

Mango Tree House

Report by Edith Korubiiki (Project Manager)

We continually thank God for the support that we receive from our dear friends in the UK – some as regular monthly donations and others as one-off gifts.

Our five girls at the Mango Tree House are as follows:

Florence Tushemereirwe
Barbara Twikiizi
Rosette Namara
Lydia Kabahinda
Annette Nyamurungi

The ages of the girls range from 9 - 15, Florence being the eldest. Florence and Lydia are true orphans, whilst the other girls have mothers still alive (though difficult to contact). There has been a wonderful transformation in the appearance of the girls since their admittance to the Mango Tree in 2007. However, there have also been problems with the children's discipline, and the visit of Andrea and Vic in February proved invaluable for setting boundaries of behaviour. Vic and Andrea also suggested a system of rewarding good behaviour which will shortly be put into practice.

The girls are cared for on a daily basis by myself, my sister Hope and my cousin Winnie. Hope would like to take a course in sewing, at the end of which she will need a sewing machine. This will not only enable her to make clothes for the girls (such as school uniforms), but also provide a small income from clothes that she can sell. The course will cost around £200, and sponsorship is needed.

The girls are learning life skills – such as preparing food and cooking, washing clothes and cleaning – so that when the time comes they will be equipped to run a home of their own. At school all of the girls are making good progress, with Annette displaying particularly promising potential. All of the girls attend the church of which I am pastor (Ibanda Trumpet Mission) and some are in the children's choir.

During the past few months, as a result of a special large contribution from a sponsor, we have been able to make repairs to the veranda of the house and to make good progress with the stone walling at the rear. Our aim during the coming weeks is to complete the walling so that there are steps leading up to the track which runs behind the house. There are a few repairs still needed – including a tap connection for an outside sink – and we look to the Lord for the funding to make these repairs.

Pastor Zeb Amadi and his church in Tottenham provided me with a car two years ago, and this is proving invaluable (especially for the transport of provisions). Pastor Zeb also provided

finance for the “Joseph Project” – growing maize and beans – but two years of quite low crop yields made us decide to buy some new land. This has been planted with maize, beans and bananas, and better crops are providing food for the House.



Upper row from left: Florence, Annette, Rosette, Lydia and Barbara

Lower row from left: Edith, her sister Hope and her cousin Winnie