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Orphan care programme in Uganda

LIKE so much of sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda has been hit hard by the AIDS epidemic, as well as continuing troubles on its borders, disease and low life expectancy.

As a result, there are literally thousands of orphans in many of the country's towns, and without social services, their wider families and communities struggle to support them.

In Ibanda, in southern Uganda, members of the local Church of Uganda, led by Olive Lugwana, have helped establish a Care Programme for orphans in conjunction with local church-based primary and secondary schools.

The programme seeks to assist the children in attending school, by providing basic school materials, clothes and shoes, as well as the minimum school fees for secondary school children.

JMT has recently agreed to support 50 primary school children and 5 secondary school children over the coming year. It takes approximately £15 to enable an orphan to go to primary school for a year, while £130 will put a child into the highly valued secondary school for a whole year, offering them real opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

Lights, camera and action for others

THERE'S no business like showbusiness, and JMT was left with plenty to smile about after 50 guests made their way to Soho, London for a special advance screening of the latest blockbuster movie version of *Pride and Prejudice*.

Even before the red carpet was rolled out at the Odeon Leicester Square for the film's UK premiere, guests of JMT got a special preview of the most recent remake of Jane Austen's classic novel.

Those fortunate 50 guests who ordered tickets were treated to a champagne reception with canapes before the exclusive screening. There were even refreshing smoothies and juices provided by Pure California.

With stars such as Keira Knightley, Rosamund Pike, Donald Sutherland, Dame Judi Dench and Matthew Macfadyen, and having been directed by Joe Wright, the film has proved a hit with fans and provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening for everyone involved.

JMT offers a huge thank you to Richard Aseme of Universal Pictures for all his efforts to make the night such a success, as well as to sponsors Freshminds and Pure California. There are already plans for advance screenings of future films, and perhaps even the appearance of a Hollywood star or two.

The real action from such fundraising is of course in the impact the money raised will have in the lives of others through the projects JMT is supporting.

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Message from the team

WELCOME to the very first issue of Journal.

The recent launch of JMT has been fantastic and already there is so much news to bring you – excellent fundraising events, heroic sporting efforts and the exciting beginnings of our project work.

It was last year that the idea was developed to organise a charitable work inspired by Jennie's passions and it has been a long, and sometimes difficult, journey to get JMT up and running. Months of planning make this moment even more rewarding and JMT is looking to the future with a clear vision, a structured set of programmes, a great team and the groundwork to get us rolling with some more fantastic projects.

You can read about the early projects we've begun and the prospects for long-term, sustainable and effective work in this first issue. These are the things we are passionate about and we hope you'll share these passions.

We've visited both Uganda and Mozambique, including the project where Jen was serving, to build further links for JMT. We've also begun an exciting partnership with Christians in Sport, with whom Jen was involved for many years. Seeing the impact that JMT is having and can continue to have in people's lives fills me with excitement about future possibilities.

Finally, a huge thank you must be given to all those who have helped to make the charity a reality. It is a wonderful testament to the inspiring life of a wonderful woman.



Fundraising events

Songs and stories

MORE than 120 people gathered at Alcester's picturesque and beautifully converted village hall for an evening of light musical entertainment featuring the Ad Hoc singing group and John Saunders' witty contributions.

The sell-out audience ranged in age from teenagers to those in their 80s and John's fictional history of Alcester was neatly woven with appropriate songs from the Ad Hoc group, as the story of Guy Fawkes was gradually retold to the audience.

A wonderful performance of prose and song, and a massive vote of thanks must be made to both Ad Hoc for their performance and to John and Sue Saunders who organised the whole evening, including food, drink, tickets and entertainment.

The evening raised in excess of £1000 for JMT and marked the first proper fundraising event.

Marathon effort

JMT's first ever London Marathon fundraisers performed brilliantly. For both Mark Pihlens and Lindsey Pascoe it was the first time they had completed a marathon.

Mark completed the course in a very impressive 4hrs 30mins. Running solely for JMT, Mark raised well over £2,000.

Lindsey was running for Concern and specific projects working with children in Mozambique, but also managed to raise additional money above her commitment for Concern, which she donated to JMT. Lindsey ran a great race, coming home in just over 5hrs.

The London Marathon will always be a special event for JMT, since Jennie worked on the fundraising team for the NSPCC, organising their Marathon. We'd love to see a bigger group of JMT runners at the London Marathon in 2006, so get your application in now.



Anniversary party helps support JMT

SPENDING 25 years together as a married couple is well worth celebrating, but Andy and Maggie Gaze had a party with a difference.

More than 120 friends were invited to enjoy a party to celebrate the Gazes' 25th wedding anniversary. What was different was that each guest paid £25 to attend the party and the money raised was donated to two charities, one of which was the Jennie Marsh Trust.

A dinner dance was held at their local school hall and their two daughters helped with the entertainment, with Laura leading everyone in line dancing and salsa, while Emma played drums in her live band.

JMT would like to thank all those involved and offer our congratulations to Andy and Maggie.

10 kilometres of running

JMT has benefitted from the efforts of numerous runners over the past year in raising sponsorship on 10K runs.

First up, on a cold December morning last year, eight brave runners set out on the Bicester 10K Run. At the 2km mark, the field had spread with Tom leading the gang, closely followed by Hannah Brown who had organised the JMT team.

The middle section saw a demoralising run around the disused airfield, but it reaped benefits for Hannah who surpassed Tom and came in to win the JMT race in 43 minutes, beating all the boys! Tom was in next, followed by Mark Pihlens and then Ambrose Faulks. The team raised a fantastic sum gathering almost £500, with a generous donation from accountants KPMG.

This summer saw former teaching colleagues of Jennie's, Peppie and Lucy, run their first ever 10K race in the British 10K. Starting from Hyde Park Corner and winding a course around central London, their long months of training helped them in the field of 30,000 runners. Both crossed the finishing line in 1hr 7mins, proudly wearing their JMT T-shirts. Together they raised several hundred pounds for JMT.



The work of the trust

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Bicycles for pastors

JMT's Equip programme focuses on various aspects of training, providing the right tools to help Christian leaders.

The pastors training at Vila Maninga's Bible college come from all over rural Mozambique and, after their two years of training, return to their home area. Often they will immediately be given a number of local churches to work in or even run themselves – such is the growth of the church in Mozambique.

With little or no public transport and churches often tens of kilometres apart, a bicycle can transform the opportunities for them to be effective leaders in their churches.

For the students graduating from Vila next summer, JMT is providing the funds to offer each graduate a bicycle.

Vila Maninga – Sponsoring a Bible student and family

JMT has agreed to sponsor the cost of a Bible student and his family to study and live at Vila Maninga Bible College in Mozambique – providing desperately needed Christian leaders with the skills they need.

In 2004, Jennie Marsh worked at Vila Maninga in Mozambique. Situated in the central Manica region of the country, just an hour or so from the Zimbabwean border, the Bible college is the inspiration of Zimbabwean missionaries Frikkie and Juanita De Jager.

The project began more than 13 years ago, shortly after the civil war, as a refuge for orphan children. It has developed since then with the Bible college being established seven years ago. The Bible college is a rarity in Mozambique and seeks to train pastors from the rural areas, with students coming for a two-year residential course. Students come from the bush of northern Mozambique, as far as 1000km away. They often speak different tribal languages and have different customs, but share two things – a passion to learn how to teach the Bible, and an incredibly poor background.

Most of the families are picked up by the De Jagers with little more than a couple of bags holding all their possessions. Living in the mini-village at Vila, the students study each day, take turns to lead and preach at church, as well as helping to farm the project land and farming their own piece of land for food.

JMT's funding will help provide for one Bible student and his family to study and live at the college through to graduation. An example is Alimão, with his wife Lucia, daughter Esmeria, 8, and sons Leonard, 6, and Jose.



Bottom left: A team of young people at CiS camp this summer

Top left: School children in Ibanda, Southern Uganda

Above: Rural children at a project in Mozambique

Front page: Orphan children at Vila Maninga, Mozambique

JMT sponsor Christians in Sport camp

AS PART of its Enable programme, JMT has helped support Christians in Sport's Sports Plus camps this summer.

