

# Jesus Loves the Little Children Organisation



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## Annual Report 2020



*Adela before  
Operation for  
Clubfoot x2*



*Adela Post Operation*

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## Introduction

Greetings in Jesus' name! 2020 was a frustrating and draining year but first let us look at the positives with thanks to God.

In the **Schools Programme** 49 children completed most of their first term which started in February. Then two weeks before the end of term there was a country-wide lock-down in Uganda to stop the spread of Covid-19. Then 14 of the children were allowed to return for their third term in October. These were either in Primary boarding school or 'candidates' in their exam year of Primary School or 'O' Levels. We have been able to meet all of our school's children in different ways throughout the year but not nearly as regularly as we would have liked.

With the **Glory Kids** -children with disabilities, we have not been able to meet them in groups since the lock-down but we have been concentrating on individuals who need hospital treatment and operations and as usual we are helping those who need emergency treatment for illnesses such as malaria (which is even more serious with a child with disabilities). We have also visited many in their homes and our health assistant has also begun administering basic physiotherapy by going around the villages again.

The big news is that we have renewed our government permit to operate for another five years and also revalidated and reregistered Jesus Loves the Little Children (JLtlC), all with national and local government. We also now have a Memorandum of Understanding with our local District Government which means they agree and support all that we do, hallelujah! These processes were long and arduous but they have enabled us to make new contacts and get to know more people in our sector.

We have increased the number of school leavers receiving vocational **training** and we have decided that all of our girls will receive training in tailoring before they leave the Schools Programme.

We have started a new project to help our families improve their **nutrition**. In 2020 we supplied poor families with goats to provide them with extra income. This will improve their diets as they are able to purchase healthier foods.

And many other things were achieved, including some children giving their lives to Jesus Christ, all the for the glory of God and to help needy children in Jesus' name.

## Schools Programme

The Schools Programme is where JLtLC started in 2009 and it is still the main focus together with assisting children with disabilities (CwD). But in 2020 we were not able to send all of our children to school all of the time. The Ugandan Government brought in a country-wide lock-down at the beginning of March a couple of weeks before the end of the first school term. (In Uganda the school year starts in February after a six-week holiday over Christmas.) The second term was lost to the lock-down and then for the third term the government allowed only some boarding school children and all those in their exam years. In Uganda the final year of Primary School has a national exam.

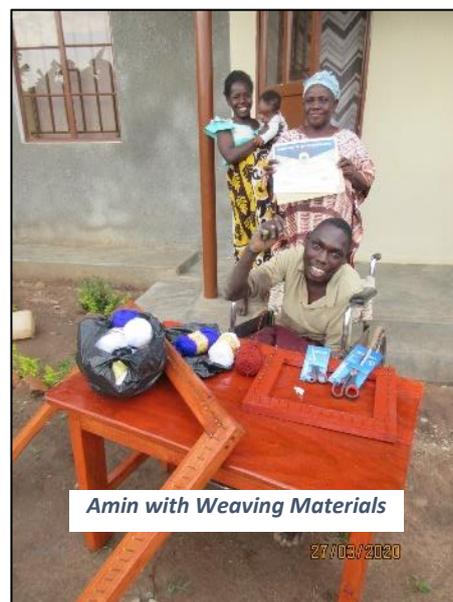
For us, 14 children went back to school in October, others have had to wait. 2021 has started in a similar fashion but we really pray that children across Uganda will be able to return to school soon. We know that God believes in education, it makes a huge difference to individuals, communities and ultimately to a nation, and this is one of the main reasons He brought JLtLC in to being.

### 2020 Leavers and Joiners

Seven children finished the programme last year and three children have joined. We will add more children when the government allow all day scholars to return to school.

Of those who have left;

- Lubankene Norbert finished P7 and has become such a good person we were able to help him get a free bursary at Parents Secondary School, Kigumba. He has left our Programme but we are very happy to see him in Secondary School.
- Chweya Samuel finished P7 and an uncle has promised to pay for his Secondary education. \*
- Adoli Boniface finished P7 with a poor result but instead of paying for him to repeat his final exam we used those funds to put him with a mechanic for one year and he is now working with a small truck repair company. Chweya and Adoli have been with us since 2010.
- Twalib Amin graduated from Masindi Centre for the Handicapped Primary School, having learnt weaving. He has been with us since 2010. We gave him materials to start a business; (see photo right)
- Kaguta Nelson moved out of the Programme area;
- Ochatre Raymond has failed to progress from P3 after two years of trying and we put him with a carpenter to learn a trade.



\* We find that having been sponsored through Primary education children are often taken up by a relative to complete Secondary School. This does not happen if we do not put them through Primary School.

Of the three children joining the Schools Programme (see photographs below); Katusabe Monica stays with her mother and Grandmother in a very small church store and they are all very poor. She needs help to complete her primary education from P6.

Joanne Rosemary P1 and her sister Poni Irene P4 were orphaned in December 2019 when their mother died, their father having already died. They now stay together with their older sister with neighbours. Rosemary and Irene attend a Church of Uganda Primary School.

