



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2010

UK CHARITY SET UP TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF UWCM

After many years of fundraising and supporting the work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry, we are very pleased to announce that a UK charity has been registered called 'Uganda Concern UK' (registration number 1133440) with the object of *'the prevention and relief of poverty in Uganda, in particular by supporting the charitable work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry'*. The work being carried out by UWCM in the Mbale region of Uganda remains unchanged: the establishment of a UK charity simply creates more accountability and opens up additional funding for UWCM. It also means that people will now be able to Gift Aid their donations to UWCM which will increase their giving by 28p per £1. **All cheques should be made payable to 'Uganda Concern UK'** and standing order/gift aid forms can be obtained from one of the contacts overleaf.

We have registered Uganda Concern UK with Everyclick.com which allows people to donate online by credit/debit card and is also useful for sponsorship events. **NOTE: Every time you search the web, trade on Ebay or shop on-line you will raise funds for Uganda Concern UK – please check out www.everyclick.com and enter 'Uganda Concern UK' as your chosen charity.** You can also sign up and keep track of your giving – you will be amazed at how quickly it all adds up.

EDITH WAKUMIRE RETIRES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UWCM

With effect from January 2010, Edith has officially retired as Executive Director of UWCM and Lois Wamutu has taken over this role. As Founder Patron Trustee, and Public Relations and Resource Mobilisation Co-ordinator Edith remains actively involved with UWCM but has handed over the day-to-day running of the organisation to Lois.

Please pray for both Edith and Lois as they take up their new roles.

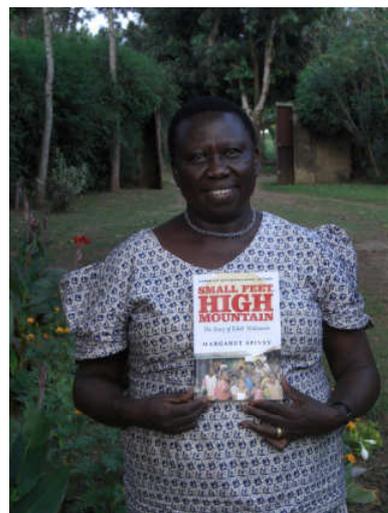


Lois at her new desk as Executive Director of UWCM

EDITH'S BIOGRAPHY FINALLY PUBLISHED!

Edith has been praying for someone to write her biography for many years and Margaret Spivey from Clevedon took up the challenge and spent two years researching and writing Edith's amazing life story. The book, entitled 'Small Feet, High Mountain' is on sale at £9.99 with all profits split between UWCM and Edith. At the time of going to print, Margaret has sold approximately 300 copies and has received comments such as "gripping", "well researched" and "a powerful read".

To order a copy, please contact Margaret at ugandaconcernuk@live.co.uk or on 01275 876836



We presented Edith with her own copy of 'Small Feet, High Mountain' when we visited UWCM in January

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2010 CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE

This year, 68 young people aged 11-18 years attended the 5 day residential conference at Fairway School in Mbale from 11th -15th January. The theme of the conference was 'Jesus Blesses Little Children' based on Matthew 19:13-15 and the objectives of the conference were to bring children together to share the love of Jesus and to equip them with the knowledge and life skills to manage their own lives in the future.

For many this was their first time in town, first time sleeping on a mattress, a chance to make new friends and an opportunity for them all to have 5 days in which they were allowed to simply be children.

As well as receiving teaching on topics such as Relationships, HIV/AIDS, Bereavement and Self Esteem the children ate 3 good meals a day, played games and at the end of the conference they were each given a new blanket plus a 'party bag' containing small gifts we had taken out eg pens, pencils, cuddly toys, puzzles etc. As you can imagine, this caused great excitement and there was plenty of singing and dancing!

The staff of UWCM worked very hard to ensure that the children had a good time and, despite various problems such as no running water on the first day, the whole event was deemed a great success.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

If you live within a reasonable travelling distance from Clevedon, North Somerset or Maidstone, Kent, and are looking for someone to come to your group/church to speak about the work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry then please contact us and we would be delighted to come and talk to your group.

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The children with their blankets



Enjoying the puzzles & games

MUD/LAND SLIDES IN BUDUDA, MBALE.

A team from UWCM visited the area on 11th March to assess the situation and to see how to respond to this tragedy. At that time 89 bodies had been recovered and over 280 people uncounted for, with 3000 people displaced and living in camps. Although other agencies, including the Ugandan government, are working in the area they are addressing more general issues whilst UWCM are able to care for the needs of individual people and families particularly offering counselling and support, looking beyond the initial relief work and helping people, especially children, re-build their lives. They ask for our prayers and financial support.

UWCM WEBSITE www.ugandaconcern.com

This is currently being updated to include reports and news from the various departments within UWCM plus regular news and prayer items.

There will also be a separate page for Uganda Concern UK featuring news/fundraising events etc.

Please contact us if you would like anything to be included anything on the website.

PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST

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