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Alwyn and I visited Uganda again in February this year and witnessed many new developments taking place.

It is 10 years since our school was opened (1st May 2004), so we had a plaque made to commemorate the anniversary. Some of our children were not born then, so we wanted the children to see this plaque and learn how the school came about and how God's Faithfulness has continued to provide for and maintain it.



In 2012, the school had been struck by lightning, which damaged one of the classroom blocks. Since then, for the protection



of both staff and children, lighting conductors have been installed. This was funded by a Welsh charity called Rho dy Law. The wall of the classrooms



was rebuilt, but further damage was caused to the floor, which our contractor managed to repair in a few days, ready for our AGM.

The AGM happened to be on St. David's Day, the Welsh national day and Alwyn, in his Welsh shirt, sang the Welsh National Anthem. It was our biggest turn out for an AGM and the parents were very supportive. The staff asked what we did on our national day and when we explained our

tradition of Eisteddfods, they decided to hold one at the school for us where the children sang and competed, class by class.



Supporters in Wales gave us items to take out for the children and staff. Rhymney Comprehensive school gave us tracksuits and Shaun Sullivan from Abertysswg gave us pens.



The children now have a meal of posho and beans every day, supplied by Nancy, a lady from the USA who is a supporter of Heart of God Africa Ministries. She also funded our new kitchen, for which we are very grateful. The plates and cups were bought by Abertysswg Primary School which has supported our school for several years.

One very important development is the construction of a header tank, in order to set up an Israeli drip

irrigation system from Netafim. The money for the construction work was donated by Debbie Figueras, from Israel. The aim is to irrigate two acres of our land in order to grow food for the children and give them a more varied diet. The land was previously farmed by our teaching staff, who willingly gave it up for the benefit of all.



The staff in joyful mood with our trustee, Robert, on the left. Below, a more traditional pose, with the head teacher at the front holding a red diary.



In the school holidays, we are planning to extend our football pitch in order to be able to accommodate the District football matches. Our pupils excel at sport and 12 of our school have been chosen to compete at the National athletics from 1st to the 11th May, where they have done very well in the past.

Future Development

Most of the school has been wired up for electricity, but we have no funding, at present, to pay an electricity bill each month, so we are planning on fund raising for solar power in the near future. One fundraiser will be a sponsored bowlathon, so we would appreciate any support you can give us with regard to this.



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