Odongpin Ken finished P7 and his sponsor wanted to continue helping him so he started S1 at Kigumba Secondary School. So he is still in the Programme. Nyan'goma Judith also finished P7 and her sponsor wanted to continue to help her. Her home situation is very challenging so she has started boarding S1 at St Tereza's girls Secondary School, Masindi. She also remains with us.



Monica (right) and her mother



Irene and Rosemary

Below is a table of distribution of children in the Schools Programme 2020, four children are in Secondary School. All children are from Kiryandongo District.

School	Number of Sponsored Children	Girls	Boys
Kitwanga PS	13	6	7
Kihura PS	6	4	2
Jeeja PS	6	3	3
Kigumba COU PS	5	3	2
Westin PS, Kigumba	1	1	
Masindi Centre for Handicapped PS	3	1	2
Kamurasi Demonstration, Masindi PS	8	5	3
Christ Foundation PS, Kitwanga	2	2	-
Kigumba Town Seed SS	1	-	1
Kabalega SS, Masindi	1	-	1
Royal College SS, Kigumba	1	1	-
St Tereza SS, Masindi	1	1	-
Home Schooling	1	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>

We have eleven Glory Kids in the Schools Programme. Six are deaf, three have mental health issues, one is a paraplegic and one has restricted eyesight. Although we like to ensure that the children with the severest disabilities are coming to us, we are also overjoyed to enable children with special needs go to school. Like Omirambe-he never used to smile when he came to the Glory Kids Club. Now he has learnt sign language, he can communicate with new deaf friends and he smiles a lot! Similarly, Siyama would not smile. We would try to get her to smile for photographs but she didn't seem to know what smiling was. Now she is in a class for deaf children we see her smiling often-amazing! Praise God.



*Omirambe Smiling*



*Siyama Smiling*

Agnes has also come a long way, she has had severe mental issues, not able to communicate clearly or interact with people. We have been assisting and praying for her for three years. The mother now says that she is interacting more at home and helping around the house. Being at school with the other children has really helped her. Previously she stayed in a small village with very few people around here.

Although schools have been closed we were still able to bring all of the Schools Programme students to our office in small groups adhering to safe operating procedures. We took time to teach them about health safety during the pandemic, issuing them with government educational papers supplied during the beginning of school's closure and telling them how much God loved them.

### **Medical and Other Assistance**

We concentrate our medical assistance amongst the Glory Kids Programme but there is some cross-over with the Schools Programme. But we will help Schools Programme children anyway if they are very ill and the guardian does not have sufficient funds to pay for emergency medical needs. We know all our guardians well and we know who are the poorest.

During the year we helped the following children from the Schools Programme who needed medical help: Kato Sam had very bad Malaria a couple of times and would have died; Mubiru Yasin kept having Asthma attacks and we now fund regular meds for him; Fatuma Cheka had tooth ache and we found a big cavity!; Abdul Ahmed had skin parasites; the mothers of Ijang Marion and Evelyn were sick; Marion

was also ill; Nelima Mercy was treated for Ring Worm; Evelyn Piashele's mother was treated three times for ulcers and mental issues; we assisted Kato Sam's grandmother when she was very ill (she is too old to work); Abdul Ahmed has had severe skin rashes; Nyan'goma Judith had skin rashes and we treated her; Omirambe Godfrey has issues with one of his eyes and made two trips to the eye clinic, Kiryandongo Hospital. All these children we took to local clinics and the district hospital and paid for their treatment.

Some children and their families received Maize Flour, Rice and Beans to help them through the pandemic lock-down. This was delivered to their home with the JLtLC vehicle and was a good opportunity to meet these children in their homes and pray with them.

Santa Lalamu received a micro business loan to help her with income for her children and their schooling. Santa is one of two families we subsidise for their school costs.

Naomi received a small loan to help her and her son who has hydrocephalus.

JLtLC also made a donation to Kigumba Town Council to help them with their support for families struggling through the pandemic and those needing medical assistance when there was no public transport.

We provided Akampa Saida and her family with a concrete water filter from Connect Africa.

We bought a sweater and blanket for Yasin Mubiru (CwD) to help him with his asthma at night.

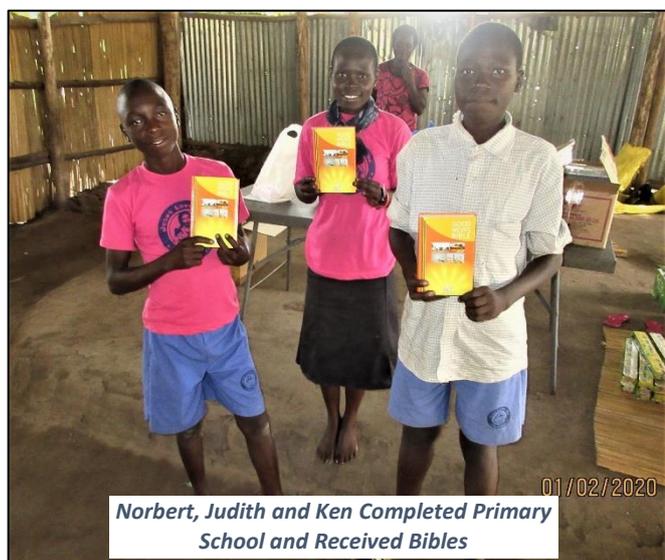
We replaced Evelyn Piashele's door frame as the door was falling off.

