



# **The Linda Project**

**A child has the right to be a child!**

## **Newsletter nr. 1 – April 2022**

**Dear friends and other interested parties,**

Here we are again with the latest news from Lira, Northern Uganda.

How things can change in a few months. One moment you think that the world will finally go back to normal again and the next thing you know, you have an unexpected war in Ukraine. With all the consequences that entails in terms of food supply, petrol prices, etc. Our hearts are with the innocent civilians who are once again the victim.



The schools did indeed open on January 10 and no vaccination certificate was requested anywhere. They have just returned home for a well-deserved Easter holiday.

Finah is still in school, she is in P7, graduating class primary school. The rest will start the second term on 25 April

**Joshua, Isaac, Kizito,  
Lamech, Dinah, Yubo,  
Jonathan and Sarah.**

During the two-year lockdown, several children were brought to distant relatives. One of them was **David Odur**. He has family in another district, Pader. It was not easy, his grandmother died and the rest of the family did not want to take care of him. Then he went to live with friends in Moroto District. We only found out later, when we went to visit him regarding the opening of the schools. As he had overstayed his welcome with these friends, they were happy that we came to pick him up. He is doing well and wanted to go to a technical school in the town of Moroto. There he is now and became 1st in his class. He studies electrical installations. Likes it there.

But **Moroto** is a different story. It is located in the north-east of Uganda, that borders Kenya. This area suffers from enormous drought.

From Kenya, the nomads now move into Moroto and steal the cows (cattle rustlers). The army is present to prevent this and handle the fighting that comes with it. David said that they are absolutely not allowed to leave the school after dark, because of the disturbances. A boy did it anyway and was promptly shot. Because of that drought, there is also no water. The water that one drinks there is salty! Can't be healthy, so he gets money from us to buy bottled water.

It is far from Lira and that is why he will stay at school this holiday, with other fellow students. They eat in the "hotel". Good deal: 3 meals a day plus water costs 5000 shillings (1.25)



Morrison, our administrator, went to Moroto to collect David and accompany him to the new school. He couldn't believe his eyes, had never been there before. Moroto is home to the Karamojong, a nomadic tribe that still lives according to their traditional way. They walk around half naked, because it is very hot.



On February 5th, Morrison received a message from **Kizito's** technical school. They are sleeping four to a room there and one of the boys was charging the battery of his phone. This battery exploded and the havoc was great. Fortunately, there were no injuries. However, they had lost everything.

**The room after the explosion and fire.**

**Bonnie Olwit** has completed his bachelor's degree in finance and accounting. And he has found a job!! Quite an achievement in Uganda. Usually, you have to pay money first, before you are eligible. He will work at a bank as a relationship officer.

The training is now over and he starts April 11. In Lira, so he can continue to live at home for the time being.

Bad news for those of you who use **PayPal** to support us, they have cancelled the account. You could use transferwise to donate. Our account details can be found at the bottom of this letter.





They've always managed to keep it hidden from me, but now I've found out how a birthday is celebrated. The birthday person is baptized with water and mud. Awful really, what a tradition! Oh well.

**Bonny, Ivan and Morrison baptise GAD. He had his birthday.**

I highly recommend our Foundation, because everything has become very expensive. In Uganda they use a lot of sunflower oil and the price has doubled and rising, to give you an example.



### **A blessed Easter!**

- Team Netherlands
- Team Northern Ireland
- Team Uganda
- The children

### **The Linda Project Care and education for orphans in Northern Uganda**

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