war.



Jonathan, Nancy, Ivan, Yubo, Fina, Mirriam, Kizito



**Jonathan** is growing rapidly and now weighs 50 kilos, that wasn't always the case, but he takes his AIDS medicines faithfully.

Morrison had started raising chickens and it was going well, he had a lot of chicks. Until an infected rooster flew into the coop, now all his chickens are dead, very sad. And we had hoped for chicken on the Christmas menu.

As far as the weather is concerned, there is no complaint, every day about 30 degrees and the occasional refreshing shower.

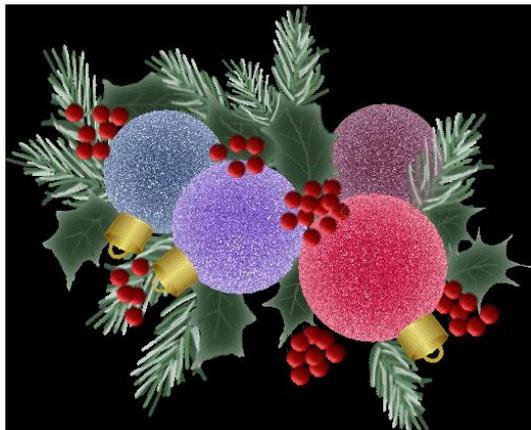
In Uganda, the government has decided that all passports will expire on January 1, 2021. Everyone gets an East African Community passport. This includes the following countries: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan and Burundi.

This meant that Benjamin Ojok, who is studying in the Netherlands, had to go to Uganda to apply for a new passport. Fortunately, that was possible and he now has his new passport, the procedure went very fast. The question now is whether he can come back, as everything has gone into lockdown. We hope for the best.



In the front row: Jonathan, Yubo, Mirriam, Nancy. In the second row: Absolom, Kizito, Jimmy, Dinah, Sarah. In the third row: Lamech, Ivan, Bonnie, Child Protection Mr Joe Otim, hidden behind Dinah his wife, Janet and Fina.

In the group photo, not everyone looks happy, because they had been addressed by Mr. Joe Otim. It is very nice that this man makes an effort to keep an eye on the children while I can't be there, because of the corona measures.



**I would like to draw your attention to the following:** several people have received an email that looked like it was sent by me, asking for money. The mails contained text that were written by me but also **another text was added!**

As if I am asking for it. Pay attention!! I NEVER send such requests. So don't go for it.



Yubo



Jonathan



Fina

Because I cannot go to Uganda due to the corona crisis, Benjamin has brought the things for the children. I had bought raincoats, among other things, in March or so and was very curious if they would still fit. For Jonathan and Yubo it was ok, but Fina is hanging in hers. Oh well.

**The 2019 annual reports are on our website.** Both the social report, which also includes the expenditures in Uganda, and the financial report.

**Thank you very much for all your support this past year.** We couldn't do this job without you. Without you, our children would be roaming the streets somewhere or worse. Thanks to you, they can lead a carefree life, they can be a child!



**We wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!**

Let's hope the corona misery will come to an end soon, so that we can resume our normal life.

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Team Northern Ireland  
The children

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