We bought a solar lamp for Ijang Marion so that she can study her books at night.

We bought a mobile phone for Topista Nyuthi because she lives far out in the villages near Apodra, and it is very difficult to communicate with her when we need her to bring her two deaf daughters to see us or take to school. Assistance wise this was an unusual step for us to purchase a mobile phone but it is proving very helpful.

## Jesus Club

The Jesus Club is our monthly Saturday club for our children in the Schools Programme. It is a time when the children can learn more about how God loves them through bible stories and drama. They can develop friendships through social activities such as physical games which will help them grow in confidence. This is very important as being very poor children they usually do not have strong friendships having missed out on school and have very little confidence. Often when children first come to us they are very shy and do not speak and it is very satisfying to watch their personalities and confidence slowly develop. Children are also encouraged to take part and feel equal with their peers,



they are expected to act responsibly and are spoken to with respect by the staff, this is often not the case at their own Primary Schools. They share a cooked meal together at the end of the club and learn to be considerate toward each other. We hope that the staff who are amongst them during the Jesus Club are good role models, especially good male role models, another thing they may not see very often.

In 2020 we held three Jesus' Clubs and a Christmas Party. The clubs straddled either side of the lock-down and as government restrictions were eased a little at the end of the year. We received permission from the District Commissioner to meet in November with a commitment from us to follow all SOPs.

In February two children gave their lives to Christ and four others during small group times in our office in the middle of the year.

In January we also met a guardian for each child and together with them we signed an annual agreement regarding how JLtLC will assist their child and what we expect from the guardian in parenting their child. For example, children should arrive at their school clean, on time, and in a clean uniform. For our part we will provide a full uniform and all scholastic materials, pay for their school lunch and all school fees. We also have the Jesus Club with a cooked meal and all children should attend this. Guardians need to take their child's education seriously. In Uganda many parents and guardians still do not appreciate the importance of education. Recently one of our older girls, an orphan, was visited by an uncle. The uncle proceeded to beat her and demand that she stop going to school and get married. We informed the local parish council chairperson. The girl is ok and says she is even more determined to complete her education.

### **Christmas Party**

In December we decided to have a full Christmas party with all the school's children. It was great success with each child bringing one guardian. The church was packed with happy faces. There were some real Godly highlights including children's songs, a soloist, worship time with Faith (our Jesus Club leader who had been away all year on lock-down!), some excellent testimonies from parents and children, a short story from teacher Doreen and a powerful message from Youth Pastor Adjuna Leonard. We finished up with some free clothes for everyone and a big meal. It was the best party we have had, thank you Lord!

### **Visits**

Well we did not have many visits in 2020 but our wonderful friends at Favoured Children, Uganda came to see us. They organise the sponsorship for six of our children-we are like smaller agents for them-and they came and help organise health checks to the six. This included dental and eye checks as well as full health examinations.

As a result of Favoured Children's policy and now that we can afford it, we will be giving all of our children health check-ups in 2021.

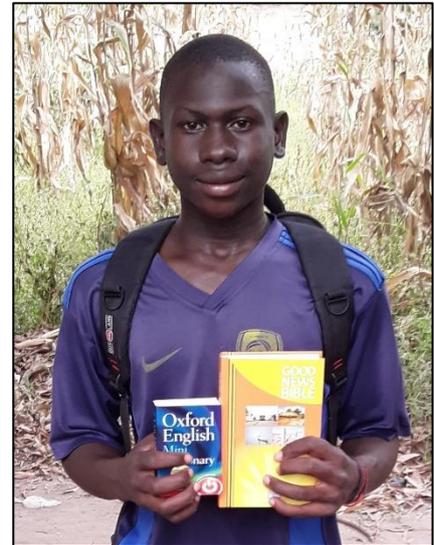
A planned visit from 'Connections Church', UK had to be shelved but we hope they can join us soon.

## Ratibu Tabu Medi

Ratibu joined the Schools Programme in 2014. He was always a cheerful chap but could not sit still for ten minutes. He also had a nasty skin disease which came and went for a few years as we tried to eradicate it (it was not easy partly because poor children often live in unhygienic conditions, sleeping on the floor in mud huts). He lives with his grandmother and occasionally with his aunt. Ratibu was also a boy who would rather kick a ball around (made from plastic bags tied together) than study. But Ratibu is now in his final term



of P7, the last year of school, and will shortly be taking his national exam. He has become a really good lad and we are proud of him. At the Christmas Party he spoke very well and thanked JLTLC and encouraged all the younger pupils to study hard. He was very grateful to receive a bible recently.



## Ijang Marion

Marion joined us in 2016 and lives with four siblings and her mother who has health issues. If you can't work you will not have food in Uganda so with health challenges the mother struggles to provide food let alone funds for school. On one occasion Marion asked for a blanket as the family did not have even one and they were cold at night in their mud hut.



