

Stories of Hope...



What is it like to grow up as an orphan in Uganda? We thought it would be interesting to share some of the stories of some of the older young people that Esuubi has supported through their education.

Sekajja Max

Having just reached the age of 20, Max is coming to the end of his school education and looking to what the future might hold for him. He will be taking his A-levels in November.

We first encountered Max when he was at Mityana Orphanage. He had been staying there since his parents both died when he was aged just five. With three brothers and four sisters, he was part of a large family that had

very few opportunities available to them.

In amongst the hardships of untreated health issues, little food, crowded classrooms and a shortage of teachers, Max has some fonder memories of roaming free with his friends. However, he is grateful for the support and structure that he has had in his education since being supported by Esuubi – he feels it has allowed him to concentrate more fully on his studies and given him a foundation for life that he would otherwise have missed out on.

As he comes to the end of his schooling, Max is hoping to study “law science” at university – it is “more respected than just law” - but that is just one of a myriad of ideas about what he could do. He laughs and jokes about his chances of becoming a celebrity, a newsreader or just famous for doing “something else”. “As long as I am famous and can be generous, I don’t mind.”

Turning to the subject of football Max cracks a wide smile. He rather sheepishly tells me that he has recently switched allegiances from the blue of Chelsea to the red of Manchester United. The draw of José Mourinho was just too strong to resist: “He’s a winner. With him they just cannot lose. I follow him wherever he goes.”

He gets excited telling me about the black role models he sees in the world of football – “Pogba – the most expensive player in the world – he just looks like he’s having so much fun. He gives young men in Uganda something to dream of.” And he has high hopes for next season’s Champions League, when Man Utd return to Europe’s top club competition.

In amongst the bravado and jokes, Max has a heart for those around him, he is keen to be generous, sharing knowledge and opportunities with others like himself. Wherever he ends up he hopes to remember the good things he has been given and helps others to get the same.

A New Era...

We are excited to report that at the start of the year we had a new headmistress start at Ekiwummulo Primary School.

This we believe will help continue to raise the standard and quality of education for the children in our care.

We are however in need of funding to provide salaries for two further teachers at the primary school. This will help to ensure the children receive the best education possible.

If you, or anyone you know, could help please get in touch.



Agriculture Update...

Small scale sustainable farming continues to be a focus for Ekiwummulo Village. We now have six cows who will shortly be used to provide milk for the children staying in the Village, as well as for milk to sell and provide much needed income. Over the coming months we hope to begin planting more everyday food crops . This will help to provide a more balanced and nutritional diet for the children.



A to Z of fundraising ideas...



Thank you to everyone who has helped us in our fundraising efforts already this year, we really appreciate your support. For anyone interested in getting involved, here are a few fundraising ideas for the rest of the year:

A – Annual Collection – start a collection pot of spare change and coins. Empty it once a month and donate the proceeds for a year.

B – Bring and Buy Sale - a great chance to get together with friends and sell all those unwanted gifts and toys you have hidden in the garage.

C – Cake Sale – everyone loves cake so why not sell some in aid of needy children.

D – Dog Walking - if you have a bit of spare time offer to walk the dogs in your street or neighbourhood in exchange for donations.

E – eBay for Charity – Sell your unwanted items on eBay and donate a percentage from any sale to Esuubi.

F – Film Night – could you show a film outside on a summers evening - sell popcorn for some extra profit.

G – Games - For all those who love the challenge of a board game – why not have a marathon board game tournament? Either pay to play or get sponsored.

H – Head Shave – it gets hot in summer anyway so how much can you raise if you offer to shave your head for charity?

I – International Evening - Hold a themed international night and decorate your venue with flags from across the globe for an interesting fundraising event. Serve different national dishes and entertain your guests with world music.

J – is for Jam – make it and sell it. It's that simple.

K – Karaoke - Enjoy singing? Why not get on the microphone and hold a karaoke evening. Maybe your local pub or club might like to get involved.

L – Line Dancing, or any other sort of dance evening you fancy and invite along all your friends for a fun night of boogieing combined with raising funds.

M – Music Evening – Jazz, Blues, Rock and Roll – whatever you play, you could sell tickets and perform for friends and family.

N – New Year's Eve dance/party - Avoid a night of queuing and host your own New Year's Eve party. You get to control the music and the guest list and can charge cheaper than local pub for entry then donate the fee

O – Open Garden – what better time of year is there to show off your garden than in the summer with a fundraising garden party.

P – Pamper Day - your friends probably already spend money on pampering (the UK beauty industry is worth £17 billion) so why not plan a day that offers the break people need and leaves them feeling good in more ways than one.

Q – Quiz night – if you can arrange a quiz night in your local pub or at your church or club we can help supply the questions.

R – Run 5K, 10K, a half marathon – whatever distance you fancy and get yourself sponsored while getting fit for summer.

S – Sell you skills in your office or place of work. You could offer a cooking class or computer tutorial in exchange for a donation.

T – is for Table – pay to have a stall at a local craft fair and sell Esuubi craft. Just get in touch for a way we can supply the crafts to sell.

U – Used Stamps – Get your family, friends and neighbours to donate their used stamps, and sell them to collectors.

V – Virtual Village – could you sell some of Esuubi's alternative gifts to aid the children of Ekiwummulo Village

W – Wax your legs – this is one for the men out there. People will not be able to resist sponsoring you for this one.

X – marks the spot! Organise a pirate treasure hunt in your local park and children pay to enter.

Y – Yoga Marathon. Get sponsored to do yoga for a day. You'll be so bendy by the end of it that you can charge people to watch you tie yourself in knots. Bonus.

Z – Zany Dress Day - People at your office or school pay a quid or two for the chance to come dressed as celebs, as

