



JINJA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Summer 2019 Newsletter

I have just returned from a very productive trip to Jinja. Joining me there was Sally Funnell and her team of teachers from the UK, who have delivered teacher training and resources to our schools for over six years. The continued support is vital in making sure that the training we offer is successfully implemented and monitored.



This has made a huge impact on the educational standards of the children.

After the overwhelming support at our dinner in June, where so many of you gave so generously, we were able to start the process of rebuilding the rest of the Twinkle School and provide much needed boarding houses, with the nursery and resource centre to follow.



The sugar cane field being cleared for new boarding houses.

Twinkle School were so excited to know they were getting new dormitories. We were able to tell them due to the success of the dinner, and the kindness of our supporters, that they would have a safe and comfortable place to live. Within a week the land, which was being used for sugar cane, had been harvested and cleared ready to start the new dormitories!

There will be room for 150 boys and 150 girls who currently squeeze into very cramped and unsanitary conditions (*as shown, right*). After this we will bring the nursery school, a library and IT room onto the same site, making Twinkle one of the best equipped as well as high achieving primary schools.



Although Twinkle School has needed the most urgent attention, all the schools and orphanages in the JET family will benefit greatly from all the help we have been given. The Resource Centre at St Patrick's has 200 new books and Great Hopes School has received new books, sports kit and educational supplies.



Thanks to your support we have been able to supply food for the orphanages, shoes, books, equipment, vitamins and health supplies and so much more.



The deaf school children received new bedding and school supplies and now new students can join them next year. Visiting nurses advised on health and welfare at all the schools and orphanages and we are currently interviewing local nurses to help us on a more permanent basis.



All these things really help all the students, if they are well cared for and supported they are more able to learn and make the most of the educational opportunities offered. This gives them a sense of being valued so they have the confidence to face the future and be able to take their place in the modern world. So often these children have been ignored, marginalized and made to feel 'second best'. They are so excited to receive a pair of second hand shoes, pens, books, clothes or food, just to be noticed matters. When parents struggle to pay school fees we have to make every penny count, every child valued and supported to be the best they can be.

With your help we can give these children a good education so that they have the chance to realise their dreams and ambitions, and become productive members of their community. Together we have already achieved so much. There is still so much to do and I will keep you up to date with our progress.

Thank you on behalf of all the children. **Sue Symonds**

PS: To keep you updated we have now added an Instagram account: **jinjaedtrust** or you can visit our new website: **www.jinjaedtrust.com**



For further information on all the work we do, and how you can support our projects, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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