

President's Report 2019- 2020

Dear donors and friends,

We are so grateful for your generous support in the past. Your money has been put to good use and all involved with Nimdy are touched by your generosity. So much could not have been done without your help.

Our present projects continue to slowly grow and develop in quality. We are privileged to share in their trials, triumphs and tribulations and to also be witness to their smiling faces and the joyous spirit they show despite their constant challenges. Their capacity to be present and hopeful to and with each other, no matter what life throws at them, both in Ghana and Donetsk.

We are constantly touched by the resilience of the amazing people we meet and oftentimes their helplessness in the face of their struggles:

In Ghana ;a single mother with children having to find two years rent to stay in accommodation with little to no income, grandmothers and great-grandmothers left with small children and no means, not having the money for the doctor or an operation, losing a loved one overnight who “ just” had a stomach ache, having a young child with a high fever and seizures, very poor hygiene, no educational opportunities, children with constant upper respiratory infections, malaria, typhoid, parasite infections, to name a few of the sicknesses there, and so often having no possibility to deal with it all.

We are as inspired to learn from them as they are from us: the Africa of ordinary people who humble us by their stoicism, selflessness and exuberant delight in company. There we learn a lot about what it means to be human.

Thanks to you, our donors, we have been able to contribute and support and work closely with the staff and community surrounding our school compound in Ahodjo.

Apart from the daily work that goes on in the school - teaching, learning, mealtime, nursing- this year ,the focus was also on:

- Teacher training and further education.
- Visiting the homes and families of the children and supporting where we could.
- Reorganising the administration. We now have two very able ladies, Faiza and Gladys plus Emmanuel who assists them with finances.
- Health Checks in the school for the children, immunisations, deworming. Increasing the level of hygiene especially with correct handwashing. Medical support for the children and teachers who were in need.
- An extra meal was added during the school day because the more destitute children needed more nourishment.
- More attention to art and crafts this year as well. We brought over lots of paint and material in November.
- Returning volunteer Vanessa came again with her friend Rumer .They were very well received as usual and their support of the project is exceptional.



Visiting Philomena and David's home. They live with aged grand parent



Vaccination Day



Teaching Hygiene

In Donetsk-

The war continues.

There are many who are willing to give of their time, energy and talents there to alleviate the resulting despair and hopelessness in this war torn community especially the disabled, the orphans, the old. We are privileged to work with some of them and support where we can. Tatyana Shevchenko works with young children, orphans, refugees and disabled mainly, bringing some fun and games and warmth into their lives.



Clown course 2019



*Tatyana Shevchenko
with disabled
children*



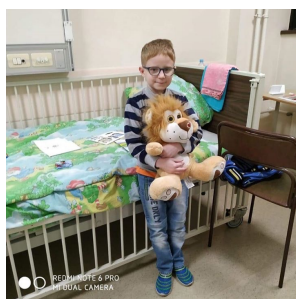
Lydia with her orphans

We continue to support Lydia Kowalova with her 22 orphans. She runs her home diligently and looks after them like a mother would. We are happy to support them.

Little Maxime developed a brain tumour and needed to be sent to Moscow as well as Marina, the eldest girl, also needed cancer treatment. Unfortunately Maxime lost most of his sight but seems to be coping with support. Marina is doing much better as well now. The rest of the children are living extraordinary lives, dancing competitions, martial arts, field camps, despite the war and the restraints. Lydia Kowalova is an amazing woman. A modern day heroine.



Maxime after operation



Maxime now



Marina with Lydia

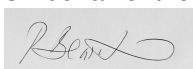


*Selfie !Happy
children*

June was a very sad month as our dear friend and board colleague, Ruedi Kyburz, departed this life unexpectedly. He is sorely missed and is lovingly remembered for his rich and practical and effective contribution to the whole project.

We are eternally grateful for any donation possible towards the costs. With your donation you will be assured of contributing to an Africa that works for everyone. You will be an integral part of the solution.

Our heartfelt thanks for your solidarity and support,
On behalf of the board



Philomena
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