

## **WHEELING PREPARATORY CENTRE NON FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2013, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014**

Dear friends and well wishers, Wheeling community greets you in this New Year 2014.

This term began on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2014. We thank all of you who stood with us throughout 2013 and we pray that you continue supporting us this year 2014.

Year 2013 was full of highs and lows but we thank God who enabled us to go through it.

### Achievements

1. The school acquired a piece of land worth 80,000,000 (eighty million) to extend the boundaries. This was a big achievement although it came with big costs which have affected the smooth running due to the loan we are servicing.
2. Our children were able to have porridge through out the year. We thank Emmanuel College in Mopeth for this. May you be blessed! We also thank Emmanuel College for a warm welcome when Pearl of Africa Choir visited their school. Thank you Head teacher, Mr. David, the staff and students for fundraising for Molly and Paul Child Care Foundation. Your support gives us hope and we thank God for you.



3. The general performance of our school greatly improved. Primary seven results were so good, no candidate failed. That is 16 in first grade, 28 in second grade, 5 in third grade ,and 5 in forth grade therefore we registered no failures. We attribute this good performance to wheeling staff who worked so hard to achieve this. On top of that a good working relationship.
4. The school acquired 50 plastic chairs. This was a donation from Olivia Blyth and her friend Alice who raised this money prior to their visit to Uganda last year in July. The amount raised was 930,000 Uganda shillings which were used to buy the chairs.

5. Discipline of our children has improved through guidance and counseling. We celebrate this achievement because our children have performed well after going through this process.
6. This is a graduation season in Uganda and we have seen many of our old girls and boys graduating in different disciplines like Nasazi Joan (procurement at Kyambogo university), Segilinya Takeo (Development studies Makerere University), Kakonge (Education Kampala University), and so many others .This gives us joy to see what we and you can do to help the young ones have education and become useful members in society.
7. At the beginning of February this year 8,781,800Ug shs (eight million) was sent by Paarl of Africa charity from UK. We were able to pay teachers 'salaries, bought 300kg Of porridge flour, 150 kg s of sugar and 25kgs of soya flour. Thank you our trustees in UK the staff and children have a smile on their faces.
8. One of our pupils Mukangula Henry P.6 who has been battling with leukemia is showing signs of healing .We pray to God that he gets out of this problem once and for all.
9. This new academic year we have registered a number of new entrants and the total numbers per class are as follows:

B.C - 50	P.4 - 57
T.C - 60	P.5 - 52
P.1 - 50	P.6 - 68
P.2 -50	P.7 - 51
P.3 - 62	

The total number so far is 500 children

10. The wooden fence in front of nursery classrooms and nursery playing area has been renovated this February 2014.

11. 50 chairs and 7 tables for nursery have been purchased this February 2014.



12. We received a donation of 100 pounds from Becs Broken from Edge Hill University Liverpool for our guides. We have used this money to buy guides uniforms and skirts. Becs Broken also gave us 32 tops for the guides in kind. Thank you Becs the guides are grateful they can't wait to see you in April as you promised.

### Challenges

1. As you are aware that we purchased land to extend our boundaries, we borrowed money from the bank and as a result our financial status is alarming. Our staff salaries have been delayed but we thank them (staff) that they have been patient and continued teaching the children despite this problem.

#### 2. Furniture

Our children don't have enough seats. Therefore they struggle to get somewhere to write from during lessons. Our main hall lacks seats too, we only have 50 chairs without tables which were donated by Olivia Blyth and Alice her friend. If we can have enough of these chairs and tables our children will be able to have their meals comfortably and we can use them as a money generating project where we can hire them to help the school get more income.

3. Most of our classes leak when it rains. This is because the roof is too old it needs replacement.

4. Our nursery section is another sector which needs a lot of improvement. We have so far purchased a few chairs and tables but they are not enough. We still need more

equipment like swings, balls, and toys to make the children feel at school. B.C has 50 pupils while T.C has 60 pupils.

5. Salary delays are a big challenge. As if that is not enough the payments are still low. This puts us at a high risk of loosing good teachers who may go to look for greener pastures.

### Gratitude

We want to express our gratitude to our trustees, Pearl of Africa charity UK who organize the choir tours every year to raise money to support the Molly and Paul Child Care Foundation schools and projects. The schools have realized tremendous improvements since Pearl of Africa charity came in to support our organization.

We want also to thank the tour organizers in U.K who play a big role in as far as looking for hosts who are willing to host the choir members. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our dear hosts. Thank you so much because we cannot hire hotels it becomes very expensive so you save us a lot and we really appreciate your kindness.

We thank all the schools that give us platform to exchange cultures between schools and also perform. This gives our children a chance to know the world beyond them. It also gives them a chance to socialize with their counterparts in UK..

We thank the churches, theatres and halls administrators for giving us chance to express our culture as well as raising money to support the organization.

We wish you a fruitful 2014 and may you be blessed as you continue supporting us.

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## Mukangula, a cancer survivor tells his story of living with pain

Henry Mukangula, P6 at Wheeling Primary School, Kansanga is a cancer survivor. For the last three years, he has been battling with leukaemia a type of cancer of the blood or bone marrow. He is now healing and tells us about his illness.