The camps combine Christian teaching in daily morning and evening meetings as well as small group Bible studies, plus a full day of professional sports coaching and more light-hearted sports and games.

This year saw the very first camp in Armagh, Northern Ireland, as well as only the second year of camp in Scotland. These newer camps build on the established summer camps at Repton and Brecon, and show an exciting growth in the

work of CiS among young people.

JMT provided £500 of funding to the bursary fund to help assist young people who otherwise would not have been able to afford to attend, and this year that funding assisted five local girls to attend the Armagh camp.

The camps were a huge success, and saw real growth in the Christian lives of many young people, as well as encouraging them in their sports; and several made a first commitment to Christ during the camps.

At Brecon camp, the Jennie Marsh Trophy for best sportsmanship was awarded for the second year. This year the deserving winner was Mike Harris, who received the award from Matt Beeby.

Ways to get involved

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Ways to get involved

We would love for our supporters fully to grasp our vision for the vital work that we are doing. If you'd like to get involved, there are a number of ways in which you can support the work JMT is doing and the vision it is building. Please use the form below or email to contact us.

PRAYER – please do pray for the work we are doing, as it is vital that we are committing all of our plans to the Lord. Have a look at the prayer points included for starters.

GIVING – We would welcome all financial support, as we rely on the gifts of our supporters to fund our work. Please do consider giving regularly to JMT via a standing order, as this allows us to plan for the future, and to keep fundraising costs to a minimum.

FUNDRAISING – If you have ideas for events that could raise money, or would like to do an event to raise money then we'd love you to get in touch; from small to big events in sports, balls and parties, crafts or anything!

TIME & SKILLS – If you've got time, energy or skills to offer however limited you may think they are, then do contact us! Helping with events, offering assistance or skills are vital to keeping JMT running at low cost, ensuring as much as possible goes to projects. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do.

Prayer points

- We would really value your prayers for all of the work that we're hoping to do. As a starter, we'd love you to pray for the following:
- For the work of the Trust to be focused on serving God and on pursuing our mission.
- For the work of Vila Maninga in Mozambique in seeking to expand the Bible college programme.
- For the safety and health of our contacts in the war-torn areas of northern Uganda, as we assess potential ways to help them.
- For wisdom and guidance to decide which projects should be supported.
- For people to be envisioned by the work that we're doing and to have a desire to support the work of the Trust.

Touch rugby beats the weather

On a Sunday morning when England were nearing an Ashes cricket victory, 13 squads of players congregated at nearby Dulwich College for JMT's touch rugby tournament. Despite looming clouds and threats of rain, a successful tournament kicked off with pools of 3 or 4 teams competing for places in the Cup and Plate knock-out rounds.

Each of the mixed teams of six had at least two girls playing, and referees kept a strict eye on the rules for the 'six-touch' version of the game, ensuring plenty of space for creative play. The early rounds saw some high scoring games, with a few strong candidates for the tournament emerging. There were excellent performances by an almost all-female, Aussie-dominated side, upsetting some unsuspecting teams!

In the end, Harlequin Luke Sherrif's team won the day against a good team of New Zealanders, in a very close Cup final, whilst Matt Beeby's largely Nottingham Uni-based side won the Plate competition. The provision of a wonderful barbeque and salads throughout appeared to impact the performance of some teams, but was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Many thanks to David Wickes of Dulwich for providing the grounds, and to all who organised the very successful day – it shouldn't left too long for another such event!

Giving details:

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I would like: (tick box option)

- To receive information on JMT activities by email/post
- To know more about giving regularly
- I would like to make the following donation to Jennie Marsh Trust:

AMOUNT:

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Gift Aid: Please read the notes and sign the declaration if you are able to.

Gift Aid Donation Form

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I would like The Jennie Marsh Trust ('The Trust') to treat the following as Gift Aid donations:

- All donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.
- The enclosed donation of £

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You must pay an amount of income tax and / or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Trust reclaims on your donations in the tax year

If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and / or capital gains equal to the tax the Trust reclaims, you can cancel your declaration

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return

If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the Trust or see help sheet IR65 available from HM Revenue and Customs.

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