



JET Project Update

As we have started the new school year and so much has happened over the long winter break it seemed like a good time to send an update on the two schools.

After the fund-raising dinner in June our focus was to provide dormitories for Twinkle Primary School, as the conditions these young children were living in was unsafe, unsanitary and crowded. I am delighted to say that the children have now moved into their new rooms. There is enough room for 150 boys and 150 girls, two matrons and four members of staff. It is down to the amazing support we received at the dinner that we could do this and it has truly transformed the lives of these children.



The way they were living, hardly conducive to facing the school day.



4 weeks after dinner.



Foundations, 2 months after dinner.



4 months, first dorm

Site ready to clear.



Site cleared and working hard.



Very proud headteacher.



By December we were nearly ready, smart purple windows and red shower blocks. Twinkle have never shied away from a bit of colour, and we did let them choose!



January and time to take the mattresses in, great excitement as the parents all came too.



A day of dancing, feasting and speeches to celebrate. We got a gift of chickens in thanks.

Needless to say the boarders got chicken for supper that night!

This really is the highest standard of accommodation in any community school in Jinja. The parents and staff are overwhelmed to have such facilities for their children. In just a few weeks since the start of term, the school has gone from 400 to 580 in number as parents want their children at Twinkle due to its excellent facilities and exam results. This school really is achieving on all levels, we are so proud of them.

This will only get better as we hope to have our first solar panels in any day now. This will enable the children to have light after 7pm, enabling them to do homework, have extra lessons or just read a book.

At Great Hope Primary School we have started to provide porridge every day, this may sound a small and insignificant thing, but it makes a huge difference to the children. We became aware the children here were going home for lunch but not actually getting any food, so coming back to school in the afternoon still hungry. We have been lucky enough to have been offered help with this and donations of moringa (a plant grown in Uganda and rich in vitamins and minerals). It's a rich recipe of soya, sugar and moringa, very nutritious.



They patiently waited for their fortified green porridge! Its been very popular.

The little ones have theirs at 10 am, as they go home for the day at 1pm, so they get a good start to the day. The older ones get theirs at 12 so they don't have to go home and they are ready for afternoon lessons. The school already has 30 new pupils just because they get porridge. Again, as at Twinkle, the academic results are also very good here, but it shows how much parents value the wellbeing of their children as well.

We will be putting a new kitchen into Great Hope very soon, which will help with more efficient porridge production!

With both schools the improvements JET has made mean they attracted more students which means more fees, which in turn means the teachers are paid well and on time. The schools can afford supplies and books and general maintenance, making them self-sustaining and self-sufficient.

None of this would be possible without your continued support. Please be assured you are making a very real difference to the lives of these children.

Thank you

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