

Newsletter nr. 3 - December 2021

Dear friends and other interested parties,

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

Great news: I was able to visit Lira from 20 November until 14 December, so I just got back. It was so wonderful to see everybody again after 21 months. I found everything in order, kids were healthy and happy.

My coming came as a big surprise, I had not told them I was coming.

So, you can imagine the exhilaration and happiness.

The journey went very well, although it is a lot of hassle travelling in Corona time.

Since Lira has become a city, many improvements have been made regarding infrastructure and buildings. It's beginning to look like something!

There has been a lot of **insecurity** in Uganda of recent. Several bomb attacks took place, mostly in the Kampala area, injuring and killing people, instilling a lot of fear among the population. Curfew is still in place and there is police everywhere.



Isaac and Joshua designing paper animals

Latest Corona news from Uganda: all schools are to be opened again from January 10th 2022. Under the condition that everybody is vaccinated. People are wondering who will then attend school, since almost no students have been vaccinated. Same goes for the teachers. And after 20 months without pay, many teachers have found a different way of life and will not be returning to their teaching profession.



Sarah ironing the Lira way

Sarah passed het O level exams and has been accepted in Lira Town College for her A levels. Lamech and Kizito were able to go back to their technical school at the end of November. Isaac and Jimmy sat for their technical school exams, results are still pending.

Bonnie Olwit graduated for his Bachelor of Finance and Accounting, but transcript is still pending. He works in our office for now.

Betty Adongo has finally been able to find a job at the meteorology institute, but for the first 6 months they only pay her 75 euro per month, which is absolutely not enough to live on. The rent for her room is already 60 euro per month.

All other students are still at home, waiting for schools to reopen.



Sarah and Finah with cat Tray



Yubo on the couch



Jonathan colouring

We bought a new fridge for House of Hope, as the old one was no longer functioning.

The kids planted a lot of maize. It was one of the activities they did to keep them busy during this forever lockdown. They love to roast it.

I had brought colouring books and everybody took to colouring. I noticed a big improvement in this colouring, they created absolutely beautiful designs.

While I was there, we sort of **celebrated Christmas early**. The gift-giving part of it. I had brought a suitcase full of presents. And clothes, shoes, mattresses, nets, were bought.

We appreciate everyone who supports us, it means a lot to the kids, may God bless you.

On our website you can find our annual report.



Janet, Finah, Sarah, Morrison, Yubo, Ivan, Joshua, Gad, Bonnie, Jonathan and me.

As yet another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all at LindA Project, to wish you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year**. May the harmony and spirit of the Holidays fill your Home with Love and Peace.



Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022

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