



# NEWSLETTER

## SURGE - AUSTRALIA

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## To All Sponsors, members and interested persons

***"Reaching out to the world - one village at a time."*** We focus our efforts on safety, security, education and health care to improve the lives of these children. Our goal is to give them the tools they need to better themselves and their communities. We will do this in several ways...



The HCCP Project Oct 2005 - TO - The HCCP Project June 2007

### YWAM from USA visiting the children and Project in 2007



**Some of the school children attending HCCP Project School – a mix of Australian (SURGE Inc.) and American (HUGS Inc) sponsored children. 2007.**

**February 27, 2006 - Bright Hope School** in the Rakai District of southern Uganda **built with funds generously donated by HUGS** supporters in USA, the school is located on the grounds of Hope Child Care Programme -Uganda and serves the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

**November 2007** - This school continues a high education for the sponsored children and children of the surrounding districts whose families can pay fees.

They are given hot food during the day – here in this picture you can see them eating porridge.



**2<sup>nd</sup> building of School  
Classrooms being built  
on HCCP Project 2006**



**The School Dining Hall  
built in 2007**

**Well over 300 children** are now attending the school, which currently provides instruction for primary grades 1-6. Construction had begun on a second school building that was opened later last year. Children who are sponsored through the SURGE Program are automatically enrolled in the school. Besides receiving a quality education, the \$25/month (current) sponsorship fee also provides each child with a daily hot meal, shoes, medicine and a school uniform. Children in need can also be boarded at HCCP for an additional \$25/month.

We have 1 sponsored child being boarded at HCCP because he was being physically abused by his grandparents. He is a very bright young man.

**October 31, 2006** – Supporting Uganda's Re-Growth Efforts Inc (SURGE –AUSTRALIA) has currently **13 sponsored** children and **1 elderly couple** with their orphaned grandchildren.

**January 2008** - We have 18 sponsored children and 1 elderly widowed gentleman with his orphaned grandchildren.





Figure 1 - Baby Class Paintings in school

Figure 2 – Women’s Group Dancing

Figure 3 – Goats grazing on HCCP land

**S.U.R.G.E Inc. has now been in operation for almost 2 years now, officially. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2006 and we will advise our members when the AGM will be. It will happen possibly early to mid March either before or after Easter.**

**On behalf of the Board Members we wish to thank you all, for what you have helped us to achieve in such a short time.**

**We need your prayers as we continue to serve our God and you the sponsor and members and supporters, with integrity and openness.**

**How wonderful it is seeing the changes YOU and others have made to the HIV/AIDS effected children, community and the Project at Hope Child Care Programme – Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District Uganda.**





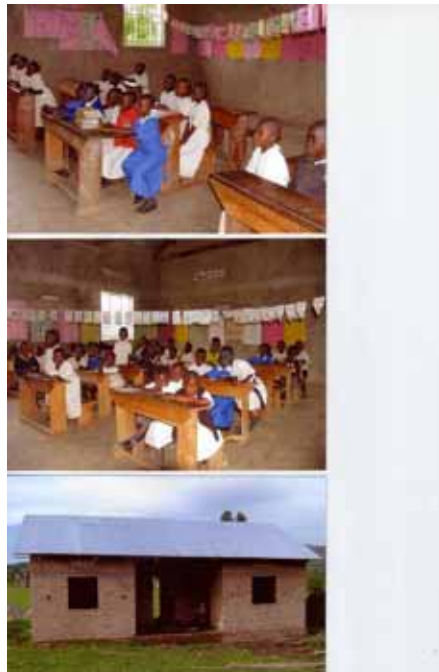


**Figure1 – The Signpost showing our Involvement with HCCP in Uganda**

**Figure 2 and 3 - Showing the drilling of clean water well for the children on the HCCP Project.**

**Figure 4 – Children pumping fresh clean water for their needs at school and living. In the background you can see some of the improvements of the HCCP project since Steve and I were there in May 2005.**

**The Medical Clinic** completed its first stage of construction in the *project*.



**By November 2007 the medical clinic completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage of the project** This has been achieved through generous donations from S.U.R.G.E Inc. via our Surge supporters.



**The Medical Clinic is now in its 4th and last stage - Completed, so far due to funds generously donated privately and through S.U.R.G.E supporters. This will also serve the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.**

You may want to know how we will distribute monies raised from donations and other fundraising activities by our not-for-profit Christian based charitable organisation?

**We have partnered** with Hope Child Care Program in Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District of Uganda for the next 8 years (**Started in May 2005**).

Some or a small percentage will go to the working Fund. (This is currently being achieved by monies received by recycling cans and bottles plus donations specifically designated to the working fund.)

