



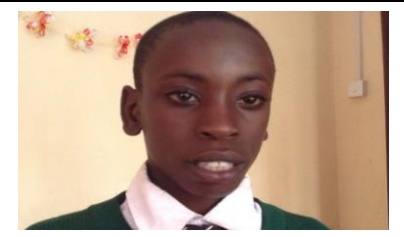
Action in Africa 21st Anniversary Christmas Newsletter



As always, Burns Night was the highlight of the Action in Africa 2018 calendar. Tyrrells Wood Golf Club provided the fine traditional fare that revellers have come to expect and Blackthorn provided the brilliant Ceilidh music. As numbers were down due to seasonal illness, we were thrilled with the £600 that was raised on the night.



Debora Elmerick (pictured above) was just one of the students whom Action in Africa has sponsored this year. Homeless, her mother was desperate for help. Debora is now boarding at Nyaishozi Secondary School. Samson Charles (pictured below) is also a new student who is studying at Rugu Secondary School. Life is a struggle for Sam's mum, who is a widow and a farmer.



Christmas 2018

Action in Africa sponsored (mature) student Rebecca Didas graduating

Merry Christmas & Many Thanks from Action in Africa!

As the charity celebrates its 21st anniversary, Action in Africa would like to thank all our supporters and wish them a very Merry Christmas. We have said a few hellos this year - to new students Debora, Sam and Abella - and to Father Vitalis, our Tanzanian chairman, who visited us for a few weeks in the summer. It was also a time to say good bye to long term supporter of the charity and trustee, Andy Dutton. Andy had been with the charity for 13 years and wanted to spend more time with his young family. He definitely deserves a good rest. Thank you Andy for all your hard work over the years!

A Tanzanian Visitor to Ashtead brings Nyaishozi News

Father Vitalis delivered news from Tanzania in person this summer. A very warm welcome was provided by the Ashtead community. Father Tony, parish priest of St Michael's, invited Father Vitalis to help with services and give addresses from the pulpit. The Action in Africa committee was overwhelmed with the response.

Father Vitalis was also invited to Cranmore School to celebrate their 50th anniversary. There, he had the opportunity to meet Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, Richard Moth, pictured right. We think this was a very special occasion for him.



Abella joins Action in Africa



Abella Deusededith joined the Action in Africa family this year. She lives with her aunt as her mother cannot support her. The family lives in very difficult circumstances.

Father Vitalis was eager to visit long time supporters of the charity St Andrew's Secondary School. They have been sponsoring two students through vocational college. Father Vitalis is a keen advocate of these courses, as they give uneducated young adults hope. Naiveth Almachius (pictured below) has just graduated from her Needlework and Tailoring course. She would like to set up her own tailoring business straight away. Action in Africa would like to thank St Andrew's for agreeing to continue sponsorship for another two students in 2019.



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News from Tanzania...

The Village of Kibogoizi has become known to us through Bibiana, one of our sponsored students. Kibogoizi is very remote and when Father Vitalis was here, he made several pulpit addresses, raising the plight of the dispensary there. The nurses and midwives had no form of transport to service the local community.

The money raised was enough to buy a motorbike. There was much excitement when the bike arrived at the village (pictured right). Since then, two Ashtead residents have come forward to pledge funds for another two bikes!

Transport for the dispensary will have a huge positive impact. Thank you to all the parishioners of St Michael's!



Nyaishozi Primary School head teacher, Hosea Martin, was thrilled last year, when we underwrote the cost of a maize gruel lunch, for 100 of his neediest students. On the back of this success, he is delighted that a large piece of the waste ground belonging to the school is now being utilized.

We have funded the purchase of maize seeds, for the students to grow enough of the crop to feed the entire school for the year! Pictured right are the pupils preparing the soil. We will bring you news of this project as it develops.



Testing our wits – Quiz Night was a huge success!



It was great to have Father Vitalis at our 2018 Quiz Night. As usual, it was organised meticulously by our lovely treasurer Carolyn Higgs. £1,300 was made on the night. Some of this money was used to contribute towards the cost of Rebecca Didas' final year of her masters in midwifery. She will return to Nyaishozi Dispensary after her field work.

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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

Coming in 2019 – A Date for Your Diary

28th April - The London Marathon

(Action in Africa runner from St. Andrew's Secondary School yet to be announced).

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Father Vitalis hand carried Days for Girls feminine hygiene products for Ruhinda school girls pictured above with their kits.

Thanks to you, all our supporters...

This year has been momentous for the charity. There have been many high points – but the greatest has to be Father Vitalis' visit to the UK. The Ashted committee (pictured right with Father Vitalis and Mary Agius 2nd right) is immensely proud of the work he does on our behalf in Nyaishozi. He cares so much for his community. We are very grateful for the support everyone has shown him and us in 2018.



Looking forward, St Andrew's have already confirmed that one of their staff will run on our behalf in the iconic London Marathon. We intend to repair the water system at Kibogoizi, support the local maternity facilities and of course keep sponsoring the most needy children of Nyaishozi. All that is left is to thank you all and wish you a very merry, peaceful Christmas. More news in 2019!





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