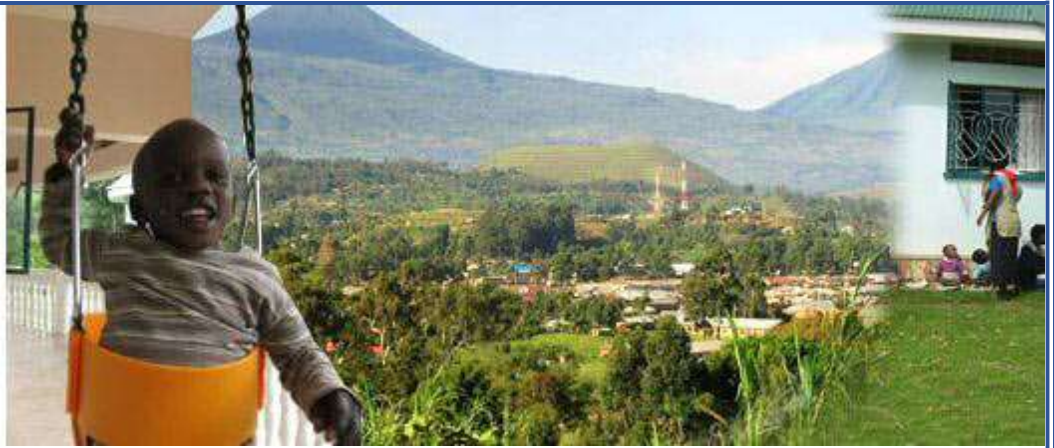


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Welcome to the latest issue of the Potter's Village Newsletter. Issue 3. 2024

The Bishop's walk



The Bishop's Walk was a successful event held in October that was organised to raise funds for Potter's Village. Many members of staff took part in the walk and it was wonderful that the Bishop Rt. Rev. Godfrey Mbitse was able to support this work and raise the profile of Potter's Village within the community.

The event went so well and we are grateful for all the donations Potter's Village received during and after this event.

The event both raised funds and also made the work of Potter's Village known to the general public, opening doors so that we can lobby for support within Uganda. We thank all those who took part and donated to this fundraising effort.

Appeal for Wheels - new truck needed!



Potter's Village is in desperate need of a new pick-up truck. The current pick-up truck was second hand and is used daily to support the work of the charity. When the Trustees visited in January they saw the need for a new vehicle and Indah has outlined below some of the ways it is used on a weekly basis. The rural roads are very difficult to navigate and are tough on any vehicle, especially after heavy rain. Potter's Village needs a dependable and sturdy pick-up to cope with them. Ways in which we use our vehicle;

1. Going to communities to visit and assess babies' homes at the time of admission and towards the time of resettlement.
2. Resettling babies back to their families.
3. Taking babies to and from hospitals when they are at times referred to other hospitals other than Potter's Village Medical Centre.
4. Taking babies to court at the time of acquiring care orders. The magistrate always wants to see the baby before he grants the order.
5. Transporting the social workers to communities to follow up cases especially for abandoned babies and at times collecting babies from far communities.
6. Transporting the psychiatric nurse and social worker making home visits to treat mothers with mental health problems.
7. Shopping for baby products and food.

Appeal for Wheels - can you help?

Appeal for wheels JustGiving Page



We are aiming to raise £30,000 to buy a good second hand truck

Since the appeal was launched we have raised just over £10,000. Please can you help us to raise the next £10,000.

Go to the web address show below to give via our JustGiving page, or scan the QR code to be taken to our appeal page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/appealforwheels>

A new cow at Potter's Village



Potter's Village has been blessed to be given a young cow. A well-wisher who took part in the Bishop's Walk decided to support this work by donating a young cow to the project.

The same person currently gives 20 litres of milk for babies every week and has promised to keep donating this milk until the cow is able to give us the same quantity. This has helped to cut the cost of milk and we are so thankful.

The Rehab Unit



The rehabilitation unit is doing well. The rehab playground is under construction and we hope this will be completed by the end of January 2025. We thank Janie Robson for the continuous mobilisation of funds/equipment for rehab and also her physical presence to support the rehab team.

We have also been blessed to receive a grant that was arranged by Chris Foster and Health Tree Uganda for the purchase of a motorcycle, which will make transport for community visits easier and enable Potter's Village to reach out to many children, both for physio and malnutrition follow-ups.

