

Page 2; Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda.

This magazine was made for the 10 years' involvement of our foundation with Bulamu. We want to inform you about the lives of the children by pictures and stories, stories of Joseph, the aunts and the children. I got involved with Bulamu in 2010 when I went there to help building a family house. It was my first time. I had never expected this, but I was really touched by the needs of those children and I was surprised by their happiness in the village. I shared my feelings and plans in our church and more people got touched. As a result we went with three separate groups, in total 49 people, to help more and build even six extra houses in 2012. We went with two groups from Groningen and one group from Lemmer. The group from Lemmer continued supporting Bulamu and that is why in 2014 we formed a foundation "Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda". I became the chairman and Roelie de Haan the treasurer, Geertje Hoekstra and Sytske Schulte are doing the administration. The website and facebook account are done by Theo de Witte. He also created our logo. These last years we have helped to turn Bulamu into a professional centre for boarding and education for children, which it is now. In January 2020 we realized two ovens to bake bread, so they can become more self-supporting. Then covid came, which was a disaster. There was a total lock down and all the fundraising stopped. You can see on pages 5, 6 and 7 what has been realized so far and we really are a bit proud of it. This could be done only thanks to the support of many sponsors; Like the church in Lemmer and many more churches in the region, schools, firms, companies and private persons, friends of Bulamu. By their financial support they have given these children a shelter, food and good education with a chance for a better future. It is impossible to thank everyone in person, that is why we like to say thank you by this magazine for the support they give and the trust we got.

Chairman Frits van der Heide.

In the green frame; The motto of our foundation is: "Together we can make the difference".

"Especially the word 'together' has been central in the past 10 years".

"This inspires us to go on with this grateful work".

Page 3; Joseph and Bulamu;

After his mother died, Joseph ended up on the streets. It was a hard life and a struggle to survive. A number of times he even ended up in prison. After an accident he was hospitalised. In 1998 he realized he had to change his way of living if he wanted to survive. He saw a little boy on the streets and he knew how that was, trying to survive alone. He got involved with this little boy and gave him shelter, food and clothes. He also took him to the school where Joseph was teaching. After seven years he provided shelter to 26 boys. His house was not built for this number of children and the neighbourhood started complaining too. Joseph had a dream to start a village "Bulamu" in which these homeless children could get a chance to free themselves from this miserable circle. In 2008 his wish was fulfilled by three sponsors from Holland. They gave Joseph a great compound and made a plan for managing. Together with a Dutch couple the first houses were built, the kitchen was still an open place. But the children had shelter, got meals and clothes and could even go to school. Some sponsors "adopted" a child and so the funds came and Joseph could buy food, clothes and pay the school fees. In 2012 The government forced Bulamu to become a boarding school. So it became the boarding and education centre and the name changed into "Bulamu Children's Village". These last 10 years Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda has helped to develop the village by building more houses, sanitary blocks, a kitchen, schools and several infrastructure at the compound. Bulamu Children's Village is a now a wonderful, child centre where in the begin of 2020 more than 844 children find shelter, education, three meals a day. Joseph has dedicated his life to this village and he lives in the office building on the compound, where he has a private room.

In the green frames; "from 1998 until 2020 in total 1843 children have found shelter, food and education".

"They can laugh happily again".

"Bulamu Children's Village is a safe compound with a brick wall on three sides, an entry gate which is guarded 24 hours. They have their own water supply. The compound is 76 acres (69.000m²) great".

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In Nije Dei (A New Day);

Syb van der Ploeg, a well-known singer from the band "De Kast" in Holland, was in Uganda in 2012 together with a help-foundation to see what life in an orphan-village is like. Here is his story:

I was among orphan children six days and I was surprised to see the joy of these children and that had also its effect on me, I felt great. Despite their difficult situation, it was good to see how grateful they are and they know that the help they get is well meant and it helps them further in life. Also important are the aunts, they give the children warmth and affection, so they get back the confidence and trust in people. I really respect the aunts. I was also surprised the urge of the children to go to school, proud children showed me what they learned. Each child had a wish for the future and a dream of what they wanted to be when they grew up. That is why Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda finds it important to support the schools. A good education is a chance to get a better future and not end up on the streets again. What struck me especially was their feeling for music and rhythm, it is in their genes. Of course I sang my song "in nije dei" (a new day) and it was incredible to see how soon they played it with me, without any fear they got completely into the music and dance. I think we Dutch people are much different. It is good Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda is helping these children by giving them help and a chance for a better future also because the funds are 100% used for the needs of the children. Each (child)life deserves to get a chance to develop their talents. Syb van der Ploeg.

