

IRFF UK Is Looking for New Child and Teacher Sponsors!

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In 2013, a bore hole was constructed on the site. This not only provides fresh water for the children to drink and wash, but also provides water for the community after the school closes each day.



In 2014, the school's kitchen was constructed – walls plastered, floor cemented, and a large fuel-efficient wood burner stove was installed thanks to donations collected in the UK. Since then, the children's diet at Destiny School has improved; every day, the children have a meal of rice or matoke (plantain) with beans and avocado or other fruit in season. The school library was opened this year.

Also in 2014, IRFF UK began an appeal to raise funds to purchase the land adjacent to the school which became available. In December, we were able to acquire the deeds, and in 2015, work began to prepare the land for constructing 3 more classrooms (in addition to P1 to P4). By September, this plot was fenced, and work began on the school allotment where each child will have their own patch to cultivate.

By 2015, Destiny School had around 100 children and 7 staff, and IRFF UK provided £300 per month which went towards one nutritional meal a day for the children, partial payment for the teachers and very basic healthcare. The teachers still did not receive an adequate salary, but were greatly helped by the sponsorship.



In 2016, the school started the year with 110 pupils and ended with 120 pupils and 8 teachers; Primary 5 class begun, with Primary 6 and 7 classes scheduled for 2017. The pupils have excelled academically; 96 pupils were promoted to the next class, and only 24 were asked to repeat - that is 80% success rate. The Kibiri district was elevated to Municipality level of local Government administration. As a consequence of this, the Municipality started setting new standards, such as the latrine which had filled up and stunk, had to be reconstructed with separate quarters for girls and boys; also the teachers' salaries had to be set to a minimum of Ush. 200,000/= (£50) per month. IRFF-UK was asked for assistance in constructing a new latrine at a cost of over £8,000. It would be built over 3 phases, with work being completed later in 2017.



Between 2017 and early 2018, thanks to donations and fundraising efforts, including that of The Tricycle Shop in Alton, further developments took place: The floors and back walls were constructed for P4 and P7, and a printer was purchased for the school. A number of projects are in the pipeline, such as constructing swings for the children and a new library (with support from the Rotary Club).

We would like to bring the Child/Teacher Sponsorship Programme to full capacity. Therefore, IRFF UK is looking for new child and teacher sponsors! If you would like to help improve the health of the children and the educational standards at Destiny School, pay the teachers an adequate salary, and construct a play area for use of all the children and a kitchen garden, please sign up to be a sponsor.

Details can be found on the IRFF UK website, using the link: www.irff-uk.org/projects/sponsor-a-child. If you would like to request the forms sent to you, please send an email to irffukhq@gmail.com or contact Marshall directly on 07799 450 703. Thank you!