

BUTIRU CHESHIRE HOME

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Butiru Cheshire Home has 36 resident children on Rehabilitation.
- Parents groups have been organized to give support to Children with Disabilities.
- Children walk and smile

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Welcome to our first Issue



Dear friends, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We at Butiru Cheshire Home are glad to bring to you our first volume of our newsletter. We have come a long way and we believe that with God's grace we shall bring more smiles to light.

We love to share some of our stories that have painted smiles

on the faces of the children and their families. We thank our sponsors and volunteers who make our dream a reality.

Sadly on 1st March, our region of Bududa was hit by a disastrous mudslide that left approximately 300 people dead. May their souls rest in peace.

Meet Iddi and Isaac. Iddi who had a cleft lip was identified by the Cheshire team who had gone to the mudslide scene and Isaac was identified during one of the home visits. They were brought to the home for attention. These two children's lives will never be the same as we have given them

hope to live a normal life. We desire to reach out to more children in such need who are unfortunately kept away from the public eye.

We are the hands and feet of Christ. We have the duty to bring to life Mathew 15:30.

God Bless you

Sr. Catherine

Head of Home

Isaac Wanamula

Born 13 years ago Isaac Wanamula comes from a poor family where he suffered discrimination and subdued love due to his disability. This is a common occurrence in many African communities making this case not



Isaac before surgery his home by Butiru Cheshire

exceptional. But what makes Isaac come to lime-light is the visit to

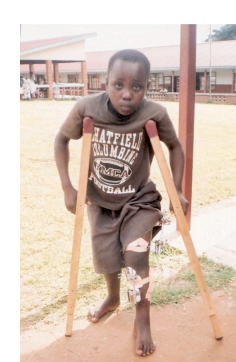


home field staff on routine assessment. It required intervention of the local leadership to compel the mother to enable our team access the child. Medical support was extended to the boy along with other children; he is now steadily recovering through rehabilitative care at the home.

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Isaac's surgery will take along process, he is yet to undergo the 2nd operation in July.

In the small village of Bunekesa news of Isaac being able to walk has prompted visits to the home..



We call upon parents to open up and allow children to access health care support offered at Butiru Cheshire Home.

Isaac Walks!!!!!!

The Day the village Sunk in Mud

1st March 2010 was a dark day for Uganda as the country woke up to devastating news of a landslide in Bududa district in the Eastern part of the country. It swept through Bududa's village of Nametsi taking lives of people estimated to be over 300. It all happened at

It was not only lives and settlements that were lost but an entire livelihood of those who lived to tell of the monstrous landslide.

There was not much mankind can do but pray to God for Devine intervention. The Papal Nuncio led mass at Bududa Parish to pray for the victims and the survivors. He was joined by Bishops and other brethren.



Section of the Home

“ A visit to Butiru Cheshire Home will give you opportunity to engage with the needy children with disabilities”

The Mud Slide scenes



What remained of Nametsi village the scene of the Mud slides



Staff of Butiru Cheshire home at the Mud slide site.



The Papal Nuncio to Uganda leading prayers at Bududa Parish. The staff of Butiru Cheshire Home Attended.

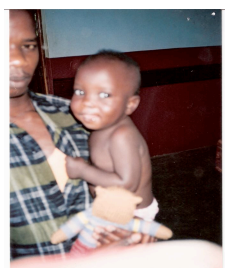
The Everlasting Smile



Before Surgery

The family of Weboya Iddi survived the mud slides and fortunately the social workers met the family on visit to the site. It was not possible at this time to locate the other beneficiaries due to bad weather. Iddi who had a cleft lip had been identified for an operation however he was malnourished and because of this the operation was delayed. After staying at the Cheshire home for a few days, the operation was done. He has since returned to his home and lives a normal life.

Iddi now has that smile !!!!!!!



After Surgery

Achievements in the past Six Months

- Made follow-up on 113 clients and Registered 170 new.
- Screened 769 individuals and entered 592 in CBR, Referred 24 to other providers.
- Provided devices and Appliances to 202 clients.
- Provided school based support to 34 children and Vocational training to 12.
- 54 clients received medical and psychological intervention including surgeries.
- Trained 5 parents groups on rights and skills.
- Carried out Child rights advocacy and awareness in 8 sub counties.



Staff present a bicycle donation to a parents group of CWDs, for easy mobilization of CWDs in their village.

What we do

The objectives Of our programme is :

- To increase access to surgical and rehabilitation services among children with disability in Bugisu sub Region (Manafwa, Bududa, Mbale & Sironko Districts) and neighbouring regions.
- To increase access to community based rehabilitation services to all persons with disabilities through strengthening community response mechanisms in our catchment area
- To make appliances accessible to all people with disability in the region.
- To increase number of children with disability accessing basic services including nutrition, health and education.
- To offer entrepreneurship skills training and support to youth with disabilities in the region and parents groups.
- To Create awareness about services offered at the home through production of a brochure.
- To organize workshops on epilepsy, Cerebral palsy and other disabilities in our catchment area.
- To improve client information management at the home and with other collaborators through establishment of a database.

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Parents of children with different disabilities attending outpatients clinic at the Home.

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Opportunities for people with disabilities

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Butiru Rehabilitation Cheshire Home is a Nongovernmental organization started by a Mill Hill missionary Rev. Peter Molenaar from the Netherlands as a boarding section for the physically handicapped children attending classes in a nearby Busumbu Primary School. It is situated in Manafwa district, eastern region two hundred kilometers north of Kampala. Over the years the home has expanded and now caters for forty – sixty children with disabilities below eighteen years of age. Currently the emphasis is on short term rehabilitation.

The home has successfully implemented its activities in the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) which included referrals for early intervention and treatment, home visitation, identification of clients, sensitizing the community on issues concerning disability and counseling the parents and guardians of children with disability and forming of parent groups.

Up coming events

Outlook of the next period

- Conduct Assessments in sub counties targeting 300 CWDs, and increasing disability rights awareness.
- Improve mobility through access to physiotherapy for 700 CWDs, Surgery to 200 CWDs, and Provision of appliances to 350 CWDs.
- Conduct follow ups targeting at least 140 CWDs have rights to education,

healthcare and basic needs within the community.

- Increase parents support to CWDs through mobilization targeting 40 parents groups.
- Conduct advocacy and child rights awareness for CWDs in the community through mass media and training of

50 key stakeholders handling CWDs.

- Construct one administration block to improve programme management.