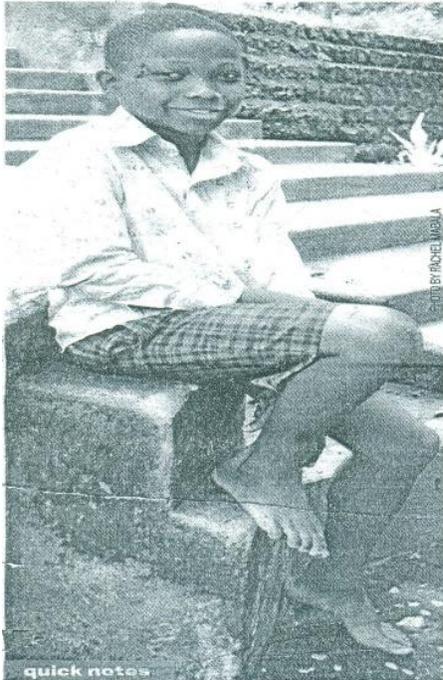


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**By Christine W. Wanjala**

**Tell us about yourself.**

My name is Henry Mukangula. I am 11 years old. I am in P6 at Wheeling Primary School in Kansanga. I am the third child in a family of four children.

**When did you learn that you have cancer?**

I got a swelling in my right arm when I was in P3. I could use the hand but it pained a lot like a wound. I did not understand what it was. When I was taken to hospital, the doctor told my mother I had cancer. I started treatment in 2010 and the swelling in my arm was removed. I came to stay here at Bless A Child home where children with cancer are taken care of. I made many new friends here who are also getting treatment for cancer.

I got better and went home for a while, but the swelling came back again in my leg this time. It became very painful. I could not walk or stand. It pained the whole day so I was given tablets to help with the pain. I could not walk. Even after the swelling was also removed from my leg, I could not walk without crutches. I came back to Bless A Child and resumed treatment.

**What did your mother say when she was told you had cancer?**

My mother is the one who told me I have cancer. She said that the pain and swelling in my hand was because I had cancer. But she also told me I would get better. Even when I was very sick she told me I would get better.

**What is cancer?**

Cancer is a disease that kills children. Cancer causes swellings on the body. I know there are different kinds of cancers, like that of swellings on the body and there is the one of the blood. I had cancer of swellings. It does not affect only children. Anybody can get cancer.

**Do you know any children with cancer?**

I knew some children who had cancer and were staying here with me but they died. We used to go to the hospital together. Others have gotten better and gone home.

**How do you feel now?**

I have received treatment and I feel alright. I no longer have the swelling and my leg does not hurt anymore. I went for physiotherapy and I can now walk. It has taken me a long time to walk. I have been walking for a month now without help. I can play and climb the stairs, something I was not able to do before. The doctor said I should go see him next month. But he also told me that the cancer will not come back. I am happy I will be going home and back to my school. I will come back to Bless A Child during the holidays.

**What was the physiotherapy like?**

I went through some physical exercises to help my leg become strong so that I could walk again. At the

hospital and they would make me do some exercises like climbing ladders. At first it was very hard. I would also ride a bike (stationary bike) that does not move. This was not so hard after some time.

**What has been the hardest part about the treatment?**

Before I was always scared of injections but now I am used to them. But there is one injection where they take water (fluid) from the back, which is very painful. That one I feared even if I heard it is important. It is for removing bone marrow to be tested. I also miss spending more time with my mother, sisters and brothers. Because of the treatment I stay here for a long time. But I like it here at Bless A Child because they help me get treatment even though it means I spend little time at home with my family. There were also times I was in pain and scared.

**What other diseases do some of your friends at Bless A Child have?**

The other children we live with also have cancer. Some came when they had big swellings on their faces. The swellings were removed at the hospital. They are getting better too.

**Have they helped you? Have you helped them too?**

They are all my friends. We play together. We study together. They are also undergoing treatment.

**What would you tell other children out there about cancer?**

I would tell them to have hope. Cancer can be a scary disease but one can recover if they go to hospital and get treatment. In time

### quick notes

**Favourite subjects:** English and Social Studies.

**Best dish:** Rice and peas.

**Hobbies:** I like action movies and football. I play number two, right defence. I have just started playing again since I got sick because my leg is getting better. I support Arsenal.

**Dream career:** A doctor so that I can treat children with cancer.

**You admire:** I admire Dr. Walusasi. He is a doctor at P.O. He is a kind doctor. I also admire Uncle Brian Brian Walusimbi, director Bless A Child because he takes care of us and buys us everything we need here.

### Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The month of September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. There are so many children like Henry Mukangula who have cancer. If it is discovered early enough that you have cancer, you might be able to get treatment and recover. But cancer is a serious illness which has many minor signs and symptoms that you might not take serious. It is important that you ask your guardians or parents to take you for a check up whenever you feel unwell. Learn more about cancer.

### New words

**Cancer:** It is a name for a group of diseases, which affect cells and they begin to grow out of control.  
**Physiotherapy:** It is a type of treatment that can help ill, injured or disabled people recover and be able to move well. It involves physical exercise like climbing ladders if it is the legs that were injured.  
**Bone marrow:** It is the soft part inside most bones, such as your hip and thigh bones.

