



Mission Partner of the Month – April 2019 SIITA Nest Mother's Love Home

SIITA Nest Mother's Love Home was set up by Alice Kisolo in 1998. It now supports over 250 children through a foster parenting network based in Bugembe in Eastern Uganda.



St Michael's Church was involved in the building of the home in 2002-4 and has contributed to the children's education (school fees, uniforms and study materials) for over 15 years. We support primary, secondary and tertiary students.

The new Nursery and Primary School

In 2016 SIITA Nest set up a Nursery and early years Primary school in a small building near to the Bugembe home. It was *"started in faith while believing God for provision"*. This was the first move towards a long held vision to provide education for both its own children (thus saving school fees) and children from the local community.

During 2017 and 2018 a new school building has been built with support from Streams of Mercy and Life Mission Church (Texas). It was formally opened in October 2018 as a mixed day and boarding school. From January of this year all the nursery and primary children (to Primary 5 level) have moved to the new school building. An additional class will be added for each of the next two years so that by 2021 children at all primary levels (to Primary 7) are covered.



The 2018 Annual Report for the school includes the following paragraph: *"The school was built on a strong Christian Foundation whereby the school was covenanted to God and He (God) told us to always follow His instructions in whatever matter. We have always tried to do His will and therefore we believe that the school and everything on, in and about it, is fully His. We shall continue to submit to Him alone and to work as His servants in His vineyard."* You don't often see that in the UK!

Resettlement Scheme and changes at the Bugembe home

Over the last three years the Ugandan Government has implemented a family reunion initiative to resettle orphans with their relatives so that they can grow up in a family setting rather than a children's home. SIITA Nest has been working with several child agencies, including CRANE network

in partnership with Viva-Uganda and Retrack. A majority of the children who used to be based at the home have been resettled with their families. This does not mean the end of the support for the children - they are still regarded as sponsored children of SIITA Nest and continue to benefit from the organisation, especially in terms of education (finances permitting) and welfare checks.

Following the resettlement scheme, most orphanages in Uganda have been closed. The Bugembe home is now operating as the boarding section for 40 of the children going to the new SIITA Nest School. It is also a drop-in centre for children from the local community for counselling and support. In addition many children whose families could not afford Christmas celebrations came to SIITA Nest to celebrate together at the home.

SIITA Heart of the Community

For some years Alice and her team have sensed a strong calling to develop an education and practical training facility for young people near Alice's family home in Sironko, an area of considerable poverty and need. This was first mentioned at St Michael's Church three years ago, and again last year. In April 2018 'SIITA Heart of the Community' was officially registered. In December St Michael's Heart of the Community approved a £15,000 grant towards the construction of a multi-purpose training and resource centre, to be known as the 'SIITA Heart of the Community Centre'.

Land was made available and building work started in January. The building co-ordinator, Kassim (a former SIITA Nest child) and his wife Anne (from Norway) were joined by a YWAM team to pray over the site before ground-breaking. Watch this space!



Prayer points

1. Give thanks for God's amazing provision for SIITA Nest over the last 21 years, and especially for the successful completion and registration of the new Nursery and Primary School.
2. For wisdom and God's clear leading in the development of the Heart of the Community Centre in Sironko.
3. Finances - the development of the school and the Heart of the Community Centre have both been undertaken with an enormous step of faith ... that God will continue to provide.
4. God's strength and protection for the leadership team and particularly for healing for Alice following an accident with a motorcycle.

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