



# Newsletter

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**A charity to relieve poverty and distress among children and young people in Ghana  
Supporting The King Jesus Charity Home in Ghana, West Africa**

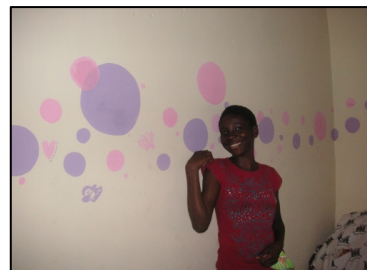
**Welcome to our tenth newsletter detailing the work of the GCT.**

**The Trust's priorities are paying school fees and buying food for the children.  
We prioritise where our funds will be spent to meet the most urgent needs.**

During July a party of 10 teenage girls and 3 adults from Girlguiding Newcastle upon Tyne spent three weeks working at the orphanage specifically to improve the living conditions in the girls' house.

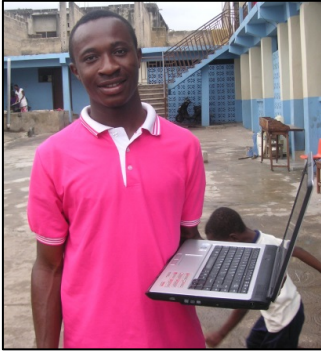
Work on the septic tank, water and sewage in the girls' house was completed before the Guides arrived. The Guides decorated the hallway, 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms in the girls' house with help from some of the older children. New toilets and a shower have been installed. Supporters had crocheted and knitted blankets, which make a colourful addition to the rooms as well as keeping children warm at night.

Surplus money from the Guides' trip is being used to fix broken beds, provide mosquito nets for all windows, to concrete the yard at the girls' house, to repair tables and chairs in the dining room so that everyone can eat together, to tile the floor in the dining hall, sick bay and Pastor Kofi's office, and to line the gutters around the girls' house with concrete to help the flow of water. Any remaining money will be used for electric wiring, tables and chairs in the old classroom block which is undergoing renovation.



As well as learning some Twi words, (Twi is the local language), the Guides spent time playing games and dancing with the children, and discussing social issues especially the importance of education for girls.





The Trust bought twelve laptops for use by the students in Ghana. Gabriel, one of the management team, attended a course to enable him to run weekly after school computer lessons in the orphanage.

**John, one of the students at KJCH, sent GCT this letter.**

“Hi, My name is John Osei Bonsu. Am much grateful for the laptop you brought to me. It has helped me in my project work which am working with it in school. Thank you very much!  
Love you! Xxx”

### A wedding

A former resident of the orphanage, Gloria, is now a qualified teacher and got married when the Guides were visiting, and they attended her wedding celebrations.

### Higher education

More children are going on to higher education, and several children are eagerly awaiting their senior school results and hoping to progress to colleges of further education or university.

### The orphanage

Everybody at KJCH was well and happy throughout Jean's visit, although sadly we heard that the elderly watchman died suddenly in October. The site is well cared for and the buildings are looking very smart with a new coat of paint.

### Fund raising

This year, in addition to our regular monthly/annual subscribers we have received financial support from: Strathclyde University, Selwyn College Cambridge, Gosforth Park First School and White Mere Community Primary School. A Guide from North West England ran in a Half Marathon. A successful Charity Dinner, a Race Night, a Garden Party and various coffee mornings all raised funds

**Thanks to the generosity of all our supporters standards have risen significantly over the past 10 years.**



### Future news and events

These will appear on our website but you might like to make a note in your diary for:

#### **Saturday 21 March 2015**

#### **Gosforth & District Mixed Choir will perform a concert in aid of GCT**

From 7 - 9pm at St Aidan's Church, Polwarth Drive, Brunton Park, Newcastle NE3 5NJ. More information will appear on our website nearer the time or you can contact us on 0191 2816493, email [childrenstrust@yahoo.com](mailto:childrenstrust@yahoo.com)

### Finance

During the last financial year we sent £14,651 to KJCH for school fees, food, clothing and general expenses. Gift Aid of £1094.22 was reclaimed for the last financial year.

**Since the Ghanaian Children's Trust charity was set up in 2004 we have sent £116,813.65 to the Orphanage.**

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