Resettled Children



A number of children have been resettled back with their families recently.

Gerald and Owen have both recently been resettled back with family members and are doing well. They will stay on financial support as long as the social workers feel they need that extra help.

Joshua was resettled with his paternal aunt at the end of October. She will care for him until he is big enough to join school and then he will move back in with his father.

At the end of October, Robert was also resettled with his paternal aunt. He will live with his aunt until he is big enough to be with his father and, like all other children in the community supported by Potter's Village, this decision will be made with the support of our social workers.

New children



Admission to Potter's Village during the last few months has increased. We have received 9 babies into the crisis centre since September.

Elizabeth was born in the middle of September. She came to Potter's Village a few days later as her mother has some mental health difficulties and is unable to care for her baby.

Annet was born in November and was brought straight to Potter's Village, as her mother sadly died during the birth. We expect to find a family member who can care for Annet once she is ready to be resettled.

Daniel came to Potter's Village when he was a week old. His mother haemorrhaged and died after his birth. We do not know if she received hospital treatment or any antenatal care.

Trinko is a little boy who is around 6 months old. His mother died soon after birth and although his grandmother was caring for him, she still needed help from a volunteer who was giving them milk for the baby. When she was unable to afford this milk, Trinko became malnourished, which led to a series of illnesses and Kisoro Hospital requested that Potter's Village intervene and support this family.

Vastine was born in the middle of August and came to Potter's Village a month later after the death of her mother. She has two older siblings at home and at the moment her family is unable to care for her.

Jonan was born in September and came to Potter's Village at one day old. His mother had given birth in a rural health centre, but by the time she was referred to the larger hospital, she had severely haemorrhaged and died.

Sympathy was born in July and was admitted at Potter's Village in October. We are currently unsure when her mother died, but her family is not able to care for her at the moment.

Liam was abandoned while he was a newborn. We are still trying to trace his mother and father.

Miracle lost his mother and came to Potter's Village because he was very sick. He has been in the medical centre for the last 4 weeks.

If you would like to support one of these babies by becoming a child sponsor, please click on this link to visit our website. Thank you.

Kitchen Table Charity Trust



We were delighted earlier in the year to receive a grant for the medical centre for the purchase of medical equipment from the Kitchen Table Charity Trust. The grant has enabled us to purchase a baby incubator, a phototherapy unit, 5 pulse oximeters, and a mobile oxygen concentrator. Our sincere appreciation to supporter Tim, who has led this fundraising effort and to the Kitchen Table Charity Trust for this wonderful gift.

Baby M



Baby M has been at Potter's Village since her mother was killed in an accident. Baby M was badly injured in the accident and is disabled. The staff from the Rehab Unit have been working with her and she has been making good progress.

She is now 2 years and 6 months old and is to be resettled with her family before Christmas. Potter's Village will continue to monitor her closely and provide support.

Baby M's maternal grandmother has been staying at Potter's Village for training on how to support and care for her.

There is an individual who has offered to support Baby M with a monthly allowance and we believe if he fulfils his promise, it will help with the upkeep cost for this child since she has many special needs.

Please pray for us



We thank God;

- For The Bishop's walk and the fundraising happening in Uganda
- For the Crisis Centre, that it can continue to care for all those babies in need
- For the Child Sponsors making such a huge difference to children's lives
- For the new calf, may it support the project and provide milk for the babies.
- For all those supporters across the world praying and giving to this work.
- For supporting charities like Health Tree Uganda and other grant-giving trusts
- For the staff and their dedication to this work
- For volunteers giving up their time to help

Please pray

- For baby M and her grandmother as they begin living together.
- For stability with the economy in Uganda where families are struggling
- For the children re-settled in the community that they may be cared for and thrive.
- For all staff, whatever their role that they feel valued and show compassion to all those needing the support of Potter's Village
- For the children recently admitted, that they may feel loved despite such a difficult start to life.
- For Idah (Administrator) and Board of Governors as they manage Potter's Village
- For Friends of Potter's Village, that they will continue to have sufficient income and for good stewardship of donated funds.
- For the Pick-up Truck appeal
- That we find more long-term foster carers
- For the good health of the babies and specifically for baby Miracle who is sick

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