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- Kiyoola Hidden Treasures Primary School -

Kiyoola (pronounced chiola) is a small village in the southern Ugandan bush, in the district of Mukono, not far from Lake Victoria. The local people are extremely poor living in mud brick houses with no water or electricity, on around the equivalent of 60p per day.

Back in 2003 *Uganda Ministries* began to support the Sovereign Primary School in the village of Kiyoola, which provided basic education for around 120 children from 5 – 11 years of age.

At first we helped to raise school fees for the children and then, in 2004, because the school building so small that some classes were being taught outside with no shelter, we helped to raise finances to extend the rough wooden building and provided a toilet block. (see below)



Kiyoola Sovereign Primary School 2005

In July 2006 we agreed with the school PTA that we would raise money to provide the school with desks as the children sat on rough wooden benches without desks.

Unfortunately during my visit in June 2007 it became clear that the school was facing mounting difficulties and in August the school closed. Meetings were held with the village Local Councillor, the school staff, and the P.T.A. and the outcome was that *Uganda Ministries* decided we would help to finance the building and running of a new school in the village so that the children did not go without a good education.

With the invaluable aid of David and Valerie Crowhurst, who live in Uganda, land was purchased and construction began on a brick built structure comprising of six classrooms. (See photograph)



Hidden Treasures Primary School, Kiyoola 2007

The new school is named *Hidden Treasures Primary School* and currently over 80 children are registered (see below) and many more are expected to join once all of the classrooms are ready for use.



School children in class

The Headmaster and five of the teaching staff from the old school will be teaching at the school. (below)



School Headmaster (left) and Teaching Staff

The cost of completing the building will be at least **£3500** and there are ongoing **monthly** running costs:

- Staff salaries - **£130**
- Staff accommodation - **£25**
- Maize porridge for kids - **£40**

The school also needs equipment such as desks and benches plus textbooks, exercise books, pencils etc.

If you would like to support the *Hidden Treasures Primary School* please send your gift to the address at the top of this information sheet. [Please make cheques payable to *Uganda Ministries*.] January 2008