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Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD), *Discourses*

A review of 2012

Thank you so much to all our wonderful supporters and donors for their generous support in 2012. Your support ensures that 312 underprivileged children in Acoyo village can continue to access quality education, basic health care and a school meal every day.

An overview of 2012

We celebrated our 3-year anniversary in June 2012 with 230 students, an increase from 160 students in 2011. The new school year opened in February 2013 and 312 students enrolled.

In 2012, we improved our Medical Programme by hiring a highly experienced health practitioner, we expanded our teaching to include a second Primary classroom, we began the construction of two more classrooms and eight new toilets and we started to provide a day care facility for teachers who have infants who cannot be left home alone.

We're building more classrooms

Our ambition was to expand in 2012 and we accomplished this, however we made the decision to do this in phases, rather than build a whole new school from scratch. We accommodated 70 more students in 2012 than in 2011, by increasing enrollment and capacity, including operating an additional classroom. Our strategy for 2013 and beyond was to increase the school by two classrooms per year, so that we grow slowly but steadily. We have recently completed two additional classrooms, which opened in the new academic year in February 2013.



Our women's agriculture pilot project

Our women's agriculture pilot project was successful in that five women were trained and planted seeds including beans, watermelon and carrots. The hardworking team of women produced 170 kilograms of beans, half of which was given back to the school for the school meals programme. The quality of the land was not as fertile as we had hoped and the heavy rains and termites also damaged some crops. The team is piloting another season of planting before concluding whether it is worth continuing. If this does not prove successful, we will look into alternative initiatives to support local women's empowerment such as: financial literacy training, other skills and vocational training or providing small loans. We believe that we can work together with these women to help find solutions to break the cycle of poverty and provide them with a step up.

Partnering with Kings' Dubai School

Project Shelter Wakadogo partnered with a school in Dubai – King's Dubai. King's Dubai teachers, parents and students are developing a meaningful context for learning and collecting items to send to Uganda throughout the year. King's Dubai teachers visited our school in

February 2013 to train, provide advice and guidance on effective teaching methods and curriculum. Alison Wilkinson, Headteacher at Kings' Dubai said, "as a school community we are thrilled about taking the first steps to link with Project Shelter Wakadogo school. Children in both our schools will benefit in so many ways from this new relationship and we are very much looking forward to learning more about Uganda and how we can support."

Volunteers at Project Shelter Wakadogo

We would like to thank Heather Brierley and Robert Staunton for spending two weeks at Project Shelter Wakadogo in November 2012. They helped us with building work, planning, grant proposals, teaching and creating teaching aides. We hope that this will be the start of other meaningful volunteering opportunities at Project Shelter Wakadogo in the future.



Our first school trip

60 of our students went on their first school trip to Murchison Falls National Park, approximately 4 hours drive from Gulu, in November 2012. This was an exciting day out for the students and for many, it was the first time they left Gulu town. We hope to be able to organize one trip a year to educational, inspiring and beautiful parts of Uganda.



School clinic and Health sensitization

Our school clinic and nurse is saving lives every week. It is known to be one of the best school clinics in Gulu. The children and staff were able to treat almost all their medical needs at school without needing to be referred. For example, between 10 and 15 students and teachers are found to have malaria every week. They are all treated free of charge. Our school clinic also tests for HIV/AIDS and all cases are referred to The Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI)-funded HIV/AIDS programmes in nearby hospitals.



Our new Programme Manager

We are delighted to let our donors and supporters know that we have a new Programme Manager, Maxwell Kinyera. Maxwell has been with Project Shelter Wakadogo since April 2012 and has been a huge asset to the team. He has streamlined many processes, organized our Parent Teacher Association and developed strong and important relationships with the teachers, parents and community.

Fundraising and expenditure

In the 2011/12 financial year, globally, we raised \$111,144. We rely on a small group of donors for this amazing contribution, including a generous donation from an anonymous donor of \$26,961, to build eight new toilets and two new classrooms for the new 2013 academic year. This financial support is crucial to our ability to continue this work. In 2011/12, we collected \$6,120 in school fees income. In 2011/12, we spent \$62,146 on running and improving the school, this included:

- Teacher and local staff salaries
- Medical supplies
- Food for daily school meals

- Staff training
- Agriculture project
- A new fence around the school

Thank You

We owe our deepest gratitude to the donors and volunteers who have believed in our mission and vision and supported us since the start of our journey. Thank you also to those who have already pledged to support us in 2013. We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity:

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