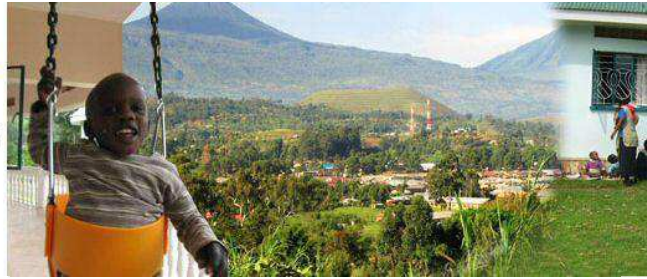


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Welcome to the latest issue of the Potter's Village Newsletter.

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Crisis Centre update - message from Idah



Currently we have nineteen resident babies. The number of babies coming in has been a bit high recently and at some point in September we decided to resettle five babies who were slightly younger than the normal age of re-settlement. Despite them being younger they are doing well and we are closely monitoring them.

Some of our resident babies have had on and off cough and diarrhoea but the Medical Centre has been able to manage them well.

A few months ago we started supporting mothers with mental health conditions, so that they could come to Potter's Village and receive their regular treatment. This has been going really well and many of them have improved. The Mother of baby Medius is now thankfully stable and we have been able to re-settle Medius with her at their home - this is wonderful news.

Vegetable Garden



The crops at Potter's Village are growing well because we have recently had plenty of rain. We currently have enough vegetables in the gardens to feed all the resident babies and some excess that we sell. We are very proud of this and know in a small part it helps towards the sustainability of Potter's Village.

Foster Family found



We have recently found a responsible and willing family to foster an abandoned baby, who was resident at Potter's Village. Mahoro Gift was abandoned (we believe) by her Mother at about two weeks old and left outside a health centre in Kisoro town.

The Police have been trying to trace her Mother who we believe maybe Rwandan, however no trace has been found. We are so happy that Mahoro Gift has found a wonderful foster home.

Hope for Growth - Fundraising



Thank you to all those who have given to this appeal so far.

The Hope for Growth fundraising campaign is still under way and doing well. We are incredibly grateful to all those who have fundraised and donated so far. The current total is over £8000 which is 50% of our target to raise £15,000 to support the next 15 years of the Child Crisis Centre.

To find out more about the campaign [click on this link](#)

COVID-19

Kisoro District now has very few cases of COVID-19. At the beginning of this week, there were no patients in hospitals and the report says that about 5 people were being managed from their homes with mild symptoms. Business is now back to normal without any further restrictions.

However, the community is still struggling with the effects of the pandemic. Poverty has increased in some families, especially those who already had very limited resources.

Medical Centre renovations



Renovation of the medical Centre building was completed and even the new consultation room was also completed and is now in use.

New babies

Recent weeks have been busy for the Crisis Centre, with 11 new children being cared for.



Martin, Angella N, Jasper, Cabrin, Grace and Rebecca's mothers all died within a few days of their births.

Angella M's mother died suddenly when she was 4 months old, whilst **Samuel**, from Congo, arrived when he was two months old, after his mother died from malaria, and **Saviour**, at six months, after his mother died from epilepsy.

Gift was brought to Potter's Village as she had been abandoned by her mother, whilst **Paul** was admitted because his mother was unable to care for him due to mental illness.

It is thanks to the care provided by the staff, and our sponsors and donors, that Potter's Village is able give these children a much better start in life than they would otherwise have had. All the children are doing well, and Paul's mother is now receiving treatment. Plans are being made for their future re-settlement back into the community.

Children Moving On



Faustine, Immanuel, Aurelia and Nyiramugisha, whose mothers all died soon after they were born, are now living with family members and are doing well.

Lillian, who was abandoned by her mother when she was a month old, has been reunited with her father.

Mahoro, who had also been abandoned by her mother a week or so after she was born, lived at Potter's Village for nearly a year. No trace of her

family was found, but she has recently gone to live in Entebbe, Kampala, with a foster family who are from Kisoro.

Pigs

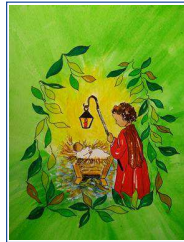


We are happy to say that the animals at Potter's Village are also doing well and being cared for very effectively.

The pigs have multiplied and we were able to sell out some piglets for income generation. Currently we are have four old pigs and eleven piglets. We recently sold four piglets.

The two cows are still healthy.

Christmas Cards & Alternative Gifts



Potter's Village Christmas Cards and Alternative Christmas Gifts are still available. If you would like more information, please visit our [website](#) or to order Christmas Cards please [contact Lorna](#)

£2.50 for a pack of 5 - two designs available.

Thank you.

Please pray for us

We thank God

- For that the numbers of Covid-19 infections is decreasing in Kisoro
- For Dr Nicci and the Clinical officers for their hard work and strength
- For the return of Janie Robson to Potter's Village
- The positive effect of helping Mothers with Mental Health conditions
- The commitment of the PV staff to their work.
- For the PV garden and animals for providing for this project.
- For all those supporters across the world praying and giving to this work.

Please pray

- That we continue to find funding and support so that we can continue to save the lives of those who need us the most
- For families struggling with the ongoing effects of the pandemic
- For strength, wisdom and compassion for all staff, at Potter's Village
- The health of children and staff at Potter's Village.
- For unity amongst the staff.
- For Idah (Administrator) and Board of Governors as they manage Potter's Village
- Friends of Potter's Village, that they will continue to have sufficient income and for good stewardship of donated funds.
- For the Hope for Growth fundraising appeal.