We do not choose children according to their academic abilities but according to their poverty. However, with Marion we have found a very clever child and we are proud to be putting her through Primary School. In 2019 she asked if she could go to a school with higher standards than the one we were sponsoring her through. Better standards mean higher fees but as Marion had a personal sponsor (some of our children have personal sponsors) the sponsor agreed to increase their giving. Even better at the end of 2019 the new school she was attending desired to push her up one year to take P7 the final year. She is doing very well indeed, top of her class and should finish her final national exam in March 2021.



## Glory Kids Programme-Children with Disabilities

During 2020 only four Glory Kids Clubs were held for the children with disabilities including one in Apodra village which way out in the countryside. The meetings include physiotherapy as well as healing prayers, games, songs, bible stories, refreshments and the guardians enjoy sharing with each other. We spend time with the children helping them to feel loved and wanted and to increase their feeling of self-worth and will to live. The guardians enjoy the meetings and will come even if their child is too sick to attend! We have found that the faith of the guardian is very important to God's assistance to the child.

In Uganda children with disabilities are often shunned, even by their fathers, and may be kept hidden away in a village hut. Some fathers upon seeing their child with a disability will even leave their homes and wives due to the stigma of having a CwD and the pressure and extra finance required to parent them. The father may also blame the mother and want to find another partner who can give him children without disabilities, as unreasonable and illogical as that is.

So, a frustrating year for all of us as we were not able to meet the children on masse after February. However, we were able to redirect funds to help more children individually. We did this through purchasing mobility aids and by sending individual children for serious medical interventions like operations.

### **Nutritious Porridge**

We find that malnutrition is not uncommon amongst the children we assist. This may be due to the child having a disability which impedes swallowing. Another cause may be poverty were a guardian struggles to provide a balanced diet and the child does not receive enough protein and vitamins. Together with poverty a caregiver may just be ignorant of correct dietary needs. So, in February we mixed small fish, soya beans and millet flour for a nutritious porridge powder to give to all the smaller children. We divided 140 kilogrammes into two kilo bags and handed it out at our main Glory Kids Club in Kigumba and also Apodra village where we have been visiting every two months. This was to teach the guardians how to make simple nourishing porridge for their babies and children. The donation for this given by a mother in the UK after hearing about the poor diet of many children.

*Please see photo below in the Gallery Section*

### **Mobility Aids**

In March we gave wheelchair to Abraham Assimwe as he has grown too big for his Cerebral Palsy Chair. The wheelchair was from the mother of another boy who had died. The CP chair of Assimwe we renovated and gave to another little boy, Asindu Henry, who really needed it and was very, very happy to sit in it.

We organised a new Walker for Tumiise Kemisa and paid half of the cost with the mother.

We renovated the Walker of Obong Bright and put new wheels on it. We also repaired the wheelchairs of Namukwaya Mbabazi and Twalib Amin.

2020 was a year when we repaired a lot of mobility aids.

Akiti Rohicha received a recycled Cerebral Palsy chair. She has been a very weak little girl who lives with her mum and grandparents. But we have been giving regular physiotherapy and prayer and we are very encouraged that Akiti is significantly stronger than when she first came to us in 2017.

After long period of waiting and praying we paid for a prosthetic leg for Mbabazi Pelli. Katalemwa Services for Children with Disabilities, Kampala, paid the balance and made and fitted the leg. She went there to receive it and Spent a week learning how to walk with it. Pelli lost her leg in an accident at home. Her family were over joyed.

### **Hospital Treatment**

Adela Akakunda, a little girl who had clubfeet, so that the feet pointed inwards and were also slightly twisted. We started a programme of weekly casting locally and then operations at Corsu Children's Hospital, Kampala. This treatment took many weeks with many trips. But we are very happy with Adela and the progress she has made. She is very brave, always brings a smile and never complains. Her feet are now straight but she still wears splints as the feet adjust. Corsu helped pay some of the fees for the main operation. All of the rest of Adela's costs are being paid by Kampala International Church, Lubowa.

Ivan Cyrus-was sent last year for an operation for knock knees. He returned in September to have some pins removed from his legs and everything seems ok now. He now walks quite normally. Praise God!

During April we received permission from the District Commissioner to take one of our children to Mbarara Eye Mission Hospital in South Uganda. Stella Shamim has only on eye and recently the socket was bleeding and there was a growth on it. The local Hospital Eye Clinic diagnosed possible cancer and stated it needed immediate attention. After removing and testing, the growth was not found to be cancerous. Praise God.

Since there was no public transport, due to the lock-down, we took her and her guardian aunt in the old JLtLC vehicle. It was a big undertaking as the journey was long and the car has many challenges! But God really helped us and there were no mechanical problems. JLtLC paid for all transport costs and accommodation for the driver. Stella's aunt paid the hospital fees. We plan for Stella to return next year for plastic surgery on her socket. Both of Stella's parents died many years ago and no one knows why her eye was removed.

