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Tree planting: a great need in Uganda

By Gill Ashley-Smith.



Spreading dried grass on the newly created raised beds

After years of war in Gulu, Northern Uganda, people have returned to their farms. With support from OA, Rev Paul Kyalimpa, of the Baptist Union of Uganda, has supplied oxen to 8 groups of 30 farmers to plough the neglected land. Two from each group receive monthly training with Paul, each time doing practical work on one of their farms.

Paul reports: Deforestation is on the increase in this area due to growing population that needs more land for farming and trees for fuel, especially to make charcoal for urban centres. Trees are being cut in plenty but few are planted by small scale farmers. Also, burning of grass and trees is common practice, which uncovers the soil, destroys useful wild life and releases carbon dioxide, contributing to climate change. So the farmers are taught to stop burning, and instead to slash vegetation and use it to mulch the gardens.

Better bananas. When the farmer's workshop was held at Olanya Willy's farm, he explained the challenges in his banana plantation - water runoff and soil erosion in the rainy season, evaporation of moisture in the dry season, and goats eating banana leaves! The farmers' group were shown how to make raised beds in the plantation, so excess water runs round the beds not over them, preventing erosion. They also used cut grass to mulch the beds instead of burning the grass. If a lot of mulch is used continually on a raised bed, there is no need to dig it again. This "zero tillage system" saves on labour and time.

Planting trees among the bananas provides shade, and protects from wind damage. Farmers learned about planting a hedge to prevent goats eating banana leaves. It is also possible to grow vegetables on the raised beds, to increase production from limited land.

Orange orchard. Charles Oyo leads the Wek Atem Fish farmers' group, who have worked together and now own a fish pond, a tree planting project including citrus, to

produce oranges. The group has determination but few skills to combat the challenges facing them in farming. Charles says that, during the drought months, drying up of grass and citrus trees occurs.

When the farmers' workshop was held at Charles' farm, they dug around every citrus tree and placed compost around them, and a mulch of dried grass. The farmers then got water from the fish pond nearby and filled plastic drinks bottles to irrigate each citrus tree. This exercise was fun - the farmers enjoyed it with laughter.

- Compost feeds the citrus well.
- Mulch covers the ground and prevents evaporation of moisture.
- Drip irrigation with a bottle, refilled every 2 weeks, supplies each tree with water throughout the dry times.

In this year a grant of £11,270 has been provided by OA to support this work.

The group members said that citrus growing is increasing food security and income. In the area just four oranges sell at Ushs 1,000/= (30p). One citrus tree can give 200 oranges they said. This means that a farmer with 200 trees can earn Ushs. 10,000,000/= (£2,500) in a year. The trees also help in environmental protection, increasing the rain and reducing carbon in the atmosphere. The farmers are learning the lessons well, and demonstrating them to others.

Work done – citrus trees with compost, mulch and bottles to irrigate them.



Credit: Paul Kyalimpa.

“It’s great to live in a healthy environment”

By Stan Crees, OA’s Overseas Secretary, with Chuk Rana, Executive Director, MCDS Nepal.

Ryale Bihawar is located in the western part of central Nepal, 22 km away from the main district city of Lalitpur. Just over a year ago OA approved a new programme of development in this locality which comprised health education, toilet construction, community development and capacity building. Now as they approach the completion of the work, our partners in Nepal, Multipurpose Community Development Service (MCDS) – the development arm of the Nepal Baptist Church Council – report significant progress.



A newly completed toilet.

Several women’s groups have been formed and throughout this year health awareness training has been provided to equip the women in the care of their families and themselves, in a situation where little or no health care is provided from outside the community. Training has been given to the men to become skilled masons, and using these skills they have constructed 96 pit latrines. This has been achieved with the cooperation of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Office who have provided the toilet pans and 384 metres of piping.

The good progress made is attributed to high levels of community involvement in the work. Quoting from the recent report we understand that “the community’s presence in every project activity and the meetings organised by MCDS have been very encouraging and supportive.”

