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A quarterly Newsletter designed to inform donors about progress made in the implementation of the Mufindi Highlands Orphanage Project in Mufindi District of Tanzania, East Africa.

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## TRYING TO BEAT THE RAIN

### Project Highlights through September 2006

Project work stepped up during the 3rd Quarter in an attempt to have at least 3 dormitories ready for occupancy before the advent of the rainy season in early December. Hopefully, these buildings will accommodate 30 to 60 orphans not now properly housed.

In summary, Project works completed to date are:

- all building sites excavated
- the first dormitory near completion
- two other dormitories under construction
- assistance given to improve local schools & clinics
- administrative functions set up and in use
- fund-raising has kept pace with Project needs
- IRS tax exemption status in hand

### 4th Quarter Strategies

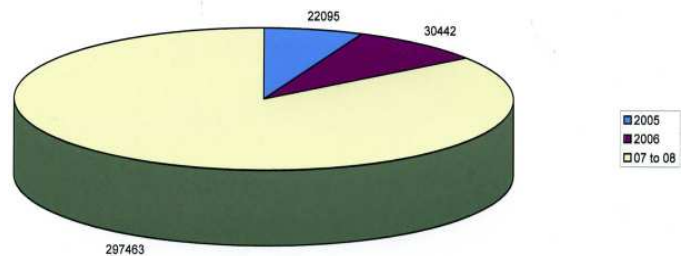
Strategies for continuing Project impetus in the 4rd Quarter include:

- Complete 3 dormitories and provide sufficient furnishings to provide accommodation for 30 to 60 children.
- Continue to contract out work previously done by Fox employees and village volunteers. Use Project funds to provide paid employment to local people.
- Finalize the engagement of an orphanage Matron and 3 dormitory House-mothers
- Identify and short-list the most needy orphans and move them into dormitories as the units are completed
- Continue to work on planned extension projects, such as improvements to village schools and clinics, to the extent that funds allow. Examples are: Igoda Primary School improvement, Upgrade Ward Dispensaries to Mini-Hospitals, continue work on the village Water Supply, and Plant Trees for environmental, educational, wood supply, and future employment reasons.
- Continue to communicate with private individuals, church groups, social organizations, and grant-awarding foundations to raise funds for the Project.



## FUND-RAISING STATUS

MUFINDI HIGHLANDS ORPHANAGE PROJECT FUND-RAISING TO SEPTEMBER 2006  
TOTAL NEEDS = \$ 350,000



Mufindi Orphans fund-raising activities started in July 2005. At the end of September 2006, donations of \$ 52,537 now amount to 15% of the total required funds for the Project.



Above: This is one of the classrooms that expatriates, including some Project folk, helped build. There are about 90 children in this class. Before building the new classrooms, the school rooms were indeed crowded. Note the energy in these kids. October 2006

Left: The 3rd dormitory unit under construction. Once roofed, the buildings will be furnished so that children may move in before the hard rains hit. Electricity, water, and other amenities will then be installed as funds allow. October 2006

### Marion's Memorandum

Have just come back from the Project in Tanzania. Had an amazing trip. The Headmaster of Igoda Primary School gave me a tremendous welcome with all the children dancing and singing for me. Will send you a photo of the 12 boxes of books I presented.

The Flyford Flavel First School, here in UK, collected some pens pencils, crayons, paper coloring books, sharpeners, erasers etc during their Harvest Festival. I have also been collecting them over the year every time I go to the supermarket and now have another 12 boxes to send to the Project. But am awaiting some sort of transport. Hopefully will get some space in a container soon.

There are 166 children with one parent in Igoda Primary and 44 orphans, and everything we send will help them.

The progress of the three houses started is going well. The rafters on the one should now be up and the second one following quite quickly. As you can see the foundations have been started on the third. Geoff Fox is hoping to have them up and running by the end of December 2006.

One morning Geoff took us to Mdadulo Secondary School. The Head kindly showed us around and said he was in great need of text books which I said I would try to get him. So I shall contact local schools and see if they are replacing any they have

You will see from the hospital photo that this is also in dire need of help. Geoff took us to the Mdadulo Mission hospital. Well, there are about 20 beds with only sheets on. No blankets, pillows, or curtains. The broken windows can make it very cold there. One stethoscope, one blood pressure monitor, one microscope and a trumpet listening device for pregnant women. About ½ suitcase of simple drugs. The nurses haven't been properly paid for nearly two years, and they have to pay rent to the Mission!! They have to look after 37,000 people in the surrounding villages! I knew things are bad in Africa but not quite that bad.

I have taken lots of photos and am in the process of contacting all our local hospitals, health care hire companies etc to ask them if they are replacing anything and could I have their old stuff. Anything would be more than helpful. I do hope they can. The laundry hire people said he would see what he could do and is ringing me back when he has something.

I shall be sending some other photos to you under a separate email.

I have left a portfolio at each campsite with all the reasons and details of what is happening and what our charities are hoping to do.

Our website should be up and running soon but in the meantime, any request for a website we are giving your Mufindi Highlands Orphanage so they can see what is intended.

All the best, Marion Gough



**Mdadulo Mission Hospital. Clean and neat. Supposed to service 37,000 people, but is now severely under-used due to lack of staff, equipment, and medicines. October 2006**



**Igoda Primary School children entertain visitors. Oct 2006**



**ABOVE: The "Wonder Boy" from the last issue entertains a mix of orphans and other children in Igoda. October 2006**

**LEFT: Marion Gough and daughter with Geoff Fox at the Project site in October 2006**