We have been sending Nabukwasa Simposi (girl) to Mulago Hospital, Kampala, many times for two operations on her two eyes. She has had glaucoma. It has really been a struggle with Mulago and the doctor who was assisting us with many wasted trips but finally Simposi received her second operation 25<sup>th</sup> February. Since then we have been sending her back for reviews and one eye is being treated with eyedrops as it is still not quite right.

We assisted the parents of Scola Grace with the fare to Cure Hospital, Mbale, Uganda, for an urgent operation for spina bifida.



Okule Ben-had an operation in 2019 for a broken leg but the bones had been infected with Tuberculosis. The TB takes a long time to destroy with drugs and Ben is taking them for twelve months with visits to hospital to review and obtain more medicines.

Aniku Denis-has a deformation at the top of his spine which, after x-rays were taken, was diagnosed locally as being caused by a tumour. However, we sent him to Lacor Hospital, Gulu, Northern Uganda, accompanied by his brother. Although expensive we hired a taxi to take him straight to the hospital as Denis can't walk with his condition. A doctor there correctly diagnosed him as having scoliosis, a sideways curvature of the spine. He also advised that this can be operated at Mulago national Hospital, Kampala when international surgeons visit once a year. So it was good, at last, to know Denis' real condition which is deteriorating only very slowly and he has only little pain. There were no

visiting surgeons from US in 2020 because of the pandemic but we are hopeful for 2021. We see the hand of God guiding us with Denis and we are grateful that his condition has not notably worsened.

Anroti Alice was a little girl with cerebral palsy. She often suffered from malnutrition due to her condition and throat constrictions and was considerably underweight. Early in the year we sent her to the local Kiryandongo Hospital and they kept her in for a week on their nutrition feeding programme. In November we sent her and the mother to a bigger hospital in northern Uganda. They assessed that her throat could not be operated on. Then the hospital kept Alice in as they saw she was malnourished again. During that time she contracted malaria and died. We assisted in bringing her body back to her home. The parents were grateful for our assistance. We believe Alice is in a better place with the Lord Jesus.

### Other Medical Assistance

Children often get malaria and this can be fatal if not treated quickly, other conditions are also more serious in children already weak from disabilities.

Odong Mary-operation for a cyst on her head; Joshua-x-ray for hip and subsequent diagnosis; Denis-pain killers for spine; Sudasi-scabies; Daniel had a skin infection; Linus had an infection; Claudia and Beatrice needed the doctor; Denis had a bad skin rash; Alice needed nutrition supplement; Amon has mental issues and we are trying some medicines to help him;

The following had malaria, sometimes more than once; Faith, Sam and his grandmother, Matthias, Gilbert, Sudasi, Genesis and Vincent

We also regularly supplied medicine for epilepsy and this a makes big difference to the children effected.

JLtlc paid for all this treatment and fares to medical facilities.

### Nutrition Project

This is a new project attached to the Schools Programme and started in March. The purpose of it is to improve the nutrition of the poorest children in the Schools Programme. This is achieved by supplying their home with one income generating female goat. Goats are relatively easy to keep and grow quickly compared to other livestock. Even a very poor family can look after a goat as it is happy eating local grass and plants. The first female kid that is born is given to another family and then after that the host family can keep all the offspring and sell them for cash. The cash income from the goats can be used to improve diet. Improved diet will help a child have more energy, they will be able to perform better at school, help their immune system and help them avoid stomach ulcers which are common and caused by poor diet. This project is sponsored by a couple in New Zealand with funding for one year. In 2020 we gave eight goats to eight different families.



*Grandparents of Abdul and Katerega*

## Training

We have been increasing training to Primary school leavers in 2020 as funds allow. Our children come from poor homes and often there are no funds to send a child to Secondary School however desirable this is for the child. Obviously it will help a child if we can give them some vocational training if they cannot continue their education. Generally the options available are tailoring and hairdressing for girls and carpentry, building and mechanics and driving for boys. Boys can also learn tailoring. In 2020 we decided that we would give all of our girls some tailoring training before they leave the Schools Programme. To that end we sent our two oldest girls, Monica and Marion, for four weeks training with local tailors in their shops. We provided them with equipment and material as well as paying their costs. They used in-situ sewing machines. This is a great idea and we are very happy about it! Girls are still quite a way from being treated equally in this part of the world.

Adoli Boniface joined a local vehicle mechanics workshop for two months as funds allowed. At that point the owner said he was pleased with Adoli's work and would like him to stay for the rest of the year under his responsibility. We continued to pay for Adoli's lunches and bought him some tools and overalls. He finished P7 in December 2019 with a low mark of Division 4, so instead of paying for him to retake P7 we used the funds for some training for him for which he was very grateful.

Ochatre Raymond who started four months work experience with a local carpenter completed his training in March. Raymond was not able to progress further than P3 academically although a bright lad.

Nyan'goma Judith learnt hair plaiting at a local saloon for four weeks.

Mamella Adam-worked for several days in our office learning accounting skills and performed very well.