Oral health training – a practical session on brushing your teeth!



Testimony to this good progress is here provided by two of the beneficiaries. They speak for themselves of the satisfactory results from the activities of MCDS in this project.



Masali Tamang

“My name is **Masali Tamang**. I live in Ryale Bihawar Village and **I am secretary of the Karmi Tole Women’s Group** formed by MCDS/CHEST. We were very much impressed by the activities of CHEST in other local regions and we wished MCDS could come to our community too. Now this has happened and five Women’s Groups have been formed. We have been made aware of the problems caused by various kinds of diseases, and by malnutrition, diarrhoea, worms and other such problems. The value of good nutrition and a balanced diet, the importance of child health, the use of vaccines against various diseases have also been brought to our attention. Addiction to alcohol and drugs, the need for safe drinking water and general oral health problems are being tackled.

“There has been tremendous change since CHEST started its development projects in our community.

“We have been practising the learned things and have been teaching our children and neighbours and it has been very useful to our family and community to be hygienic and to create a healthy environment. We feel blessed that MCDS/CHEST is with us.”



Kopila Sapkota

“My name is **Kopila Sapkota**. I also live in Ryale Bihawar village area and **I am the president of the Grahmin Women’s Group** formed by MCDS/CHEST. Due to ignorance and illiteracy as well as poverty the people of Ryale Bihawar were not able to construct toilets and nearby fields were used for excretion of human wastes which spread unhygienic environment among the community. We had to face difficulties and were ashamed whenever guests or visitors used to come to our villages.

“The awareness activities, along with the support for toilet construction, have given the community a hygienic and sound environment. We are really very much indebted to the entire team of MCDS for setting us free from such ignorance and darkness. Our shame has been covered and it feels great to live in a healthy environment. Thank you MCDS!”

Operation Agri continues to provide funding for this MCDS activity in Nepal and £27,365 has been sent this year.

Brokenness to Wholeness in Borivali

By Marisa Rawlins.

Marisa works in higher education and is a graduate in development studies. She has visited and worked in India on a number of occasions and most recently called in on the project described in this article.

Ganpat Patil Nagar slum in Borivali



After a long bike ride weaving through the traffic in Mumbai, Aaboo Varghese, Joint Executive Director at Oasis India and I arrived at the **Ganpat Patil Nagar slum** in Borivali. Over the past year Operation Agri has been supporting a Community Empowerment project and I went to meet staff to understand what impact the project is making.

My first impression of the slum was how organised the 'community' seems, 14 grid-like lanes are linked by alleyways and row upon row of makeshift, galvanised steel or brick houses. Interspersed among the homes are small shops and businesses. I am not sure what I expected but what I found was a self-contained community of sorts. I was greeted by eight enthusiastic children playing games with their teacher. Sonal, Project Leader; Chandu, Community Outreach Officer and Rosie, Coordinator of the day-care class welcomed me as the children settled to prayer, thanking God for his blessings.



Preschool children learning through games

Providing care

The families in Borivali are uneducated and from India's poorer states of Bihar and Jharkhand. Men do casual work as rickshaw or taxi drivers while women stay at home looking after children. The centre runs pre-school activities for children aged 3-4 and 4-5 and women's programmes including self-help groups and tailoring classes. There are classes for teenage girls which teach them about menstruation, cleanliness, contraception and pregnancy and a livelihood programme for teenage boys which offers computer training. Sonal explained the **home-based** care provided to families affected by HIV: they receive a monthly ration of 750 rupees, ongoing counselling and medical help.

Families receive **educational support** which covers the yearly school fees and books for their children. Sadly there are many families where both parents are HIV infected and work as daily labourers, the children are often left at home to look after themselves so Oasis helps to place the children in different institutions or hostels to receive a proper education.

