



Autumn Newsletter 2024

Dear friends and family,
Please forgive this late report on my last visit to Uganda - September 24th - October 16th. I've been on a trip to the Normandy beaches since I returned so life has been very busy!

International Needs Uganda have now taken over responsibility of the staff team and operations. Please pray for these changes to staff and operations to be well received on both sides for a smooth integration.

I spent a very busy time visiting our Starfish families – around Mukono and also on trips out to our clinic in Kayunga. It was great to be back with them all and catching up with them “in situ.”

On September 27th I travelled to the IN Uganda headquarters in Buikwe, about an hour's drive from Mukono, to meet up with Danny Morris, CEO of INUK, who was also visiting Uganda. Danny, myself and Rev Justus Miwanda - who heads up IN in Uganda – had a good discussion meeting together. Danny then gave me a guided tour of the lovely IN compound and offices which was very helpful. IN is doing a great work in Uganda (and many other countries!) and I was very impressed with all the organisation is achieving. We would like prayer for the new relationships to grow and flourish.



Please pray for all the Starfish beneficiaries at this time.

(Right) Gloria, a graduate in tailoring, made me this dress.

IN is running a Disability Inclusion Programme so is particularly interested in our on-going work with many disabled children. Godwin, our great physiotherapist (pictured below, right) and Bridget, our nurse, have moved location to the premises of the Government Health Centre in Busaana, Kayunga district and it was good to see how they are working in tandem with the staff there. The new premises are spacious and suit our needs admirably. Physiotherapy sessions, home visits in the community and referrals to hospitals and orthopaedic centres are proceeding as usual.

The HOPAM ladies group is continuing to meet monthly. Aaron is teaming up with IN Pastor Alex to administer spiritual support to schools and vocational institutions – including donations of Gideon Bibles. They will increasingly be using the portable Bible Exhibition as they find people to help with this wonderful resource.

Thank you all for your continued interest and support. We are now classified as Starfish – a Project within IN. If you have any queries please contact Kim at International Needs UK on membership@ineeds.org.uk. We value your prayers and will keep you posted.

God bless you.

Mary and Moses



Danny (above) with Starfish UK team



(Above) Mary, Helen, Godwin and Trump

Meeting 15 sponsored children, 12 of whom were originally supported through Starfish Uganda, was both inspiring and humbling. It was a long but rewarding day with the IN Uganda team, spanning 11 hours and covering 120 kilometres.

Witnessing the impact of Starfish Uganda firsthand was a privilege, and I feel immense pride in how Starfish and International Needs Uganda have united as a family to continue their vital mission of empowering families through education.

This partnership also emphasises raising awareness about disability inclusion, a cause close to my heart. During the visit, we toured the clinic, meeting the dedicated team there and gaining insights into their invaluable work. I am excited to collaborate with International Needs Uganda and you, our supporters to carry forward this meaningful legacy.

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Kim Wright
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I was privileged to meet the Starfish Uganda team at the clinic in Kayunga a few weeks ago. In recent years, International Needs has significantly focused on helping mainstream children with disabilities be accepted in a community and included in local schools. This is a holistic approach to changing community mindsets from shame and curse by providing resources to help families and schools with training and equipment to accept, cherish and include.

This is why it is so fantastic to see the Starfish clinic with a qualified nurse (Bridget) and physiotherapist (Godwin) offering specialist support to local families treating severe disabilities and helping create mobility, muscle, and fitness.



(Above) Tony with clinic staff (Godwin, Bridget and our intern Harriet)

(Below) Justus, Ivan, Danny, Kim, Tony and Samuel



The clinic was clean and well equipped, and the team headed up by Godwin complemented the government facilities for medical care in the same compound. With the integration of the clinic, it is exciting to see how this ongoing transformation of a community attitude towards disability is shaped and transformed by the inclusion of Starfish.

Danny Morris
Executive Director
International Needs UK



(Above) One of our Starfish families



The Starfish Clinic (Above)



Pastor Aaron and Pastor Alex with Danny (Above)

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