Twalib Amin, a CwD, learnt how to weave at school and we then set him up with equipment to use his training as an income generating activity. We continued to monitor him in 2020 and make some adjustments with his tools.

## Finances

2020 was a very unusual year financially. Spending on government reports, procedures, stationary, travelling to their offices was very high as we renewed our Permit to Operate, our Registration and other NGO Bureau requirements. Spending on the children's clubs was low as we could not meet the children nearly as much as we wanted. The Jesus Club for the Schools Programme children resumed in November after being suspended in March. The Glory Kids Club for CwD could not resume. But we were able to spend more on personal assistance to children needing expensive operations and life changing medical needs for which we normally can only afford to help one or two children in that way. Hugh Pilcher a Director and the International Coordinator, who resides in Kigumba, was not able to visit the UK as usual. That has usually been a time when people have been inspired to contribute with donations but in 2020 we didn't get that financial boost.

But in the ways of God we finished the year with a good balance in the bank and a new five-year permit (which really seemed impossible at times). The time taken to serve national and local government with all the traveling and preparing documents would not have been available in a normal year. We are normally too busy attending to our beneficiaries and the rising amount of normal paperwork. So somehow God used the extra time available because of the pandemic to help us!

We will state this once-we do not think it acceptable for the government to consume so much our donations which are given to assist poor children. The only thing that Jesus Loves the Little Children receives in return for spending £3,477 (15,994,000 ugx) on government requirements is 'permission to operate'.

We sincerely ask that our donors reading this report will understand the demands of small NGO's in Uganda. We will not be allowed to assist vulnerable children without fulfilling all the government requirements.

A full account of our annual finances can be seen in the separate financial report.

## **Personnel of Jesus Loves the Little Children Organisation**

There were no staff changes in 2020. We are glad that all of our volunteers and paid staff are happy to be with us. There was less to do in regards the children of course so some staff were less employed. JLtLC has an Executive Committee which has been meeting every quarter but now meets every six months. In August plans for the next five years were discussed with some members joining the meeting by conference call for the first time. Plans for future work and ministry were enthusiastically discussed and ways to assist the most vulnerable children. Ideas for helping their guardians have greater income were put forward. Ideas for raising funds were also discussed. We are grateful to the Executive board, made up from Ugandans and the International Coordinator.

### **Board of Directors**

Hugh Pilcher	Chairperson
Jane Swift	Secretary
Stephen Clinch	Treasurer
Martyn Davey	

### **Ugandan Executive Committee**

Hugh Pilcher	Chairperson
Pastor Zachariah Magam	Vice Chairperson
Nyangoma Annet	Secretary
Senyonjo Peterson	Secretary for finance
Pastor Jaddu Joseph	
Pastor Shadrach Anaro	
Juliet Happy	

### **Ugandan Secretariat**

Hugh Pilcher and Shadrach Anaro

### **Ugandan Staff**

Hugh Pilcher	International Coordinator-full-time
Shadrach Anaro	Programmes Officer-part-time
Juliet Happy	Child Health Assistant-CwD-part-time
Nyakato Faith	Jesus Club Leader
Karisa Stephen	General Volunteer
Nyakato Goreti, Adjuna Leonard, Omonito Grace	Volunteers-Glory Kids
Mbabazi Rose	Cook

## **Mistakes and Lessons Learnt**

God is still over everything and running JLtLC, that was a great lesson to be reminded of, especially in a strange year like 2020. Continually visiting the NGO Bureau to always be told that more paperwork is required would have surely made us give up if not for the fact that we are serving Almighty God and it is He making the decisions about when and if to give up! So we keep going as long as God goes before us. And God has definitely confirmed that He is still leading this organisation in 2020, and He has encouraged us on many occasions. Our finances are a good example, since we do not do any fund raising and yet in this 'low profile' year giving was only £264 less than 2019 (which was 20% up on 2018). Amazing. We had a donation of £1000 in December completely unexpected (thank you 'The Two Shall Be One'). There were several unexpected donations throughout the year but that is how God works. And we continue to fast and pray for funds as God has directed us.

We also continue to learn about who are the poorest families and which children God wants us to help for the Schools Programme. God has stated in Scripture that 'He will Bless the work of our hands', Deuteronomy 28, but a few guardians really have no way to work enough to raise money for school fees, school books etc. And these are the ones we should help. There are so many single mums in Uganda, so we always investigate to fully understand a guardian's situation when they request help. We do have children ready to join the Schools Programme for 2021 but we are waiting for the schools to reopen.

## **Plans and Hopes for 2021**

We really hope and pray that all children will be able to return to school in 2021. It has been very difficult for them to be out of school for so long. A year is a very long time for a child. They do not fully understand this corona virus and the way it is affecting Ugandan life. They are also forgetting a lot of what they have learnt.

We would like to start teaching and enabling some of our families in the Nutrition Project about vegetable growing by their homes. We will need God to help us with this as experience tells us this can be quite difficult.

We really would like to start meetings/club with the Glory Kids again. We know the guardians desire this too since they often ring us to ask about meetings. They challenge at the moment is how to keep safe distances with the more mobile children. We are providing physiotherapy through home visits and this should continue.

Our old vehicle continues to need repairs regularly and when we have funds we hope to replace it. Or maybe God will inspire someone to give us one like he did with the current car!

## **Testimonies**

Ijang Marion (P7 pupil)- 'I thank God for helping me go to school up to P7.'

Ratibu Medi (P7 pupil)- 'I thank Pastor Shadrach (Programme Officer) for encouraging me up to now. I thank the donors and encourage my fellow pupils to work hard.'

Diana Debra (sister to Kazungu Lucky, deaf, P2)-'When I saw (Kazungu) being born deaf and dumb I didn't think he could go to school. I have seen that with God anything is possible.'

Akoja David (father of Omirambe Godfrey, deaf)-‘We have gained more strength because of the example of this organisation. Nowadays I am able to communicate with my child whereas before he behaved like he wasn’t my child (he was depressed before he started school).’

Kondusu Rose (grandmother of Nyangereki Flavia-severe cerebral palsy)-‘Flavia used to sit in the dust, she was not like the other children. Now she can get dressed, sit up and join in with the family. Nobody can remember our children except this organisation.’

Grandmother Esther, (after giving her a goat) ‘This is unbelievable.’

Aunt Fatuma (after we took her and her niece across Uganda for an eye operation), ‘Thank you so much for helping Stella.’

## Closing Remarks

We said in our last annual report that “2019 was a ‘wonderful year’. We hoped for an increase of wonder in 2020 but it has not worked out as we imagined. However, we have our five-year renewal, we are re-registered and re-valuated with the NGO Bureau, (necessary because the NGO Board became a Bureau) we have a Certificate of Incorporation, under the Ugandan companies act, we have Certificate of Registration with the Financial Intelligence Agency and we have a Memorandum of Understanding with Kiryandongo District Local Government. We were also independently audited for the first time so you all know that our finances are correctly accounted for. And all of that would have been impossible in a normal busy year. Somehow God was at work in it all.

We still managed to help many children with different levels of health issues. We saved the lives of some children who would have died from illnesses such as malaria and some children had life changing interventions. Some children gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Any many other things like training, families receiving a goat, children making friends, children becoming more confident, we even saved the odd Grandmother from dying. All for God’s glory. It was still a great year!

We will continue to pray for God and His works to increase. We will continue to serve Him and help the most vulnerable children. Amen.

# Gallery

## Schools Programme



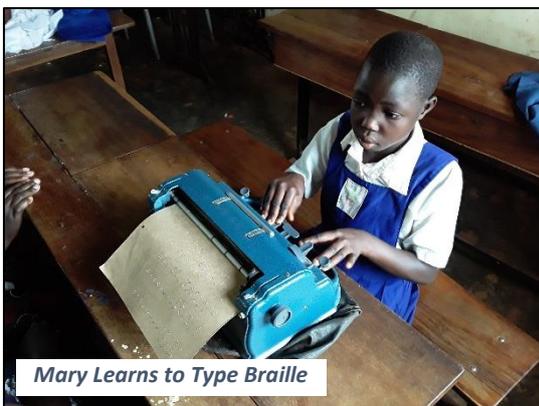
*Children Receive New Mattresses*



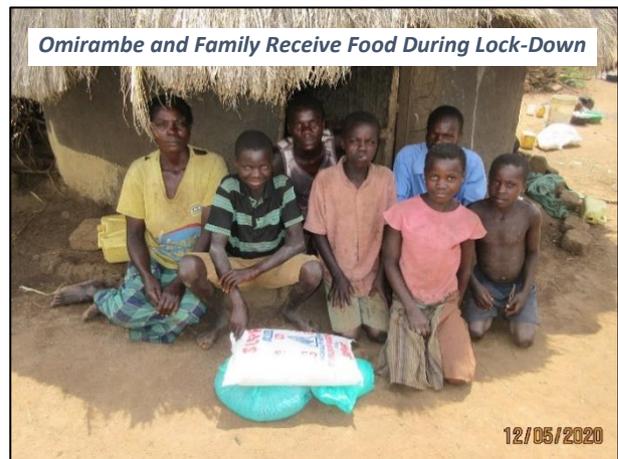
*Our Deaf Children in School*



*Children Receive Books and Materials for 1st Term*



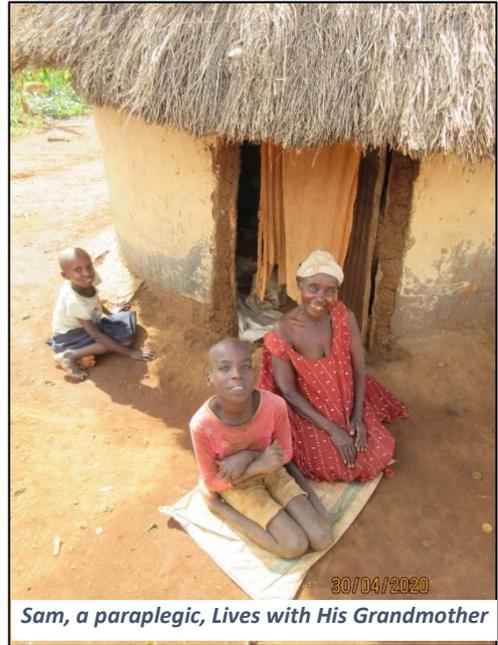
*Mary Learns to Type Braille*



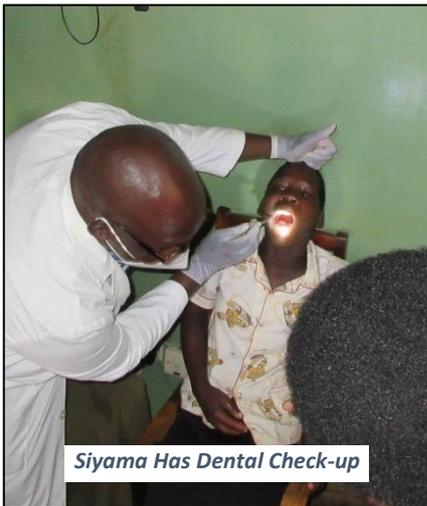
*Omirambe and Family Receive Food During Lock-Down*



*Eveline and her Mother who has health Issues*



*Sam, a paraplegic, Lives with His Grandmother*



*Siyama Has Dental Check-up*



*Subra Has an Eye Test*

**Jesus Club**



*Bible Lesson*

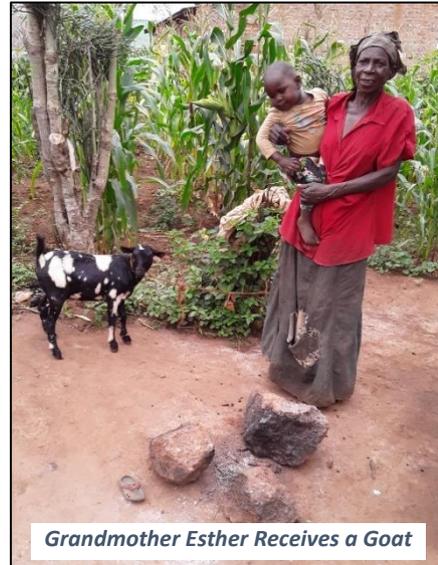


*The Guardians*

**Nutrition Project**



**Zahara's Family Receive a Goat**



**Grandmother Esther Receives a Goat**

**Glory Kids Programme**



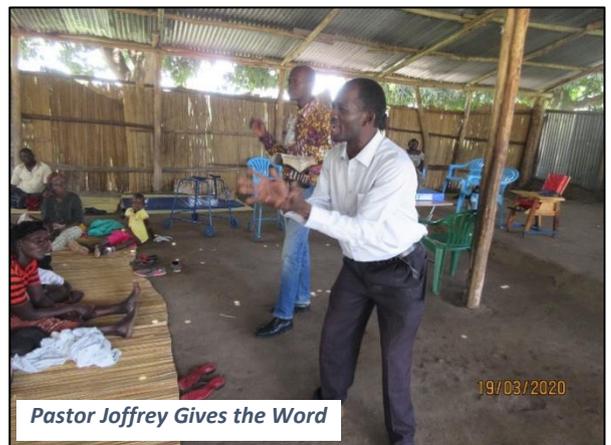
**Giving Nutritious Porridge at Apodra Village**



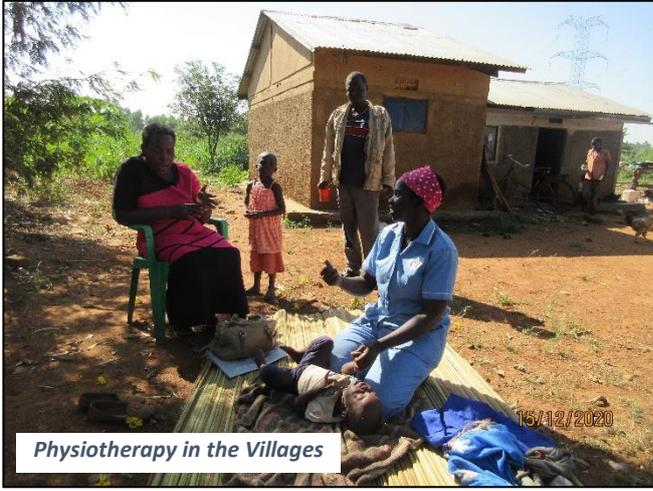
**Physiotherapy at The Glory Kids Club**



**We are Always Praying for the Children**



**Pastor Joffrey Gives the Word**



*Physiotherapy in the Villages*



*Scola Grace has Spina Bifida*



*We Took Stella for an Eye Operation*



*Stella Meets the Eye Specialist*



Henry was Very Happy to Receive His New Chair

19/03/2020



Akiti Receives Her New Chair

28/04/2020



Pelli was Fitted with a Prosthetic Leg

29/02/20



Jonan Lives with His Mother in a Rented Room

Training



Monica Learning Tailoring



Adoli Spent the Year with Mechanics

18/05/2020



Adam Learnt some Accounting