



# Newsletter

## Welcome,

to the spring edition of the Global Challenge Newsletter for 2022.

With the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, we as a charity and the people of Soroti in Uganda, have continued to face difficulties as a result. However, this has not stopped us from continuing the good work. Here's what we've been up to...

### Fundraising

With thanks to our generous supporters we have raised £6053.63 so far this financial year!

#### Cantate Christmas Concert

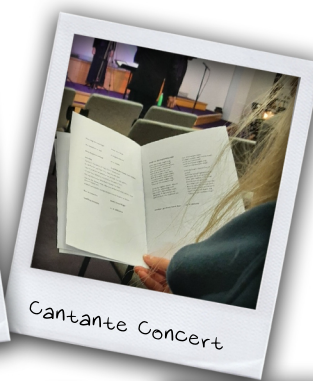
On December 10th 2021 the Cantate Chamber Choir held a Christmas Concert in memory of John Myhill who passed away last year. With their stunning voices and musical talent the choir raised a total of £761.70.

#### A Special Thanks goes to

Arwen, who saved up her pocket money this year and decided to donate it to Global Challenge so that a family could be given a chicken. Arwen's dad matched her savings so that a family could be bought two as part of our livestock project. These were gratefully received.



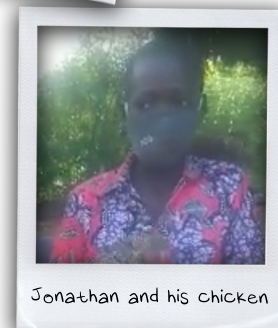
December 10th



Cantate Concert



Arwen



Jonathan and his chicken

#### Online Giving

For those wishing to support us by giving online we have changed to online donations through Stewardship as Virgin Giving Money is no longer open.

Stewardship is a not for profit organisation which supports charities and Christian ministries both in the UK and overseas.

To donate you can give via the Stewardship website and searching for Global Challenge or typing in the following link:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20138146>



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## Special Needs

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors 12 children are able to have operations.

10 of these are for Gluteal Fibrosis (GF). When children contract malaria, the preferred way of treating it in Uganda is to give an injection. Unfortunately, the way it is administered can damage the gluteal nerve in the child resulting in the muscle disorder called Gluteal Fibrosis. This condition leaves the child unable to sit, squat or crouch down. It causes problems when going to the toilet and consequently problems at school due to mobility issues. An operation to release the Gluteal muscle is required.

5 children supported by Global Challenge returned to Ngora School for the deaf in January 2022 following closure due to the pandemic.

Brian received his first wheelchair, meaning he can now go to the market alongside his family.

Josephine has been given a cow as part of our livestock project. The cow is doing well and Josephine has been able to sell on the milk to help support her family.



Brian and his new wheelchair



Josephine pleased with her cow

## Crossroads

After 2 years of disruption, lockdowns and Covid-19 restrictions, the pupils of Crossroads School started back on January 10th 2022 as a whole school.

The Government in Uganda states that all learners matter and that:

- all pregnant school going girls to be allowed at school,
- all girls who have had babies during lockdown also to be allowed,
- all learners with special needs
- HIV positive living, asthmatics, to be taken care of,
- There should be no discrimination of learners being admitted to schools.

The current S4 candidates will sit their exams in November if no more interruptions from Covid. The S2 students are the first class to follow the new national curriculum, which follows a more interactive learning style with the aim of producing 'creative and innovative citizens'

Challenges are the new compulsory subjects of PE, Kiswahili and ICT.

Crossroads currently have no computers!

Further Education:

Peter and Paul are brothers who did extremely well in the national exams last year. GC has committed to support them through the final two years at Soroti Secondary School as Crossroads doesn't go beyond S4. They are both studying Chemistry, Physics and Maths and would like to go to University.

We are committing to support Joshua through the final two years at the same school. He wants to become an Art teacher.



Pioneer S2 students starting the new curriculum



S4 students getting ready for exams this year



First staff meeting after the pandemic

"Thank you so much for your efforts towards Crossroads students and staff. The return to school has begun well. All the teachers have returned.

As at 18th. January. 2022, the school enrolment stands at 235. That includes some students in classes S2 – 4 who are new to Crossroads and S1s have started. The first new entry class since 2019!!"