

a little bit of news

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Nurturing hope in the Butaleja District of Uganda by enabling people to overcome the hurdles that prevent them reaching their full potential.



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We've just read the latest quarterly report from our team in Uganda. The quantity, and the quality of the work that is going on is exciting. And the impact that work is having is so encouraging – thank you for making it all possible.

In this edition of *a little bit of news* there just isn't room to talk all the programmes we're involved in, so here are a few highlights, to give you a flavour of the impact we're making.

5,000 PUPILS RECEIVE GUIDANCE



More than 5,000 pupils were part of our career guidance road-show which saw nine facilitators visit ten schools to talk to pupils about how to go about choosing a career; and then, how to make good decisions to ensure you get the education and experience you need to be able to follow that career.

WIDOWS LEARNING TO DIVERSIFY



Working with the Widow's Support Team at Busolwe Pentecostal Church we

are providing training that aims to empower women to support themselves. Recent vegetable-growing training will enable them to eat more healthily and sell their produce at local markets.

THE JOY OF A TAP



Working with the Busolwe Health Workers Association we are educating families about the safe collection, storage and use of water. So far we've provided 15 families with tanks, with taps and a bowl. This enables water to be stored and dispensed hygienically. We are hoping to raise money for another 35 this year.

CARPENTRY TEACHERS ON BOARD



We have now selected three experienced carpenters to be part of our apprenticeship programme. Each of these carpenters will now receive training, before a trainee carpenter is placed with them. The apprenticeship scheme will focus on both craftsmanship and business management.

introducing

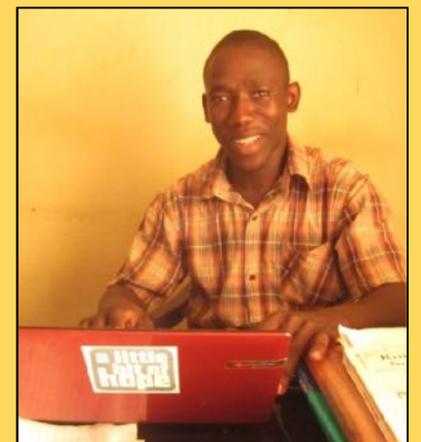
isaac

Isaac is 26 years old and is the newest member of the team. Ever since he heard about **a little bit of HOPE** he has been praying that he would one day have a job with us – and this year his prayer has been answered!

In February, he began an internship with us – assisting the team on a number of projects and playing a vital role in our response to the storms that hit Butaleja in April.

Since joining the team, the staff in Uganda and the trustees in the UK have been extremely impressed with him – both in terms of his character and the quality of his work. Therefore, we have invited him to become a part of the staff team in the role of Project Coordinator.

To begin with he will be taking on several of Noah's and Grace's projects. Noah is taking two months unpaid leave as he considers his future plans, while Grace is about to have a baby!





in safe hands

Izzy Bloomfield, a trustee of a little bit of HOPE in the UK and her boyfriend, Dave, have just returned from spending two weeks with the a little bit of HOPE (Uganda) team. Izzy reports...

Visiting the Butaleja district of Uganda this July was, unsurprisingly, an absolute privilege. I always look forward to reaching the hustle and bustle of Busolwe Town, surrounded by its contrastingly peaceful villages. A warm welcome is guaranteed wherever you go in Uganda.

a little bit of HOPE is making a name for itself in the area. To clarify, a good one! It was instantly noticeable how respected and appreciated the projects are by the community, even if they are not direct beneficiaries themselves. **a little bit of HOPE** is accepted and loved in Butaleja, which is one of the most encouraging things to witness. None of this would be the case if it wasn't for the skill and dedication of the staff team.

Since I was last visited, just one year ago, four new staff members have joined the team. It was incredible to meet these four motivated individuals, each with their different passions, skills and dreams. Thank you for making it possible for the team to be expanded. The work they are doing in the community is amazing!

If the summary of the team had to be limited to a single word, it would have to be 'passion'. While spending time with Ivan, Josephine, Noah, Grace, Fred and Isaac, the passion they have for the work they carry out is contagious. They are inspiring people to be around and it is without a doubt that the work of **a little bit of HOPE** is in very safe hands.

Fred is one of these very passionate people! He is our agricultural expert and

loves to advise people on their farming techniques. We visited all four school farms with him during our visit and it was clear to see how he has immersed himself into this project. Nathan is the head teacher at Mugulu Integrated Primary School and his praise for Fred's work was ever flowing! All four schools have seen a dramatic increase in pupils' enrolment and attendance each year since the implementation of the school farms.

It sounds impressive on a large scale, but it also causes you to think about each individual child who is now attending school, or whose concentration levels have improved, or the children that will be able to farm their land more productively in the future.

In the years to come Fred would like to expand the school farm project by firstly involving the wider community, and secondly, creating a model that can be replicated in other schools. However, his eagerness to develop the projects further is driven by his passion for the welfare of each individual child, enabling them to receive a school meal and improve their education. After all, in Fred's own words, "They are the future of tomorrow".



joyful widows

It's unlikely that many of you will have met someone as grateful as a widow in the village of Bugosa who has just been built a new house. We had the privilege of doing so this summer and I can tell you I don't believe I've ever seen so much joy explode from within one person!

As we arrived with a group from Busolwe Pentecostal Church (our partners in this project), in a convey of motorcycles into Maria's compound, she (pictured) ran straight up to us and started thanking the Church's Widow Support Team before they even had time to dismount! "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



As Maria showed us to her new home, the excitement never ran short. You can see her new home in this photo (still to be plastered), with the old one in the background. She now uses the old one as her kitchen. Before, she used to sleep in the same smoky hut she used as a kitchen.

I cannot stress how much of a difference this new home has made to, not just Maria, but her whole family. So thank you, thank you for your support that made this possible.

N.B. We have now completed the seven houses we set out to build. This has provided homes for eight widows (we built a larger house for two sisters). We are continuing to provide training to enable these women to generate their own income and grow more nutritious food for themselves and their families.

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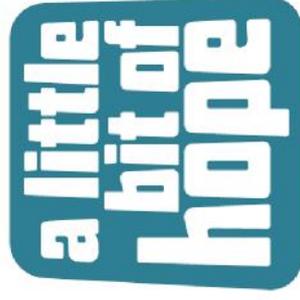
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