



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 4	Year 2010		Day 31	Month 3	Year 2011

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

St. Luke's Vicarage
Novi Lane
Leek
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Susan Woods	Chair		
2	Annette Hamlen	Treasurer	Appointed 27/11/10	
3	Paul Wilson	Secretary	Appointed 29/1/11	
4	Ian Thorn			
5	Susan Bishop		1/4/10 – 17/9/11	
6	Rebecca Thorn			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed made on 4 th September 2004
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	A Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trust's primary aim is to provide funding for the North Kigezi Diocese Grower's Orphan's and Disabled Children's Project

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of Education
The advancement of Religion
The relief of financial hardship
The relief of sickness and the preservation of health
in particular but not exclusively for the North Kigezi Diocese / Rukungiri Growers Orphans and Disabled Children's Project.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trust achieves its objects for the public benefit to improve the lives of disabled and orphaned children and their families through regular grants to the North Kigezi Diocese / Rukungiri Growers Orphans and Disabled Children's Project in SW Uganda.

Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and always ensure that the programmes undertaken are in line with our charitable objects and aims.

The activities currently carried out for the public benefit can be broadly categorised into the following groups of programmes:

The advancement of Education.

Meals, accommodation and health care are provided for pupils with a range of hearing difficulties at the deaf unit at Nyakibale Primary School in Rukungiri. During school holidays the project run a home visiting programme to teach parents sign language. A small number of other children and young people with special needs attend different schools and colleges, as finances permit. School fees and other essentials are provided for these children, as well as transportation between home and school at the beginning and end of each term.

The Advancement of Religion

The Project is addressed to the public benefit of all families with disabled or orphaned children in the North Kigezi Diocese in South West Uganda. Thus widows, orphans and disabled children irrespective of their tribe or religious affiliation receive help and support through the Project. No attempt is made to force anyone to change their religion. However, both in the way in which they live and in their conversation Project staff aim to promote Christ and to spiritually encourage the families with whom they work. They begin each day with a corporate act of worship, together with the other Diocesan staff. As a U.K. Christian charity we aim to consciously depend on God, and demonstrate this dependence as we pray and seek direction from Him.

The Relief of Financial Hardship.

The trustees consider that the best long-term method of achieving their aim of the relief of financial hardship is through an income generating scheme which was devised to enable all families registered with the project to provide a self-sustainable income through chilli growing. Families are taught to grow Birds Eye Chillies, and provided with the necessary equipment to do so. The Project Field Officers cover a large area on their motorbikes giving advice and support at every stage of the process, and twice yearly the harvest is collected and transported to Kampala for export.

The Relief of Sickness and the Preservation of Health.

The Project team carry out regular surveys and register all children with disabilities or chronic illness within the North Kigezi Diocese with a view to providing appropriate help.

Surgery

Where possible, within the constraints of our current funding, all children with conditions requiring surgical intervention are given access to appropriate treatment. Thus groups of children with orthopaedic conditions are operated on at Kisiizi Hospital, where Project staff care for them during the week of operations and also during their, sometimes prolonged, rehabilitation. This year there were 2 such groups, a total of 54 children in all, who were treated at Kisiizi Hospital. Those with

conditions such as cleft palates, and burns contractures are taken to CoRSU Hospital in Kampala for surgery. Children with a variety of other disabling conditions are taken for surgery to hospitals in Mbale, Mbarara, or Mulago Hospital in Kampala. One of the important ways in which the Project are able to help these children is by transporting them by Ambulance to hospital and translating between the parent and doctor (in South West Uganda they speak a different language to those in Central and Eastern parts). The Project often cover the cost of consultation fees, x-rays, blood tests, drugs, and rehabilitation. Usually the operations themselves are funded by other charities, although in some circumstances these too are funded by the Project.

Life Learning Skills' Clinics.

9 Life Learning Skills Clinics are held every month for the public benefit of children with brain damage who live within the North Kigezi Diocese. As well as providing occupational therapy these act as parent support groups. Evas, the Occupational Therapist and Project Manager, attends as often as she is able. There are 6 of these clinics in Kanungu District (Kirima, Nyamwegabira, Kihembe, Butogota, Kihihi & Rusoroza) and 3 in Rukungiri District (office, Bugangari, Nyabubale).

Medical Treatment for Children with Epilepsy and heart conditions.

Children with very poorly controlled epilepsy or chronic heart disease receive drugs from the Project on a quarterly basis.

Club Foot Clinics.

The Club foot clinics programme is offered for the public benefit of any infants with club foot who live within the North Kigezi Diocese. A Club Foot Clinic is held every Friday at the Project office, and a trained project staff worker also visits centres near the families so they do not need to spend weeks away from their work.

There are 2 fixed clinics in Kihihi and in Rukungiri (office) and 1 mobile clinic which are held each month.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2010 (January – December) There were a total of 118 new children with disabilities or chronic illness registered with the project. These children and their families were offered counselling and support, and in many instances specific therapy or surgical treatment. The number of newly registered children was down this year as the Project Team did not do the extensive survey of the area that they did in 2009. However there are also a large number of children/families with on-going need of health care and support and these illustrate a relationship of commitment, love and care between the project, the families and the communities of the region.

During 2010 (January to December) a total of 71 children were operated on. Of particular note is a group of 10 children with serious deformities who were operated on at Mulago Hospital in Kampala in cooperation with the Uganda Spine Surgery Mission; Another child suffering from Chronic Heart Disease was referred to a U.K. charity, 'Chain of Hope' and underwent a mitral valve repair in Aarhus, Denmark on May 31st 2010. On the 4th of November 2010 he had a further mitral valve repair in Asswan, Egypt. He is currently doing well.

In September 2010, during a thanksgiving service for this child, the Dean stood to address the congregation. He announced that in that remote area of Uganda there used to be a lot of children with deformities, but that since the project had been in operation they no longer see children like this. He made the extravagant statement that the only ones like that nowadays are perhaps a baby who was born yesterday! This declaration, although obviously an overstatement, gives a measure of the perceived impact of the project.

The large number of beneficiaries of our grant making programme are also altering the way in which an entire community views those with a disability. At the 9 Life Learning Skills clinics which are held every month parents and children received support and therapy. Prior to the Project's inception families with disabled children had little hope of any improvement in their circumstances, and many were shunned by their neighbours and extended family. The fact that parents with severely disabled children bring them out in public to attend the Life Skills Clinics each month is testimony to the positive effect that the Project is having.

During the year 33 children received a regular supply of drugs to control their epilepsy, and 8-10 cardiac patients received regular medication for chronic heart conditions.

Three Club Foot Clinics were held each month at which infants were treated using the Ponseti method.

45 deaf pupils at Nyakibale Deaf unit were provided with meals, accommodation and health care during the year. Two young graduates of this school recently completed their teachers training and took up posts as teachers for the deaf at another small deaf unit.

A further 15 children and young people attended other Schools and University with support from the Project.

The project's chilli growing scheme benefited 2,050 families.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A reserves policy is being actively considered by the Trustees, and we aim to have it in place very shortly.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charities principle source of funds is from church groups and individuals who are active Christians

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PAUL WILSON	IAN PHILIP THORN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	TRUSTEE

Date 2/12/2011