

Ubomi Obutsha Centre

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The Beginning Of Another Year!

I wouldn't say we've had a holiday because our project never really closes . . . but we do have what we call a "go-slow" over the Christmas/summer holiday period. Our regular weekly programs close but we continue to collect donations (mainly food) & get it to those in need. During these past holidays we also enjoyed a wonderful visit from a Honeyridge Baptist Church youth missions team who ran a short holiday club in the first week of January.

The Ubomi Obutsha Centre officially "re-opened" on the 9th January with a general planning meeting. The priority focus of the week was registering children in our Educare program which is always a big challenge! 17 from last year's group have moved on to "big school" & it didn't take long to fill their spots from the high-risk homes our CCW's work with. The difficulty is always in dealing with those for who we just don't have space! It is so difficult to turn away a young, crying mother pleading for us to help her with her child but at 50, we are already a little crowded . . .

Our next area of focus is finalising our School Support Program for the year. Although there are many more who need help, we currently have 173 OVC's on our 2012 support list & the work has begun to make sure that they are all enrolled in a school, find out what their exact needs are (books, etc) & then stretch the funds we have available as far as possible to meet as many needs as possible! This takes a lot of coordination between ourselves, the children & their care-givers & the schools. We hope to have all this finalised by the end of the coming week.

We have identified our School Support Program as a priority for development during 2012 for which support will be much appreciated! Funding for school supplies can be deposited into the bank account listed below & (possibly more importantly) we are needing individuals who can give of their time to tutor these children when possible.

Blessings for the year ahead!

- Mark

General Information

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Banking Details

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