

Dear Ms Mitchell,

On behalf of the Pearl of Africa Childcare Ltd Charity, I'm writing to say a huge thank you to you, your staff and pupils for the five boxes of textbooks which you have kindly donated to us. A special thank you too to Mr Nuttall for contacting me and being so helpful in facilitating everything. It's a wonderful gesture which will be greatly appreciated.

Our charity, which is run totally by volunteers, provides a UK link to support the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation in Uganda - a Christian, non government charity which cares for over 2000 homeless, orphaned or destitute children in and around Kampala. Since its small beginnings in the 1980's it has grown and now runs 6 schools (3 primary, 2 high and a farm school), a children's village comprising of ten children's homes (each home accommodates 25- 30 children with a Mama) and a clinic which serves both the children's village and the local community. The children and young people under the care of Molly and Paul range in age from 8 months to 19 years.

Within my role as a trustee for the Pearl of Africa charity, I have, for the past three years, travelled to Uganda to work alongside our Ugandan friends to improve the lives of the children there.

One of the many challenges I see is a huge lack of educational resources within schools. Classrooms have very limited access to books. In the high school I visited in February there were just two computers and no internet. The books you have donated will go a long way to improving the learning experiences of the students in the care of Molly and Paul. Thank you so much.

Unfortunately, the Covid situation will most likely postpone my trip to Uganda in February 2021, but your books will definitely be on the flight when it eventually happens!

Whilst I have the opportunity, I'd like to mention The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir which, under normal circumstances, tour the UK each year to raise funds for the Molly and Paul Foundation. The choir is made up of very talented young people from Kampala, and outlying areas, who have grown up in the care of the charity.

I would love to extend a warm invitation to your staff and pupils to come and watch the choir perform when they are next with us. I'll be sure to let Mr Nuttall know.

I'm attaching a few photos of the Molly and Paul High school at Kamuzinda. This is where your books will be put to good use.

Thank you once again for making a difference,

Liz Tonge
Trustee for Pearl of Africa Childcare Ltd