



Trustee, Brian Fleming visits a chilli grower and her family with Project Field Extension Officer, Martin.

"Now Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And the Lord blessed him"
Genesis 26:12

Trustees Brian and Paul in Rukungiri



It's quite impossible for me to highlight a particular aspect of my recent visit to the Chilli Children Project because the whole trip was filled with amazing and inspiring experiences. Along with many others I always find being in the company of Project Leader Evas uplifting, exciting and motivational.

Earlier this year while planning my trip I was in constant communication with Evas insisting that I wanted to be involved as part of the team rather than a visiting Trustee. To my delight that is exactly how it turned out.

I was given tours by all four Field Extension Officers David, Zaire, Nelson and Martin of each of their chilli growing areas and met a number of growers and their families. Ugandan hospitality is very special and poor as they are, our growers will always offer food to visitors and to refuse is not an option. Working with Physiotherapist and club foot specialist Jones was just wonderful. Watching Jones at work is an experience I shall cherish for a long time.

A three day field trip to the mountains of Kisoro district where clinics were held was truly rewarding. I'm amazed at the number of people who bring their children to Project clinics, they just keep pouring in and at times I wondered how on earth Evas and Jones would cope. But that's what the Chilli Children Project does, it copes, it heals and most importantly it is trusted. At the clinic held at Potters Village a total of twenty two children were referred for surgery, that's twenty two children given the opportunity of life, education and acceptance within their community.

It wasn't all work though and we managed to squeeze in a visit to Mgahinga Gorilla National Park where the gloriously named Park Manager Sunday led us up through the mountains to a viewing platform. No gorillas spotted, ah well another time.

Chilli Children Trust Chairman, Brian Fleming

Chilli Children Case Study: Aggrey walking!



(left, Aggrey before surgery and without his appliance; middle, Aggrey standing straight with his new appliance; right, Aggrey with Bridget, who has the same condition and also received an appliance to assist her walking)

Aggrey (15) was born with a lower limb deformity, which meant that as he grew, one leg became much shorter than the other, making it virtually impossible for him to walk. He registered with the project in early 2017, and has since then had his left leg straightened, and had an appliance attached to his shorter right leg to bring it to normal height. The project is also supporting his education, with hope that he will have an independent future. Aggrey is now standing tall and proud, and walking well. He is looking forward to continued assessment and possibilities for more surgery.

A volunteer's view: Lottie Allen

Volunteer Lottie Allen recently visited the project as part of her Mission Direct trip. Here's what she had to say "The whole trip was absolutely incredible, but for me (and I think for many of our team), one of the highlights was the visit to Chilli Children Trust and their Life Skills clinic. The dedication and love from the staff and parents is just amazing to witness. One of the best things about Life Skills is the sense of community between all of the parents and their children"



Community and Rehab Centre

In partnership with Mission Direct, the new Chilli Children Community Rehabilitation Centre is nearing completion! We are so grateful to over 50 volunteers who have come out to Rukungiri in 2017 to fetch water, build, and pray over this new centre. We continue to pray that it will be a safe haven for parents, and a place of joy, hope, learning and progress for their children. A small team is coming out in November to paint the centre, and it will then be ready for equipping and opening in early 2018.



Special thanks

A special thanks to parents and staff at Holly Grange Montessori Nursery in Cuddington, Cheshire for collecting and donating over 70 pairs of good quality Clark's children's shoes to the project. The shoes were brought to us by Mission Direct volunteers in July and were distributed throughout the area to Chilli Children families.



Visit us

If you'd like to join us in 2018 then please take a look at dates on the Mission Direct website. More information can be found through our partner Mission Direct or by emailing us at contactus@chillichildren.com.

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Thank you to all of you for your continued support of the project. We're so grateful to all of you who have raised money through coffee mornings, talks, birthday parties and sponsored walks this year! Regular giving is important for ensuring that we can send a consistent amount of money to the Project. Please consider giving monthly if you can.

Prayer Requests (Cut out and keep so you remember to pray every day!)

Please pray that the rehab centre building continues on time, ready for opening in 2018

Please pray for the project staff as they make daily decisions on how to spend precious money and resources

Please pray for our new Trustees Nadia, Cathy and Selena and Brian as he becomes Chair

Please pray for all of the children and families looked after by the project

Please pray for continued funds and support from all sources of income



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