Annual report for GLH and GLS 2016 (view from the UK, for UK donors)

Over the year I have received and sent £3419 (overleaf you will find a record of the receipts given). A further £4423 has been sent via Global Giving (plus 2 contributions, one towards 2 students technical college fees and the other to the building fund).

Back in 2011 James and Patrick had a vision to help the children of Kibwa District, Kampala. They rented a house for the children and James was building another house alongside. James was working in Dar es Salaam, sending money back monthly. Then a "perfect storm" developed. James was made redundant. (He quickly got another post in Kampala but the inertia of the system meant he was not paid for months). Patrick died. There was little money to pay the rent, feed the children or complete the house. James's project faced closure.

Entrance to the school

Since that time so much has been achieved though James, his Board and friends. Thank you God!! And thank each one of you for your continued support.

Children waiting for their reports James Mukiibi on right, Justus on left



Church service at GLV. Orange dresses made by wearers



The children have been loved and cared for in God's Love Home **(GLH):** 20 are in the home and 20 are with guardians. 4 years ago the diet was so poor that there were cases of kwashiakor; improved diet has made this a thing of the past. **GLS** now up to P5 (possibly P6). Room size limits class size and so there is an unrealistic teacher/ pupil ratio. Fees from



Prayer in

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non GLH children do not cover costs and there is a substantial deficit. This will be made worse (as teacher salaries need to be increased). There needs to be restructuring so each teacher covers more than 1 class. This involves a considerable leadership challenge. James and Julius, the Headmaster, dream of a purpose built school. A plot has been purchased on which to build a school when substantial

finance is available. **GLV** Originally James and Patrick's vision was to move the children to other institutions after P7 but how can you love and care for children then sever ties at 13 when

they still need you? So James has tried to continue their education afterwards. He has started a branch of a vocational college offering courses in hairdressing and tailoring to 4 girls.

The needs have gone from bare subsistence to becoming almost open ended. The vision, Board and implementation are all Ugandan; from a distance we can make suggestions but the decisions stay with James and the Board. I would suggest that part of money from the UK goes to





support specific individuals (Sharon and Barbara) and would be grateful for your opinion. The Board will then need to focus on making GLH and GLS self funding.

This year James Mukiibi is teaching in Tanzania to raise funds for GLH. Justus, the Deputy Head, was injured during a theft of a laptop (a bullet creased his forehead; though scarred he has recovered fully). Where does faith come into this? How is God leading in this? I would suggest faith in God enables us to look

fearlessly at problems: faith is deeply realistic and practical. The recent violent incident reminds us to trust daily in God; but this is no blind trust.

Please pray for

- a. Continued safety and health for all involved
- b. For GLH, GLS and GLV to live up to their names.
- c. For finance; in particular the funding of AIDS orphans
- *d.* The possibility of a purpose built school.

40 vunerable children have been sheltered, fed, loved and educated.

Thank you .. to God be the glory!