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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2011

Uganda Concern UK mission statement: the prevention & relief of poverty in Uganda, in particular by supporting Uganda Women Concern Ministry, a Christian charity working in communities around Mbale in the east of the country.

2011 ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CAMP

Each year, UCUK funds the Children's Camp which is an important part of the work of the Children's Dept. This year, 72 children, the majority of whom had lost 1 or both parents, attended the camp held at St Thomas College, Mbale. The purpose of the annual camp is to allow them to make new friends and share experiences, to have time for fellowship and Bible study and receive teaching on topics such as nutrition & hygiene, children's rights and responsibilities, bereavement & loss. But also it is a time when they can have 3 good meals a day, have fun and to simply be children.

Bridget Withell has been instrumental in the running of the camp for many years, and this year 4 of us went out to take part and to organise lots of craft activities which the children really enjoyed.



Each child is presented with a gift which is chosen by the staff of UWCM—this year they each received a set of bed sheets.

Although UCUK fund the 5 day residential camp (it costs approx. £1800), it is organised and run by the staff of UWCM, headed up by Robert Magaga and it really is a very special time for the children.

STAFF OF UWCM—JAN 2011



Lois Wamutu (back, centre) has taken over from Edith as Executive Director and Edith Wakumire (far left) has taken on the role of Public Relations/Resource Mobilisation Co-ordinator: We first met Lornah, Secretary, (kneeling, 2nd from right) when we visited UWCM in 1995 and she is our main contact and works incredibly hard maintaining all their office administration. Robert (back row, 4th from right) organises the annual Children's Camp and Christine (sitting, front row) is head of the Womens' Dept and is our main contact for CMTs, Womens' work etc. ALL the staff work incredibly hard and are totally committed to the work and vision of UWCM. They really value and appreciate all our prayers and support.

EXAMPLES OF HOW OUR MONEY IS USED IN UGANDA

The money raised by UCUK helps to pay UWCM staff salaries and administration costs as well as supporting CMTs and Womens' Group projects such as providing funds for building shelters for needy families and encouraging individuals and groups to start income generating activities (IGAs). Recently, 4 female headed families were given 100,000UGX (approx. £25) to start IGAs. One woman has started making hardcore for sale and on average, she is able to make a profit of £7 per month which she uses to provide for her family and is hoping to be able to save to build a better shelter. See website for more details of the work carried out by UWCM. THANK YOU for the tremendous support by individuals and groups (both regular and one-off donations).

"Working to support Uganda Women Concern Ministry" – UK Charity Number 1133440

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NOTE CARDS

Following on from the success of our range of Christmas cards, we have recently produced a set of 10 assorted general cards - each depicting bright, colourful African scenes. All images are taken from traditional African batiks, paintings & banana fibre scenes. These are available in sets of 10 for £6 and are available from Trustees or email ugandaconcernuk@live.co.uk. Details also on the website.

Do you have a local shop who may be able to sell them? Why not take in a set and ask if they are interested in selling them on a sale/return basis?



SPEAKERS AVAILABLE PLUS HAND-MADE JEWELLERY FOR SALE

*If you live within a reasonable travelling distance from Clevedon (North Somerset), Preston (Lancashire) 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 will put you in touch with a local speaker who also has a small range of hand made necklaces & bracelets for sale which have been made by a Women's Group supported by UWCM. During our visit in January we were taken to meet the women and to see how they made the beads—**full details on the website.** Elizabeth Swarbrick, from Preston, has also managed to get her local hairdresser and craft shop to sell them—brilliant!*

If you would like your details to be removed from our mailing list, please contact one of the Trustees. Thank you

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EBENEZER VILLAGE ACCOMMODATION

We are very pleased to report that during our visit in January we had the privilege of being the first guests to stay in the 'village huts'. There are 6 huts completed and available to hire to individuals and groups. Each is fitted with a double bed, table, chair, wardrobe, & ensuite cold shower, wc and washbasin. There is a large, separate communal room for eating/relaxing with basic cooking facilities. UWCM are hoping to hire these out to visitors to their offices to provide additional income. See website for more details.



THE GREAT BIG SMALL CHARITY CAR DRAW—WIN A FIAT 500!

Last year we raised approx. £200 (that's enough to fund the cost of building a new shelter for a needy family) and we are hoping to beat that amount this year. Please contact one of the Trustees if you would like some books to sell to your friends & family (tickets £2 each with 95.2% of all sales going to Uganda Concern UK). Tickets are also available online by going to <http://www.smallcharitycardraw.co.uk/tickets.php?id=ucu>

*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.*

TO DATE £62 HAS BEEN RAISED PURELY BY SEARCHING THE INTERNET!

*Uganda Concern UK trustees would like to express sincere thanks to all our supporters for their support, prayers and gifts. Any donation is gratefully received and passed on **without deduction** to UWCM. Cheques should be made payable to '**Uganda Concern UK**' and gift aid forms can be obtained from one of the contacts/trustees below.*

For regular donations, please request a standing order/gift aid form.