



Amigos

Supported by
BRITISH AIRWAYS  

'working together to educate and train Uganda's next generation'

June 2011

Welcome to our June e-news. We have had a great month and we hope that as you read this e-news you will be inspired and encouraged.

Auction

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who attended the Auction last Saturday. The auction was a huge success, so thank you to everyone who donated items and to all of you who bid on the items. We raised £6250 which will be split between Amigos and the Thailand mission group from Grosvenor church, Barnstaple. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

HIV/AIDS talk at Kira

Africa is struggling with an AIDS crisis. It has put pressure on already strained healthcare systems, left millions of children orphaned and decreased the productivity of Africa's working population. Uganda has in recent years managed to reduce the rate of new infections, but there are still 1.2 million people living with HIV in Uganda. At Amigos we believe in holistic development, transforming every aspect of peoples lives. So, we were really excited when Barbara Kemigisa came to speak to our students at Kira Farm. Barbara shared her moving story with our students, she is in her early twenties and is HIV+ . She passed the infection on to her baby when she was breast feeding.



Barbara is extremely brave as the disease still carries a lot of stigma. We are so grateful to Barbara because her story has inspired our students to challenge the stigma surrounding the disease and to take the knowledge they have gained back to their communities. Barbara's story taught them that every life has hope and a purpose.

Christmas Pigs



Christmas may have been a long time ago but we want to share another of our Christmas gift stories. You may remember the story we shared about Resty, Charity and Fiona, who are all sponsored through Amigos. Last Christmas we were able to help their family gain a plot of ground through the generous donations of their sponsors in the UK. Last year, many of our sponsored children asked for animals for Christmas. Not domestic pets like many children in the West ask for but animals that can be reared. One of these children was Eva. Eva got a piglet for Christmas which will help provide her family with an extra source of income for food, clothes and medicines.

Kira Farm update

The new guesthouse is almost finished. It's looking fantastic!

We continue to be hugely blessed by our wonderful staff in Uganda and are so grateful for all that they do to make Kira Farm and our child sponsorship programme successful.



The water jars are now finished and are providing a much needed source of water for Kira. The girls on Kira love using the water to wash their clothes as it makes them softer!

A big thank you to [Wilmslow Wells](#)



Our current students (34) are coming to the end of their year at Kira and while it will be sad to say goodbye to them we are excited for the next group of 40 students who will begin their year at Kira in a few months time. Please pray for the students who will be leaving us to start their two month internships back in their local communities, pray that the skills they learnt will help them find a better future and they will be able to transfer the skills they have learnt back into their local communities. Please also pray that the new students will settle into Kira

smoothly and that it will be another great year for Kira.

Afternoon Tea in Ashford

Put on your best pearls, frocks and hats and step out for Afternoon Tea and Jazz with "Deja Blue". Sunday 24th July from 2.30pm, The Old Rectory, Ashford, EX31 4BY

Ann Burnham, owner of The Old Rectory, will be laying on a sumptuous afternoon tea; where guests will be able to wander the beautiful grounds during the afternoon. Deja Blue will entertain guests. Their repertoire is largely based around the "standards" but they are

always developing ideas for songs that will fit into their genre such as those performed by Eva Cassidy, Jamie Cullum and Madeleine Peyroux, amongst others.

Tickets are £10. For more information email alison@amigos.org.uk

Brazil ultra-marathon



Amaury Braga is running a 65k marathon in Brazil on 26 June. He's raising money for Amigos and you can sponsor him [here](#)

Fundraising thank yous

Amigos relies on the support of our fundraisers. So, we'd like to say thank you to John and Peter who raised £1787.55 by cycling the length of the UK. Freya and her friends raised £272.20 when they did a sponsored pony ride through Woolacombe in their pyjamas, thanks girls!



Twitter

Amigos now has a twitter account. So if you like to tweet follow us @AmigosWorldwide

THE FUNdraisers

A date for your diary - A Fancy Dress evening is being planned for Saturday 9th July by 'the FUNdraisers'. Tele star Merlin will be performing an opening act at Bideford Angling (theme for the evening 'fi|m and book characters'). There will be light refreshments and a bar, plus there will be prizes for the best fancy dress. Please get [email](#) for details.

Thanks for reading and supporting Amigos. God bless.

If you've enjoyed reading this please [send it to a friend](#).

[DONATE NOW](#)

This message was intended for philpugsley@gmail.com You have received this message because you are subscribed to 'First Contact'

[Unsubscribe](#) | To contact us please email phil@amigos.org.uk

Amigos

7A, Beech Grove, Pilton, Barnstaple, Devon. EX31 1PZ