



# St Nicholas World Development Group NEWS

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**Welcome** We hope you and your families are well. Even during these worrying times, many of you have taken time to ask about Dorcus & the children at FML school in Uganda. We have mixed news for you; firstly from our February visit, and secondly since the Coronavirus has spread through the World

## Projects Update

**Uganda** On February 17th Steph Prestage, Helen Middlemass and Maureen Hickey left Sutton Coldfield at 3.30am to begin this year's support visit to Feed My Lamb School in Uganda carrying with us footballs, skipping ropes, books, trainers, toothpaste, toothbrushes and clothes for the children, along with nail varnish and hair trimmers for the hairdressing project, all donated by our friends, families and supporters - a big thank you to all of them!

Dorcus was delighted to see us and to be able to share her joys and tribulations over the year. It was wonderful to see how healthy the children looked and how well they were learning. Examination results were again outstanding - due to their hard work and the dedicated, dynamic, young teachers.

We met with the Management Board to discuss our difficulties in maintaining sufficient funding to meet all their needs and to encourage them to develop the various farming, tailoring and hairdressing projects as a means of raising funds in addition to their educational value. We look forward to them beginning to

be more self-sufficient in the future but know this will take time.

There are still many areas that need extra funding:

Proper retaining walls

Water harvester for the girls' shower block

Repairs and painting of the school buildings



## Latest News...

Due to Covid19 all Ugandan schools have closed, and the teachers have left. Dorcus now has 50 children to feed and care for every day, mostly the original street children from Kampala. She just has 2 adults and 3 young teenagers to help! Food prices have rocketed. People were told to stock up ready for lockdown which is now in force.

The Albania and Romania projects will be facing difficulties of their own.

All our fundraising events are badly affected. We appreciate these are difficult times for many of you, but if you are able to make a donation or increase your regular giving, it would be greatly appreciated. **Thank you** to all who have already responded to our appeal.

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## Events for 2020

ANNUAL DINNER

14 November 2020

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Moved house? Changed your phone or email? Please let us know. **If you gift aid we MUST have the correct information.**

## Want to know more or help us?

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