



The Linda Project

A child has the right to be a child!

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School vacations

The children of our S.O.S. program (send an orphan to school) have all returned home from their boarding schools, the big vacation has started! Also all the children who live in our children's home are now free from school, another school year has passed. Two months of only playing. Boy, we will have to be inventive again to occupy them for all that time. Normally we manage quite well.



End of school exams

This year 6 candidates sat for their O level examinations:

Judith Akello, Dorcas Ajok, Isaac Angom, Moses Ogwang, Tonny Olet and Morris Ongom.

2 children did their P7 exam: Jennifer en Ronald.

Now comes the long wait again until the results are announced, end of January or beginning of February.



***These are the P7 exam candidates of our school Linda Primary.
Behind them the teachers and a few parents.
It is custom to have a day of prayer dedication before the exam starts.***

Electricity

We are still not having any luck with our power supply. At the beginning of September the transformer blew itself up. In the meantime we have received a new one, but the electricians still haven't come to connect everything.

This means that House of Grace is in total darkness for over 3 months now, all they have are some kerosene lamps. We phone the electricity company every other day and they promise to come, but...

Then there are these people from another electricity company, who are planning to put new metal electricity poles. They are nowhere to be found when it comes to discussing the way forward. You are probably aware that we have to move if all their plans go through and we would like to know when this is going to happen. More important, what will be the amount of compensation they are willing to pay.

They say patience is a virtue. We have already allocated a nice piece of land, 4 hectares, which would be very adequate. But without any information our hands are tied. It's too bad, because otherwise we could have already started with developing the new place.

Work permits

Something funny is going on in Uganda concerning the giving out of work permits and residency permits. I hear from some people who have been in Uganda for 14, 15 years, that they have been refused a renewal of their permit and that they have to leave. The price for a 1 year permit has gone up to \$ 1.000,00.

It also takes more than a year before there is any reaction to your request. It looks like the Ugandese government is trying to get rid of the white missionaries and development workers. Not a good thing at all. For myself, I am waiting since February 2011, but use tourist visa in the meantime.

Rain

It's raining in Lira. When Patrick, the project director, went to get the children from Aduku, he found that somewhere near Aduku the bridge was no more. So, he proceeded to wade through the river, got on a boda boda taxi (bicycle taxi), went to the schools and picked the kids with many boda boda's. Back to the river. With all their properties on top of their heads and shoulders they managed to get to the other side. Finally, the car. Yes, enough adventure in Lira District!

Because of the heavy downpours in Lira District the potholes in the road to Aduku are now all filled up with water. Alongside this road is a huge swamp. Children enjoy themselves by going fishing. The road is 35 km. long. By car the travelling time is 2,5 hours, a motorcycle gets you there an hour faster.

We have 5 children attending school in Aduku, so we have to take this road.

It's just not worthy of having the name "road". And in all the years that I am here now, nothing has ever been done to improve it.



The road to Aduku



Fishing in the swamp near the road

Christmas

It's almost Christmas again and the staff in Lira is very busy buying everything that is needed for the big celebration on time. Because, the closer to Christmas you come, the more expensive everything becomes, sometimes 3x as much.

We were very happy to receive a nice donation for this event again this year.

Prices in general have stabilized, the dollar has become 400 shillings cheaper. But the prices have not come down.

At this time of gift giving I would like to draw your attention to a maybe nice gift for a friend, neighbour, relative. You can make them a Friend of the LindA Project.

It costs € 25,00 a year. They will receive 3 newsletters per year, to stay informed about how our children in Northern Uganda are doing. By being a friend you support the overall costs of our organization. Something for you? Contact us via email or the secretariat.

Urgent request

We are still looking for people:

- Who want to sponsor a child
- Who want to sponsor us in general
- Who want to organize a fundraising activity
- Who will sell our CD
- Who want to work in our Primary School for 1 year as a teacher

Interested? Please do not hesitate and contact us.

Thank you!

At the end of this year 2011 we would like to say thank you to all the people who are faithfully supporting our Foundation. Thanks for your donations and interest. Your gifts make a world of difference for our children.

**We wish you a nice and blessed Christmas
and a healthy and happy 2012!**

On behalf of the staff in Uganda, The Netherlands and Northern Ireland,

Kind regards,
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