

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HARPENDEN

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP PROJECT REPORT FOR 2022



Thank you for your continued support of the Developing World Group (DWG), Harpenden, through donations, Green Box collections and by attending our social events. This has enabled us to support many small scale projects, mostly in Africa, where our contributions make a big impact on the community and help to develop self-sufficiency.

Here we are giving you more feedback on the benefits of our donations to a few projects that began in 2021 and also report on the new Projects that we supported in 2022.

1	ZAMBIA, AFRICA Project completed	TRANSPORT BY CONTAINER OF TOOLS. TRAINING INCLUDED THE REPAIR & SERVICING OF SEWING MACHINES	DONATED £4,250 IN 2021
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The funds donated to Workaid in Chesham contributed to the shipping of refurbished tools & sewing machines, in a container, to training centres, prisons and self-help organisations in Zambia, Africa. The money also helped to train tailoring instructors. Adrian Hatch from Workaid reported:

"I was fortunate enough to be in Zambia while the training was taking place. Towards the end of the course I spent a morning talking to the trainees and instructors and took these photos.

The course was attended by 10 tailoring instructors from nine government vocational training centres and one independent organisation providing vocational training. The residential course included training to repair and service sewing machines and treadle fabrication. Everyone successfully passed and returned to their projects and are now teaching what they have learnt to their pupils. They also produced a training manual from what they had learnt.

The balance of funds you sent went towards the container named 'Kings'. This has taken quite a while to arrive but has recently been delivered and all 880 packages of tools distributed to the projects."



2	NORTHERN UGANDA Project completed	CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTED SPRINGS	DONATED £3,500 IN 2021
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The Funds donated to IRT have provided access to fresh, clean water for StepUp villagers in the Lira/Alebtong region of Northern Uganda.

Three natural springs have been protected to ensure that they are secured against contamination. The spring water is also filtered through an underground pit with rocks to clean the water.

This serves approximately 3,290 villagers who are so grateful that our donation has helped to improve their standard of living.



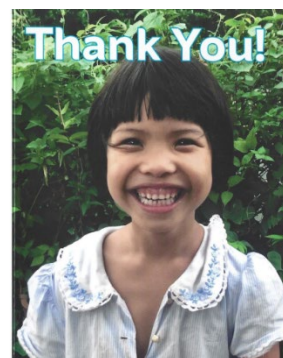
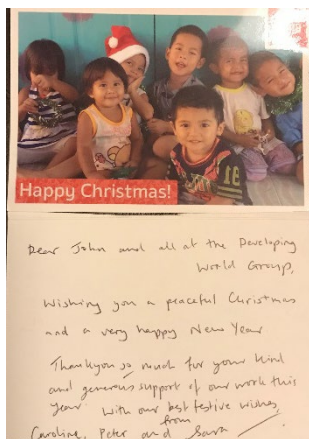
3	MIREMBE BUKEEKA, UGANDA Project completed	CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND FOR HOPE KIDS PRE SCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOL	DONATED £4,500 IN 2022
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We donated the funds to Orphans Know More, a local charity in Harpenden, who work closely with a few schools in Uganda. This school needed a playground with play equipment. Installed by East Africa Playgrounds, this project has enhanced education and community cohesion through play and recreation.



4	THAILAND	1 YEAR TEACHING PROGRAMME AT STAR FLOWER CENTRE	DONATED £2,000 IN 2022
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The Star Flower Centre (SFC) is a centre for 30 children with disabilities such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down's syndrome, hearing impairments and other developmental delays. This project will fund the creation of a one year training programme for six Special Education Teachers focusing on increasing their skills and knowledge so they can better support children with disabilities.



5	KYENGERA, UGANDA Ongoing	SUPPORT BUILDING AN OPERATING THEATRE	APPROX. £2,513 (Subject to exchange rate)
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In October, we agreed to support Harpenden Rotary in their efforts to raise the sterling equivalent of US \$5000 by early 2023 to support the building of an operating theatre in the Kyengera Women's Hospital in Uganda. Through additional grants from Reading Rotary, Rotary International and the Rotary foundation the sum raised will be increased by a factor of 7.4. We see this as an excellent opportunity for collaboration, resulting in a very positive outcome for those in need. This meant that part of our end-year surplus was ringfenced for this project.

6	MUMBWA, ZAMBIA Ongoing	VOCATIONAL TRAINING SKILLS	£2,000 COMMITTED IN DEC '22
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Over the past two years we have supported Workaid's Big Give campaign and in December we agreed to make a donation of £2000 in lieu of their 2022 Big Give campaign as they had sufficient pledges. Our donation was used in conjunction with the monies raised under their 2022 Big Give campaign to provide vocational training skills to a primary and secondary school in Mumbwa, Zambia. The payment of £2000 was made to Workaid in early January 2023 and will be fully reported in our annual report next year.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT IN 2022

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the parishioners and the wider community of Harpenden we managed to raise £11,147.53 through the following:

GREEN BOX, MONTHLY AND ONE-OFF DONATIONS*	£7,598.95
HMRC GIFT AID REBATE**	£332.50
PLANT SALE	£630.00
BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER DONATION***	£1,500.00
QUIZ NIGHT	£1,086.08
TOTAL	£11,147.53

*Should you wish to donate on a one-off basis or by regular standing order and/or register for Gift Aid please see the DWG Finance page on the Parish website or contact Noel Whittle, our treasurer, at noel.whittle@btinternet.com

** A further payment of £1,491.25 is due from HMRC in respect of the Gift Aid donations received.

*** A special thanks must be given to the 'Ladies Group' for donating the funds raised from the 'Banish the Blues Supper Night' to the DWG.

'RECYCLING DAY' FOR UNWANTED TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted tools, equipment, material and sewing machines in October 2022. Our 'Recycling Day', organised by the DWG in conjunction with our Parish Live Simply Group and Workaid, filled a Workaid Van. All these items will be sorted, and refurbished where necessary, in Chesham and then sent to training centres and self-help organisations in Africa.



SOME OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

- GREEN BOX RECALL Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April 2023
- DWG QUARTERLY MEETING Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 2.30pm, in the Undercroft – All welcome
- OPEN GARDEN Saturday 19th June 2023 – *A chance to socialise with other parishioners, buy home grown plants kindly donated by parishioners and enjoy tea & cake*
- QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 14th October 2023 at Lourdes Hall – *A brainteasing, fun evening*

And if you are interested in finding out more about the Group's objectives, projects & helping in any way, please contact our chair, Betty Hines elizabeth.hines@gmail.com or view the Parish website.

<https://www.catholicchurchharpenden.org.uk/category/community/dwg/>

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