

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020

This year the proposed project was solar lighting for St. Thomas Aquinas secondary school, Akanyo, but covid intervened. Here, fundraising events could not be held and in Uganda, schools were closed before January term ended. In Nebbi diocese, the rains washed away crops and some houses, food shortages developed and prices rose. It was particularly difficult for people in the villages. The trustees changed the purpose of the charity to include giving humanitarian aid by adding the following sentence.

For the public benefit the relief of and assistance to people in need in Nebbi Diocese, Uganda, who are the victims of war or natural disaster, trouble, or catastrophe in particular by the supply of food, clothing and other necessities.

In August, we embarked on fundraising by an appeal at St. Gregory's parish, Cheltenham, an appeal to our regular standing order donors and an appeal to friends and family through our personal Facebook accounts. To accept donations we set up a campaign on Virgin Money Giving using our account.

We raised £2000 and sent it in August, but there continued to be shortages. We asked permission of the regular donors, whose donations are for school fees, to use those donations for aid to the people while the schools were closed. Many responded, so more aid was given to the people. But the shortages continued. We appealed again and also appealed to a charity which operates in Uganda and had some unrestricted funds, Farmers Overseas Action Group, who gave us £1000. Two school years returned in September, so some school fee grants were made and there was some leftover for aid. Donations continued to come in and we sent two more grants. In total, we granted aid of £12357 up to Christmas.

We go into 2021 expecting the need for humanitarian aid to continue and possibly the other school years will return also. So there will be a continuing need for school fee grants and appeals for aid or for capital works for schools.

Regular standing order donations held up and we continue to use these, along with the Gift Aid, for school fees for secondary students. We helped 32 students in the two years that returned for September term. The fees were much higher than average because of exam fees and covid arrangements.

Supporting Ugandan Education – 2020

Accounts

Period 01/01/2020 To 31/12/2020

Income

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| Fee Sponsorship | £8,730.00 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Payment – Fees | £1,337.50 |
| Humanitarian Aid - VMG | £3,164.52 |
| Humanitarian Aid – StG | £520.00 |
| Humanitarian Aid – FPI | £2,985.00 |
| Humanitarian Aid – FOAG | £1,000.00 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Payment – HA | £642.10 |
| Gift Aid Payment – VMG | £669.25 |
| Project Gift Aid 2019 – VMG | £151.25 |
| Other Donations | £75.00 |

Total Income £19,274.62

Brt fwd fm 2019 £3,848.19

Subtotal £23,122.81

Balance = **£3,860.81**

Expenditure

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| School Fees | £6,753.00 |
| Humanitarian Aid | £12,357.00 |
| Bank Charges | £152.00 |
| Expenses | £0.00 |
| Other | £0.00 |

Total Expenditure £19,262.00

VMG: Virgin Money Giving

StG: St. Gregory the Great Parish Project Cheltenham

FPI: Online transfer direct to the charity bank account

FOAG: Farmers Overseas Action Group. Charity 1164747

HA: Humanitarian Aid

Some school fee donations were used for humanitarian aid, with donors permission, when schools were closed.

Not all 2020 gift aid has been claimed yet.