In the green frame: "Syb van der Ploeg had a great hit and success with his band "de Kast" with his song "in nije dei" (a new day). Bulamu means new life and for these children to come in Bulamu is the beginning of a new day into a better life with a better future".

Since 2010 eight trips to visit Bulamu have been organized. Two for making plans and six for building and helping. 69 people have visited Bulamu once or several times. On page 5 you can see the Pictures of groups and several activities

Page 8: qualified education.

It has always been a great wish of Joseph's to have a primary school of his own on the compound of Bulamu. In 2018 we were able to realize that. With a team from Holland we came to Uganda to build together with our constructor David. The children like to go to school, so it is never a problem to encourage the children to attend the lessons. In 2019 we even realized an extra classroom at the secondary school with a student group from Nijkerk. Some children still attend lessons temporarily in a family house, but we hope to realize a complete school with enough classrooms in the future. The level of education is of good quality and for recruiting new teachers there high standards are applied. We have already donated money for more schoolbooks, some beamers and other material, but still there is a lack of school material. Juliet is the head teacher of the primary school and she is also an aunt in boarding house nr 17 (see page 7) for girls. The primary school has seven classrooms, the secondary school has six. The school year starts in February and runs until November. Twice a week, on Monday mornings and Friday mornings the children get together for morning prayer.

Divînë;

I was born 22 August 2002 as youngest in a family of five daughters. My father died when I was nine and life became hard. My mom earns a little money in the market selling potatoes and so she tries to pay my school fees. We can manage with a little help of a sponsor, but uncle Joseph is not strict when we fail. He is a good and understanding man. I am glad to be in Bulamu, it has brought me structure and order in my life and also the idea to respect your fellow people. I try my best at school, because I do not want to disappoint my mom. I am also a good soccer player, I am selected in the national team of Uganda for girls under 17. In Bulamu I always played against boys, that made me stronger.

Page 8; from washer woman to teacher.

Agatha Nagami;

Bulamu is not only of importance for the children, read the following story of Agatha Nagami; After a youth with lots of struggles, I finished primary school but we did not have money to go the secondary school. I started working, was treated badly and abused, so I got pregnant twice. I moved into the neighbourhood of Bulamu and uncle Joseph offered me a job. He treated me with respect and gave me back my trust in people. I washed the children's clothes and cooked meals for the teachers. With help from some guests and the support of Joseph I could study. Now I am graduated and uncle Joseph offered me a job as teacher at the primary school. My two sons are also in Bulamu and I thank Bulamu and uncle Joseph for their respect and their trust in me.

Page 9; Career and education after Bulamu;

Henry Kiryowa Luja;

After my father died my mother did not have enough money to buy food, so I was looking on the street for food. Uncle Joseph saw me and I could come in Bulamu in 2006. I got shelter, food, medical care and I even could go to school. I am proud of Bulamu, because it is a safe place where they respect you, and teach you to share love. After Bulamu I followed a study at the royal institute of art and design. And I started my own business "Bulamu Art". Now I have seven people working in my company. We do workshops for young people and we make all kinds of arts, like paintings, bags, shirts and cards. Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda sells my cards in Holland, with that money I can pay my rent. I thank Bulamu and uncle Joseph for they helped me to become the man I am now. See my website; www.bulamu-art.com

Jimmy Katende;

I was living at my grandparents' house, they let me go to school. When I was in grade six my grandparents died and I moved to my mother who lived alone. She had no money to send me to school. My niece advised me to go to uncle Joseph in Bulamu. In 2007 I came in Bulamu and since that time my life is not the same. I started to laugh again. Thinking back to those days I still get tears in my eyes, that is how grateful I am. Some guests in Bulamu took me for trips in national parks. It has been a fantastic experience. That is how I got my passion for nature in Uganda. In 2011 I got my bachelor's degree in science and tourism and after three years I finished this study. After working at the biggest tour operator of Uganda I got a lot of experience and contacts and now I have my own business. I already guided the group from Nijkerk. When you come to Uganda I would like to show you the beautiful nature of Uganda, get information at Frits van der Heide. See my website; www.bulamusafaris.com

Samuel Kisaame;

7 February 2013, at 11.47 hour my life changed completely. I will never forget that moment. This is the beginning of Samuel's story. He still remembers that moment as if it happened yesterday. At 11.47 he walked into Bulamu, looking for uncle Joseph. When I was seven years old both my parents died in a traffic accident and I lived on the street since then, begging for food and sleeping in doorways. I do not wish this for anyone. I met a boy from Bulamu and he told me to come and ask uncle Joseph to stay. Since that time my life changed completely. I got shelter, food, clothes, saw a shower for the first time and used it. I slept on a mattress and could go to school. I am now graduated and go to the university (with help from sponsors). If you want to support me, please, go to Frits van der Heide. I thank uncle Joseph, the aunts and all the children because they accepted me in their hearts. Also I thank God for this help and for my life.

