



### ***Providing a safe living environment for Ugandan orphans***

Well I am finally home from my travels of 16 months!! It has been great as you can no doubt imagine! Uganda, the Outer Hebrides, walking the Camino de Santiago, cruising the Croatian Coast, horse riding in Cappadocia, discovering Israel, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Italy, and the Greek Islands! All was fantastic but the most rewarding part has to be seeing our girls happy in their new home in Moroto!

I spent 3 **months in Moroto** from March to June this year. We had a lot to do to get the compound and buildings ready for the girls to move in. Our fence was secured in a concrete base around the 1 acre perimeter, the compound was cleared and gardens and 30 fruit trees planted, a pavilion was built for sitting outside in the shade, flush squat toilets and showers were installed, the toilet block was re-painted, the dormitory and dining room were re-painted inside so it was clean and fresh for the girls, solar power was installed, water tanks erected to collect water, the kitchen made functional, and lovely slate paths from building to building were laid. It was very busy and I've never done so much practical work but I loved putting a bit of my own flesh and blood (literally!) into this project.

On **30 May 2015** 18 gorgeous girls aged 9-14 moved into the dormitory. They are all orphans from difficult and abusive extended family situations and so are very happy to be living in a safe environment with food, clothing, education and protection.

**Here's what they say:** "life is now better than those days of suffering. Our lives have changed much since you came. You know we did not afford neither we had relatives nor guidance. Thank our sponsors for all that they have done". "Thank you for giving me everything". "I thank God for touching your heart to come and save me from my problems". "Thank you Jayne for giving us home".



They smile, they laugh, they love to play volleyball, netball and skip rope but they are also helpful and willing to do duties around the compound. Some of the girls want to be teachers, nurses, a doctor, a bank manager and even a mechanic!

***Project Moroto wants to help them achieve their dreams!***

On leaving Moroto in June I felt it was very important to have someone managing the day to day running of the home and the staff and so employed Mama Esther (one of my Ugandan Board members—photo below) to do this. She is a larger than life Mama both in stature and heart and so the girls are in very safe and nurturing hands.



## Development Goals for 2016

Over the next year we want to mainly consolidate the smooth running of the home and garden but a few smaller things need to be done:

- 1) Build a storage shed for our garden tools and charcoal (for cooking) so they are out of the weather and secure - NZ\$2,000
- 2) Spread small stones around the compound to prevent a muddy nightmare in the wet season!! - NZ\$1,000
- 3) Install a simple irrigation system for watering our much needed vegetable garden. It is a lot of work watering a large vegetable garden and nearly 100 fruit trees and plants using 2 jerry cans back and forth from a community bore hole nearby! - NZ\$1,000

## OUR FUNDRAISING GOALS for 2016 are:

* Operating costs of dormitory (largely food)	- NZ \$15,800
* Staff wages -	- NZ \$ 4,200
- Gardener/Day watchman	- NZ \$ 900
- Night Watchman	- NZ \$ 900
- Live in Mama	- NZ \$ 600
- Manager	- NZ \$1,800
* School Fees sponsorship - 20 primary; 4 High School	- NZ \$ 2,000
* Dormitory Girls sponsorship (including schooling)	- NZ \$ 2,700
* Further development of compound	- NZ \$ 4,000 (as above)



## ROUNDED TOTAL

**\$30,000**

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has helped Project Moroto get this far. Some days I can't believe it!! Where would we be without you!! I'm hoping the same child sponsors will continue for 2016 but if you would like to fund something specific as detailed above please let me know so I can tick it off my list! If you would like to contribute to our Operating costs (Food - hugely important!!) you can also deposit directly into our bank account - Building for Education 123049 0124008 01 - with your name as a reference. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of funds raised go to the Project. (Please ensure I have your name and address for tax purposes).

If you have any questions email me on [jaynebaileynz@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynebaileynz@hotmail.com), or call 021740943. I will be uploading updates to our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/projectmoroto](http://www.facebook.com/projectmoroto). If you would like to visit or spend a year or the rest of your life in Moroto get in touch!! I'd love a Kiwi based there!

**With gratitude from 18 lovely appreciative girls ... and me**

**Jayne**