Three key issues

The centre conducts testing for TB but not HIV which is prevalent due to the high population of migrant workers. The dangers of human trafficking are widespread making children and young females very vulnerable. Oasis and partner charities run anti-human trafficking awareness programmes in the slum and local schools to highlight the warning signs and dangers. I asked Aaboo what were the 3 priority issues. First would be lack of education, second poverty – men earn little money and may be the family's only income source as well as supporting family in their home village. Child abuse is the third priority issue – there were awful instances where very young children were abused and then sent away to conceal what had



Chatting with teenage girls about life in the slums



out to greet us and I received many requests to take their photograph! I chatted to women seated near their front doors making bindis and hair clips which they sell to gain extra income. We went to one family living in the

happened. Through focused work, Aaboo said the project was moving from strength to strength and their objective is to set up a hub that would take a holistic approach to addressing key issues. Sonal highlighted the disturbing issue that 'girls and boys are still treated differently and discrimination even extends to their tiffin (lunch) box.' A brother and sister attend the centre together, the brother arrives in neat clean clothes and with better food including meat, yet his sister is sent with messy clothing and only vegetables in her tiffin. Sadly, inequality between girls and boys continues to be commonplace and education regarding gender equality and opportunity still needs to be embedded into society to change people's attitudes.



Mother and baby in the slum where Oasis are working

Life carries on

We walked around narrow cramped lanes buzzing with activity, children walking to school, some playing outside, men transporting sacks of produce, women washing clothes and collecting water. There were areas littered with rubbish with children playing nearby. Families came

Home-working, making bindis (forehead decorations)



slum. The mother, Pratima is HIV positive but thankfully her three children are not. I stepped down broken steps into a cramped, tin shack. The dark room opened out into a small space, where the family live, sleep and cook. Pratima works as a cleaner and Oasis helps pay for school fees, books for the children and medication, which alleviates some of her day-to-day financial pressures.

Building on success

Chandu, the project's **Community Outreach Coordinator** and also a Pastor works with 55 to 60 families living with HIV. His time is split between home-visits; accompanying family members to hospital appointments; counselling and placing children in boarding schools. His is a real-life testimony to escaping the slum. Chandu grew up in a slum like Borivali and through support and education escaped the cycle of poverty, and his background helps him to relate to the people he supports.

Sports training is having a positive impact on teenage boys; football projects in Bangalore and Chennai were successful in developing self-discipline and teamwork among the boys. Building on this success Oasis plans to start a football team for boys in Bandra alongside monthly computer classes. Later on I chatted with the teenage girls about life in the slum. Exams were taking place - they were confident of their results. They explained that the teachers used stories to discuss issues like menstruation, pregnancy, not having love affairs and the dangers of being abducted and trafficked. They assured me their focus is on studying not boys - with dreams of becoming doctors, teachers or clothes designers. Oasis and the staff are instrumental in building their awareness of self, the environment and supporting their education.

The sum of £10,000 has been provided by OA in support of this vital programme.

Though Borivali residents have adapted to their sparse surroundings and organised themselves into a functioning community this is no ordinary community. Families live below the poverty line and need improvements in all services including sanitation, health, children's support, education and training. I liked the Oasis approach which is 'brokenness to wholeness' and their future plans to create hubs. The staff are an inspiration and meeting families and children illustrated what has been achieved and work that still needs our support.

Education is the Cornerstone

By Angela Mondol, Manager of the Duaripara Family Development Project, edited by Mary Hart, OA trustee. (The Duaripara FDP is an Oasis project in partnership with the Church of Bangladesh).

The opportunity to receive a good education is still a rarity for girls living in the Dhaka slums. Their parents' view is that whilst it is worth paying for a son's education because a son will stay at home and look after his parents when they are old, there is no point wasting money on educating girls as they will get married and go to a husband's house. In fact there is a Bangladeshi saying about girls: "No matter how much you study, finally your place is in the kitchen..."

Without an education girls soon become a financial burden to their families and get pressed into early marriage or end up working for low wages in one of the several thousand garment factories in and around the city of Dhaka. In April this year the collapse of the garment factory at the Rana Plaza building resulted in more than 1,000 deaths and brought the working conditions of the young women employed by the industry to international attention. We asked ourselves why women would go to work in such an unsafe building and found the root cause is poverty and lack of opportunity. It is not the dream job but it is all one can get without an education. The vision of the Oasis Duaripara Family Development project is to support girls to live their dreams and have a life of self-dignity as valued and respected members of their community.

Education is the cornerstone of this Oasis project.

We encourage families to send their girls to school and support them both through catch-up programmes for those who have missed out in earlier years and extra tuition and support for those in the main stream school system. We currently have 40 girls in the catch-up programme and 88 girls in mainstream school.

Our project is not just about school though, we also encourage the girls to take part in extra-curricular activities such as making jewelry and other craft work, taking part in our annual sports day, going on trips and outings to local places of interest and learning more about health and hygiene. We work with the girls' parents on a number of issues and also have a small group of 25 mothers who regularly save money in our Self-Help group.

Antora tells her story: "My name is Antora. I was born in a village in the north of Bangladesh where my dad was a hawker of grocery and mom was a housewife. My mom spent all our money gambling and we sank into debt to other villagers. In 2004 we left our village, moved to Duaripara and dad started work as a rickshaw puller. My education stopped due to our financial crisis. Then I came to know about the Oasis centre and joined the Oasis Catch Up Programme.



Antora, one of the beneficiaries of the Catch Up programme.

"The following year I was able to start formal school. All was going well and I passed my primary school certificate exam in 2011. Then in January 2012 my parents sent my younger sister and I back to the village but it did not work well for us. After one year when I came to visit my parents in Dhaka I shared my feelings with my teachers in Oasis centre. The community staff went to meet my mom and dad. They explained my situation and feelings and my parents agreed to keep us with them in Dhaka. In March this year I went back to school and I am regularly coming for extra tuition in the afternoon at the centre. I am very much excited and happy to be here again. The creative session is my favourite because I love to create new things. The Oasis centre is helping me to grow and develop with new hope and promise for my life!"

This project has received a grant of £13,365 from OA during 2013.



Girls attending school in Dhaka.

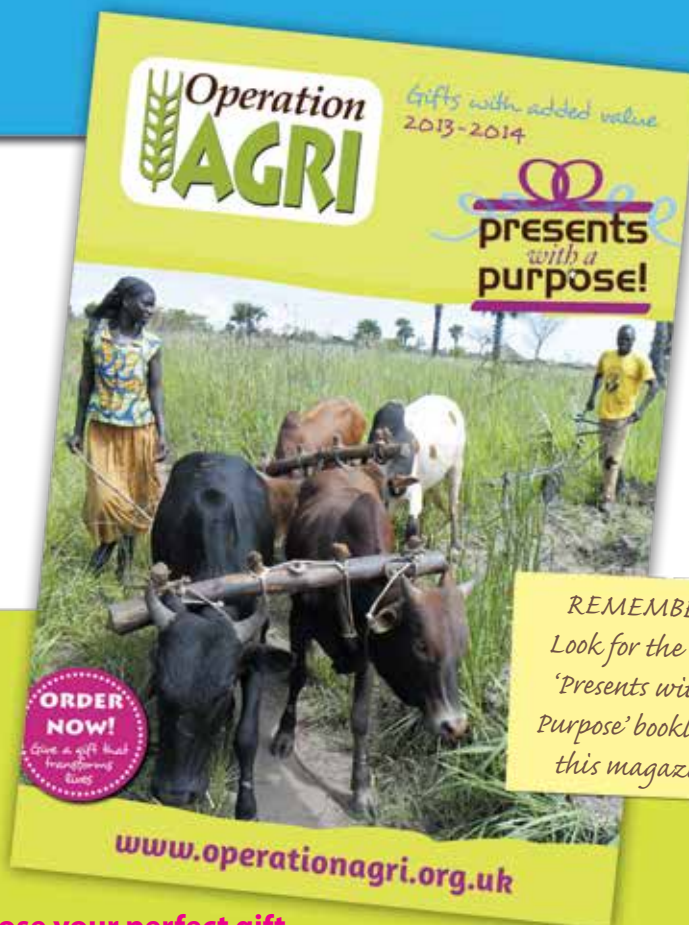
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Open Garden for OA

Visitors enjoying tea and cake at a recent Operation Agri fund raising event in Surrey. Around 150 people viewed the garden and chatted together on a hot weekend in July. The total generously donated for this year's appeal over the two day event was £750.



OVERSEAS SECRETARY

**Operation Agri is looking for an
overseas secretary.**

Operation Agri is looking for an overseas secretary. The overseas secretary is the officer of the charity with overall responsibility for liaison with our overseas partners, who actually do the development work. He/she is supported by a small team, individual members looking after particular countries. He/she also sits on the BMS Development Committee and liaises closely with the BMS' manager for partnerships.

Stan Crees, our current overseas secretary, who is looking to retire, estimates that he spends 4-5 hours weekly on this very rewarding work, plus roughly 12 daytime meetings per annum in London or Didcot.

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Introducing a new community development learning package.

By Andy Matheson, International Director of Oasis Global.

Stephen's Story

This is Stephen. He is in his early twenties now and has been playing football professionally in Bangalore for several years. Life wasn't always that good for him. In truth he comes from a community that in economic terms would be considered to be a very poor one. Stephen's response as a youngster was not as his parents would have wished and his lack of engagement in school and trouble making outside looked like it was going to lead him on the wrong path in life. Stephen, however, was introduced to the Oasis football club that is a vehicle to help young people establish greater discipline and teamwork as well as find a hobby they can enjoy. Practices begin at 6 a.m. so there's a cost and commitment that each participant has to pay.

When Stephen joined he found that he had a real gift for the sport and was soon in one of the teams. This led him to train harder and apply himself even more and that in turn brought him the honour of representing his State – Karnataka. He is now employed to play professionally and has become a role model to other youngsters in his community.

Stephen's story is just one of many case studies that are highlighted on a new resource that has been developed as part of a community development learning package by Oasis in partnership with Operation Agri. It was launched at Operation Agri's fiftieth anniversary in 2011 and Oasis has been working on its development since then.

DVD Resource ~ Three key principles

The package will include a DVD resource that has been filmed in several of the different communities in which Oasis works around the world. This focuses on three key principles that should undergird the community engagement of any church or NGO (non-



Some of the young people that take part in the football programme with Stephen.

governmental organization) whatever the context – inclusion, empowerment and integration. These are illustrated through case studies, interviews with community members and the perspective of Oasis staff from their work experiences. Most importantly, some of the interviews provide the theological foundations for effective engagement in a way that seeks real and lasting transformation.

Stephen's story is used to illustrate the need for us to take an integrated approach when we work in the field of community transformation. Stephen needed not just the opportunity to play football but he needed support and counselling and someone to advocate for him when it came to selection in teams. He needed encouragement to study and to know that he could be a contributor in his community and could make a difference for good.

Workbook ~ Attitude and approach is crucial

In addition to the DVD resource there is a workbook that will give individuals and groups the opportunity to reflect on the case studies in the DVD as well as others and to learn from them about the key principles that will help us in our work. What comes across through it all is that even though we tend to focus on projects and programmes, the most crucial foundation for any community work is the attitude and approach of those who engage.

The learning package will be launched this autumn and will be available to Operation Agri partners as well as to a wider audience.

Stephen with his family.



An OA grant of £5,000 has been made towards developing this package during 2013

News in Brief

Confidence and community in Nicaragua

AMOS Health and Hope, OA partners in Nicaragua, bring the village health promoters together three times a year for a week-long session of idea exchange and capacity building. Earlier this year, Roy Shaffer, a physician, expert in community-based health care, led some sessions using a 'Training of Trainers' methodology.