In the green frame; "47 students from Bulamu have graduated in various subjects. Sulaiman Sebanakita, master in business science. Frank Muufuruki, bachelor in agriculture. Julius Mulindwa, bachelor in education science. Henry Diego Kibuuka, bachelor in medicine".

Page 10; Juliet Nakalema (aunt).

I heard that Joseph needed aunts, so I decided to go with my two daughters and my son. It is a safe and good place and a blessing for me and my children. They get good education in a christian way, they get food and are respected. They can come to me when they have problems. I have about 40 girls in my house, which is too much, but a bigger problem is the lack of beds. Many are sleeping on the floor. I am grateful for what Bulamu means for the children and want to thank everyone who supports this project.

Esther Namugga (aunt).

Just like Juliet I came here shortly after Bulamu started. I took my two youngest children with me. All the children call me aunt. I have about 90 little boys, which is very very much. They sleep with four or five in one bed and also on the floor. The children become very much attached to you and it feels good to take care of them. We know each child in Bulamu and each child has his own past and problems, sometimes traumas which you must pay attention to. I also cook for guests in the guesthouse.

Anisha;

Anisha came in Bulamu eight years old and lives with aunt Juliet. After her father died her mom could not take care anymore and she came together with her brother. In the holydays they can go to see their mom. Juliet gives her love and attention. She likes it very much in Bulamu and is glad to be able to go to school. Thanks to sponsors she can buy clothes, uniform schoolbooks. In the picture she is with her private box.

Drs Filippina van der Heide,

As a psychologist working with youngsters she knows the importance of offering a safe place to stay for children. The fear of being abused or be the victim of violence and extortion, is very stressful for children. A shelter, good food, love and care from the aunts brings back peace in their lives. That is why I support Stichting Kinderhulp Oeganda, because they participate effectively in helping Joseph and the aunts.

In the green frame; "The aunts are the centre of the village", "They give warmth, love and affection", "They are of great importance for the education", "Just think: 90 boys in one house. How does she manage it?".

Page 11; The daily life.

Picture 1, All the children get three meals a day (pocho and beans). Each meal costs 400 UGX, three meals a day for 30 days in an month costs 36.000. For 800 children it is 28.800.000 UGX. That is quite a big amount and always a puzzle to realize it. Picture 2, Most children have their own box to keep their schoolbooks, clothes and personal things. Picture 3, Saturday is washing day. Each child has to wash his own clothes. They only have one school uniform. Picture 4, Also in the weekend there is time for sports, like football and netball. Picture 5, Sunday the hall is decorated and used for a church service with lots of music, singing and dance. Picture 6, To do their homework each child must find a quiet place on the compound for himself. Picture 7, Bulamu in Covid time; Covid also came to Uganda. Schools were closed, children had to stay at home, only a few stayed on the compound (they had no place to go). There was an unreal silence at the compound. During the making of this magazine the first plans are being developed to open the schools again.

Page 12; Challenges for the future;

1. Material for the bread bakery. 2. More bunkbeds and mattresses. (many children sleep on the floor). 3. Boost more activities for self-supporting. 4. To replace the water pump (it is 12 year old). 5. To optimize the education situation, more classrooms, so we can use the family houses for boarding again.

HELP US TO CONTINUE THIS WORK AND GIVE THE CHILDREN A CHANCE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

Support us and donate money on our bank account.

Recycling; we recycle ink-cartridges and old cell phones. The profit is used for Bulamu. You can bring it to the address (see below). **Cards;** You can buy beautiful cards, made by Henry Luja from "Bulamu Art" (see page 10). By buying you support his art-studio and part of the profit is for our foundation.

Also see our website; www.stichtingkinderhulpoeganda.nl or follow us on Facebook.

In the green frame: "The address for recycling and buying cards is Frits van der Heide, etc etc".

"TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE".