

New Year, New Hope...

2012 Highlights

- **Spring Ball 2012 in March was a great chance to meet our friends and raise money**
- **James & Joseph visited the UK**
- **Shipment of goods from Derby Uni reached JMLC**
- **Moore Water well is built & in use**
- **Events in London raise awareness for CFU & CALM**



As we said in our summer newsletter, the Spring Ball in March was an opportunity for us to meet so

The motto of CFU 'giving children hope' could not have been more fitting to the activities of this year.

Throughout 2012 we have grown, in our team, in our number of supporters and in our work—and we have to thank all of these supporters for making it all possible.

many people who believe in the work of CALM Africa and develop a relationship ourselves.

CFU exists to help sustain, develop and strengthen the work of CALM Africa and they have seen the benefit of this support year upon year. At the event in Spring 2012, James and Joseph got to see first hand what a sincere, lasting

friendship exists between the volunteers and themselves, long after placements have finished. Of course, many of our supporters have not been to Uganda, but the evidence of the difference CALM Africa makes is inspiring enough.

We have been inspired by our own members and volunteers who have done long-distance runs, jumped out of planes, held community events or helped our cause in any way—encouraging us to continue. It is this which motivates us to go into 2013 feeling positive for another healthier, happier new year for the children in Uganda.

Fundraising for what?

This might seem like a daft question, obviously we fundraise for CALM Africa. But, what for; where does your money go?

One of the things that makes CFU different and that we pride ourselves on is that you know exactly where your donations go.

Throughout the year, specific projects are selected to support. Volunteers are encouraged to use their initiative and take on projects where it will help an arm of CALM Africa's work develop.

Continuously, we raise money for an unrestricted fund.

This is a fund not allocated to a specific project which can be used throughout the year for the most pressing need of CALM Africa. Mostly, this goes towards staff allowances.

CALM Africa's work would be impossible without the dedication of their staff. Providing

employment is another means of helping development within the communities and CFU's goal each year is to ensure this is sustained.

Regular donations, however big or small, create this fund and enable us to deliver the necessary support.



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Feature Fundraisers...

Kingsthorpe Methodist Church

Kingsthorpe Methodist Church in Northampton chose CFU as their charity of the year for 2012, after a presentation about CALM Africa from our Director, Dan Hope. They have done a range of fundraising events—the annual Christmas card sale, cake stalls, individual donations, a collection on international development day and

Trevor and Penny Clarke requested donations on their wedding anniversary. As well as this, the Girl's Brigade also held their own fundraising events. They wanted to help the children in Uganda after watching videos about CALM and handmade pencil cases for the children. Dan Hope delivered these to the school in October.



James and Joseph visited KMC during their trip to England and some from KMC may visit Uganda soon! In total they raised over £2000 and KMC are pleased to have helped us continue our work.

CFU would like to give our sincere thanks to KMC for their support over the last year.



Haberdasher's Monmouth School for Girls

Since the beginning of September the boarders in Year 9-11 at Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls have raised £123.00 towards the Moore Water Fund at Jolly Mercy Learning Centre in Uganda. The fundraising started off on the 8th September when a group of boarders made chocolate

brownies with Miss Smith to sell, along with other refreshments, at a Welsh Lacrosse Tournament and raised £50.00. On the 14th September the girls paid a £1 entrance fee to attend the first giant sleepover of the term. After a few attempts of mattress surfing down the stairs the girls piled into the

large common room with pyjamas and duvet covers in tow! They snuggled down to watch 'The Lucky One' and by the end of the evening there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Not only did they pay to take part in the sleepover they also paid for Miss Smith's speciality, homemade hot chocolates and cookies, which meant another £40.00 was added to the fundraising total. The rest of

the money was raised through individual donations and a girly pampering night, involving nail painting and non-alcoholic cocktails.