"He gently guided our supervisors and later the health promoters, toward a problem-posing, reasoning style of community engagement. He reminded them to not only have confidence in themselves but also in the abilities of the community members they work with. It was obvious that this method of engagement worked when the promoters began using it themselves to communicate with each other and with us. One of the best moments of the week was listening to Timotea, an experienced health promoter, teach younger promoters about plant-based, natural treatments for illnesses during a training break. Not only were the women using Shaffer's engagement tools, but even the subject of their conversation was about community-based strengths and resources! Totally unprompted by us, the health promoters are now thinking of putting together a guidebook of natural remedies that they can use in combination with conventional medicines within their communities." *Extract from an article by Seva Khambadkone, AMOS Primary Health Care team's long-term volunteer Research Assistant.*

Michael Putnam retires from Development Committee

Michael Putnam, founder secretary of OA and for many years treasurer, has retired from the BMS/OA Development Committee. Attending his final meeting, Michael looked back at his involvement in this aspect of the work.

Visiting Zaire (Congo) in 1978, Michael noted that although great work was being done at Ntongo by John Mellor, including growing crops and producing chicks, there was little evidence of local farmers copying his methods. On Michael's recommendation, an agricultural

advisory committee was set up to support the BMS workers in the field.

Some years later Michael visited Bangladesh, spending time with the BMS' Sue Headlam. Observing that the children attending an under-fives clinic were very thin, Sue explained that the problem was internal parasites – the children were treated but their drinking water was infected so there was little benefit. As a result it was agreed to add clean water, sanitation, and illiteracy issues to the development agenda.

Around 1985 the BMS/OA Joint Agricultural and Development Committee (JADEC) was formed, as the emphasis changing from solely agricultural work to the wider needs of local communities. JADEC continued to the early 21st century and then became the Development Committee. Michael was chairman of both these committees for a number of years.

David Kerrigan, General Director of BMS World Mission, who met with the Development Committee as it bade farewell to Michael, said, "From the beginnings in the early 1960s with the sending of seeds to agricultural missionaries through to today and a significant, professional approach to sustainable development, Michael has been at the heart of this wonderful movement."

Training brings progress in Tanzania

Honey, bananas and pineapples are some of the tasty items covered in a recent report from Rev Heavenlight Luoga, our contact in Farming Projects Initiatives, Tanzania. He relates some encouraging points of progress amongst the farmers who attend the regular training sessions. Farmer Valentine is keeping goats and chickens on his farm where he also grows cassava and bananas as buffer crops and has planted 75 trees. He said, "I decided to plant these trees on my farm to have environmental benefits such as enriching the soil, retaining water, fixing carbon and having a live fence." Farmer Mathew has grown a large number of pineapple plants which will enable him to repay his loan at harvest time. Other farmers are responding to training in seed selection and storage, ploughing with oxen, alley cropping, bee keeping and other income generating activities. Avocados and maize are also being grown.

These farmers and their families hold further community values for which to be grateful. As farming becomes more sustainable through this project they will be able to resist the temptation to move to urban areas and a consequent uncertain future. Rev Heavenlight, a committed pastor and evangelist, cares deeply for these people, thus enhancing their spiritual potential.

We wish the farmers in this area of Karagwe every success as they continue their regular training sessions under Paul Kyalimpa.



David Kerrigan greets Michael (left) on his retirement from DC.

Prayer Points

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Bangladesh

- Give thanks for commitment of the 120 girls who are enrolled with the Duaripara Family Development Project and pray that their hard work and study will be rewarded with good exam results this year.
- Remember in prayer all those who have lost loved ones in recent disturbances in Dhaka and pray particularly for the safety of the girls and staff of the Duaripara Project as they travel to and from work and school in the slum areas of the city.
- Pray for the development work of the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha which is carried out through SHED Board. In particular remember the work among pre-school children in preparing them to enter formal education. This work is vital to prospects of those from poor homes and families and of special importance to children from the tribal communities.
- The most recent SHED Board project aims to support and empower women from the tribal areas. Pray that as the project becomes established the staff might quickly win the trust of the women and that many will want to engage with the project.
- Bangladesh is preparing for elections. Pray for political stability and that the politicians will behave with restraint and not use language than can whip up anger and violence among their supporters.