The main funds raised will be distributed via the Overseas Development and Aid Fund A/c – to support the infrastructures of Education and the Physical and Spiritual health of rural Ugandans.

**These funds will assist in developing long term, sustainable infrastructure for the project rural community of Uganda – e.g.**

**#1 Building of a medical Clinic:** at HCCP Project in Rakai District in the poor community of Bulanga and surrounding villages. **NOW INTO FINAL STAGE (4<sup>TH</sup> STAGE):**- furniture, fittings and medical equipment and electrical support still required. It has been used as from November 2007

*Helping to provide necessary medications for the Clinic and equipment for the Pathology which will then become self-sustaining through the cost of treatment that, those that are able to can afford.*

**#2** the need to **tackle Water shortages** for times of famine and disease. This project has now been started. We are going to help put in **water well** through the HCCP Project **for the Village of Bulanga** and communities. It will cost \$10000usd to complete. You can help by donating any amount or in increments of \$135 you can donate in lieu of a gift to a loved one, and we can send you a card with details for that person. (HCCP have already been donated a functioning water well – for the HCCP project by a firm in USA –)

**#3 Agricultural** needs: Animals e.g. cow \$203aud; goat \$40aud; chickens \$10aud; seeds \$10aud - Ask us for further details. The animals are given to the children rather than the adults so that the animals are not sold for 'the drink' by the father or significant others in the child's life.

**#4 Educational** needs and the provision of /or training of special aid teachers for disabled children in the HIV/AIDS effected rural areas of Uganda. A teacher for this area is about \$300usd per month.

**The school is long-term and sustainable because of encouragement of self paying students also attending the school from Bulanga and the surrounding areas.**

Help either in personnel – HCCP has employed someone whose name is Fred to Mobilize and look after the needs of our Australian Sponsored Children, reporting of course to Pastor Fred Matovu – or help by other means as needed by HCCP Uganda in the way of Adult Education etc.

**#5** The support of infrastructure and *training Programmes* for the physical and spiritual health of Rural Ugandans.

**Future ideas:**

1. Birthing Kits; immunization of children against childhood diseases; STD and HIV/AIDS medicine for pregnancy and new born children. Also medicines of this kind for those children with HIV/ AIDS.
2. We would like to help with the purchasing of plants and animals for the agricultural Programme and the children of Bulanga and surrounding communities that will in turn provide the community as a whole, with long term and sustainable incomes to provide for their families.
3. Provision of forms of electricity to the HCCP project to enable the use of teaching equipment and school buildings for the ongoing education of HIV/AIDS effected orphans and the community of Bulanga, and surrounding areas. (Large and medium generators) Electricity stops 20km away from the village of Bulanga.
4. Supporting any infrastructure, project (within our guidelines) required to achieve our objectives.

**NEWS: 2006**

Pray for the kids and Pastor Fred's family and the children and families near Bulanga. There is a Cholera outbreak in Rakai and 8 people are dead and 20 hospitalized. This was in 2006.

Rakai fights hydrocell

RAKAI district has embarked on an immunization campaign against the lymphatic filarial infection in schools.

Eddie Ssejjoba reports that the infection causes elephantiasis and hydrocell. Surveys showed that 30% of people in Rwanda and Kasensero villages in Kyebe sub-county carried worms that spread the disease.

Lymphatic filariasis is a parasitic infection spread by mosquitoes. Authorities fear that the infection, rampant on the Lake Victoria shores in Tanzania, was spreading fast in Rakai.

Launching the campaign at Misazi Primary School recently, the district health administrator, Erieza Mugisha, said the first cases of HIV were discovered in this area in the early 1980s.

The pupils were given dozes of Albendazole, a prevention and treatment drug for lymphatic filariasis.

The LC5 secretary for health and education, Isaac Byamugisha, warned that Rakai was prone to diseases due to its location near the lake.

### **NEWS 2007:**

The Eboli Virus has broken out in South Western Uganda. This causes hemorrhaging and most often death.

Our Children in this area are in need of your prayers. We are very thankful that our children have been kept safe so far.

**Thank you to all those who have faithfully given and YOU as a sponsor and supporter and member have made so much difference to their lives and their surrounding communities.**



Figure 1 Bulanga Church



Figure 2 Boys Dorm



Figure 3 Bunk Beds

We have enjoyed serving you as well as making a difference to a child and a village in Uganda.

**Lorraine Ridderhof – Program Coordinator**

**On behalf of Board: Steve Coombe – Chairperson;**

**Peter Hill – Secretary and Public Officer; Moira McMillan – Treasurer**

**Mike Colliver, Annette Paterson and Jana Hill – General Board Members**