

Pebbles News

Pebbles Uganda charity No. 117960



Summer 2023

Dear Pebbles supporters, a BIG thankyou again for all the support you have given since my last newsletter.

Our support has enabled Pr Alex, Vincent, and Martin, the headteacher to do the wonderful work of educating and feeding up to 200 children from the Wabigalo slum in Kampala. In this newsletter I have included some reports written in their own words from various people involved with the school and feeding programme.



Vincent Okello School Administrator wrote:

"I am so thankful to God for Pebbles and specifically Mzee Chris, and the supporters of Pebbles. Pebbles has helped improve the lives of our children. The parents are also grateful for the good food that their children receive. Pebbles has provided me with a job and that has made it possible

for me to support my family and as well increased my commitment and effectiveness in the church. I had spent 4 years without a job, and I was constantly sick because of stress. I would probably be dead by now. May God bless Chris and all pebbles supporters".

Patience is a parent with 4 children. "I came to learn about this school from a friend who also has children at Choice nursery and Primary. My children were sickly always in the previous school. I would force them to go to school but quite often they would not reach school. My husband had decided that we stop educating them, however since I brought them to this school, their love for education has greatly increased. They no longer fall sick because of the good food and clean water, and they have developed love for education. Now I have learnt to boil the drinking water as our children always remind us to boil water because the teachers tell them to drink clean water. My children are



now saved because of the prayers in the school. The change in my children caused me to give my life to Jesus and now am a member of Choice Baptist Church. Me and my fellow parents pray for the school and those who feed our children daily.”



Martin Wafukho Head Teacher wrote:

“Pebbles brought life to our school. Without the feeding of children and staff by Pebbles, this school would be no more. There is very high morale in the staff and children. Children no longer fall sick as it used to be because of the good meals provided. There is no more a problem of absenteeism. Almost 80% of the children report on the very first day

of the opening of the school every term which used not to happen. This term one of the school supervisors visited our school on the opening day and got surprised to find all the classes full. He asked me what is the secret behind good attendance in a poor structure? My response was the good care for our children. Our fellowship with children in school is now good. We have devotions every day and many children including Muslim children have come to faith. Our relationship with parents is very good and that has contributed to the good performance of our children in school. We no longer have cases of typhoid because of the clean drinking water in the school. We have taught them to drink clean water at home. I pray that God continues to bless every person supporting pebbles for being a blessing to our children, School, and community.”

Pr Alex wrote about one child called Byeveni

“If it was not for the food he would have dropped out of school by now. He came to this school at a time when life was very difficult. He even attempted to commit suicide because of the difficulties at home. He had no hope of going to school. He is very thankful to God for the care and love shown in the school. His life is better now. He is healthier than before coming to the school. He is now saved and serving in the church. His fellow children are very grateful for the love and care in the school, and they pray daily for the people who support them with food.”





The pictures above show some of the children in their classes who are helped through the support we give.

The lives of many children and their families have been changed. Despite the financial challenges we face here in the UK, it is wonderful to know that what little we give can have achieve so much.

It costs around £10.00 per month to feed a child. The Feeding Programme provides employment for the small staff who buy, prepare, cook, and serve food. We are so thankful for the donations and support we regularly receive.

If you are interested in regular giving or making a one-off gift, our bank details are as follows:

Pebbles- Uganda

Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30-92-69

Account number: 18394468

Please contact Caroline Couzens if you are interested in gift aid: carrers692@gmail.com

We also accept cash or cheques.

Please make cheques payable to Pebbles Uganda and send to:

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Thank you again for reading this.

With best wishes,

Chris