If you are in an organisation or know of one who would like to get involved in supporting CFU work, please contact fundraising@childrenfirstuganda.co.uk

Moore clean water is delivered to JMLC children

Water is a basic need for survival, for everyone. It should be a basic right for everyone. But not everyone has access to clean, safe water. In fact, the families and children we work with in Uganda have to drink and use water daily that can cause disease and even death. In October 2011 we began the 'Moore Water' campaign, raising funds to build a well in Nangabo to deliver clean,

uncontaminated water to JMLC and the surrounding community.

Just over a year later, the well is built. We have been so grateful to receive fantastic support for this project with donors from all over the country, individuals and organisations, helping to achieve our goal. Funding has been raised from a wide variety of events, activities and acts of generosity.



www.charitygiving.co.uk/moorewater

The Moore Water campaign remains open to continue to raise funding, to ensure the delivery of water is sustainable in this area and to carry out water projects in other areas in future.

Derby delivers

In last year's CALM Africa Christmas newsletter, we wrote about the generous donation Derby University offered of goods from their halls refurbishment and the difficulty we had of getting those goods to Uganda. Well, now they are there!

A supporter of CFU read the newsletter article and through her contact, the freight company Aprile arranged a charity shipment to transport the goods from Derby to Kampala.

Through the kind efforts and hard work of staff at Derby University, Aprile USA (New York) and Aprile UK, over many months this shipment was

arranged, left the University in August and arrived at Jolly Mercy Learning Centre in December. Our sincere thanks go to Alan Holloway for arranging the donation, Penelope Bandeira for arranging the shipment from Aprile New York and Bryan Baskerville of Aprile UK for taking over handling the transportation from the UK to Kampala.

This Christmas, the children had beds to sleep on, duvets to keep them warm and comfortable, clothes to wear and shoes on their feet—all thanks to support for CFU and CALM Africa from around the UK and the world.

You can see more photos of this on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/childrenfirstuganda



Raising Awareness—making friends, promoting our work and having fun!

2012 was also a year of building new and supportive partnerships. Our fantastic friends at Back To My Roots showed their support for the life changing work that CALM Africa does every day by donating ticket sale proceeds from their awesome Bantu Club Night's 4th birthday party in London. We want to say a HUGE thank you to Chris and his team for giving a give to CALM whilst celebrating Africa's culture, music and people!

And that's not all. From 4th anniversaries to 50th anniversaries, CFU and CALM Africa were also in attendance at the jam-packed UG@50 Independence celebration in October. The UK's Ugandan community gathered in Golders Green to pray, give thanks, dance and sing, and our stall was a hive of activity throughout the day! 12 hours straight of raising awareness, networking with some fascinating people, giving a TV interview and even

hosting a couple of big stars from the Ugandan community! Her Excellency, Uganda's High Commissioner and hip-hop superstar Navio dropped by to say Hi and hear about our work. We are so grateful for more than £340 of gifts from these two events and the chance to tell CALM's story.



A word from our Fundraising Team...

A big, massive **THANK YOU** to everyone that has donated and helped CFU over the last year. Without you, none of our work would be possible. But, we still have much more to do!! Due to your support, Moore Water is now up and running,

toilet blocks have been built to improve sanitation, children attend school and are safer thanks to the healthcare they receive. But, we can do a lot, lot more. The biggest help you can give us is a regular donation. Whatever the amount, regular support makes a huge difference

to what we can do. And, if you don't know, you can generate money for CFU for free! Easyfundraising is a fantastic way to raise money for us just by doing your regular online shopping. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to get more involved with us or

know of organisations who may like to support us during 2013. Your donations directly supports the work being done in Uganda by CALM Africa and makes a massive difference to many people's lives.

Children First Uganda—creating change for children; giving children hope

We are all looking forward to an even better 2013, with more friends, more events and more fun! There are new campaigns getting underway and we are planning more activities for this year. Keep in touch with us to find out what's going on via email, our website and get involved in the conversations on Facebook and Twitter. We always like to hear from you so don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Whether it is feedback on what we're doing, ideas you have, events you want to run, we'd love to chat!

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