India

- Give thanks for the Urban Community Development and Empowerment programme at Borivali, (Mumbai), which is now well into its second year. Oasis projects in urban India have impacted over a million lives during the last two decades.
- Pray for the women, youth and children of the Borivali community, who are particularly vulnerable. The project facilitates education, income generation and job placements to help improve quality of lives, while at the same time working to improve relationships with local police and government to benefit the community.
- Continue to remember Mihir Sagar and the staff at West Utkal Agriculture Centre in Diptipur, Orissa. This year the team is continuing with initiatives to help rural communities and individuals around Diptipur become more self-sufficient with agricultural support and training.
- Give thanks that the water retaining dam being built in the village of Matiamahul will provide a source of water to the village during the dry season, and at that this will be a model to be applied to other water-scarce farming areas.

Nepal

- The work of Multipurpose Community Development Service, our partners in Nepal, is commended to you for prayer support. Guided by the Nepal National Baptist Church Council they aim their services towards the most deprived areas and deliver vital inputs, such as water and sanitation with health awareness sessions.
- Pray that as people are trained in other areas of activity to improve income generation and agriculture, such as basic cutting and sewing, livestock care and irrigation,

they may hold on to the key principles and pass on their skills to others in the community.

Tanzania

- Pray for the Community Farmer Trainers who received their quarterly training in mid September that they will in turn be able to effectively pass on the knowledge that they gained to other farmers in their community. Pray too for Rev Heavenlight Luoga as he oversees the work of Farming Project Initiatives in and around Karagwe in North West Tanzania, as well as filling other roles in church life in that community.

Uganda

- Remember Rev Paul Kyalimpa as together with BMS worker Alex Vickers they approach completion of the project in the Gulu area, offering sustainable organic agriculture and related life skills training to a large number of farmers and their dependants in that area. Pray too for Paul and his colleagues in the Baptist Union of Uganda as they prayerfully explore God's leading as to the location for their next project.
- Pray for SDKF still in the early stages of their phase 2 agricultural training project in the Nakaseke district 70kms north of Kampala. Ask the Lord to bless their activities in the Kampala slum projects offering vocational training in tailoring, hairdressing and IT to unemployed young people and meals to disadvantaged school children.
- The Beersheba Community development Programme in the city of Mbale needs our prayer support as it offers training to young people and sets up Self Help Groups supporting vulnerable women especially through the provision of loans to establish small business ventures.

Zimbabwe

- Recent elections in Zimbabwe were conducted peacefully but the results are disputed. Pray that those who govern may do so wisely and for the benefit of all the people.
- The Ebenezer project continues its work to establish a greenhouse for the benefit of local people. Praise God for the progress made and seek that the difficulties that have impeded this work may steadily be overcome. Pray for BMS worker Joe Ovenden as he offers help in getting this project up and running in spite of the setbacks.

Support in UK

- Many churches use OA's videos and other resources in their Harvest Festivals. Pray for a generous financial response from God's people, both through the church offerings and personal giving. During the past few years, OA, because of financial limitations, has sadly had to turn down some potentially worthwhile projects and also limit the possible expansion of some of our partners' existing activities.
- Pray for the Lord's guidance as we plan filming and photography for next year's appeal resources. At the time of writing a number of significant questions are being explored – may God lead in their resolution!

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Presents with a Purpose

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Growing Skills in Sri Lanka – our 2013 Appeal

This year our appeal concentrates on the work we support in Sri Lanka. The appeal materials are still available and can be ordered from our website. This year the videos are also available to view or download from the site.



Front Cover Photograph:

Children from the Duaripara Slum Project (Dhaka, Bangladesh) about to start a race.
(Photo: Oasis Bangladesh).

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