

April 2024

Dear all,

Welcome to our first PDH Newsletter of 2024!

Projects Delivering Hope has enjoyed a very busy start to the year, and there is already plenty of news to share with you, our supporters, including a review of our **Philippa Hanna Concert** in February and a report of our recent **PDH Trip to Uganda** in March. You can read more about these events below.

We are also delighted to bring you an update on your support for our **Vegetable Gardening Appeal**. Thank you to those who have donated to this important initiative which will help our South Sudanese friends as they move back home to Kajo

Keji.

Philippa Hanna Concert



Audience members enjoyed a fantastic evening at the sell-out Philippa Hannah Concert on Friday 2nd February at St Paul's Church in Salisbury. It was certainly worth waiting for this event, which was rescheduled after Philippa lost her voice back in October last year. The concert was a joint venture between Projects Delivering Hope and St Paul's Church.

Philippa entertained the audience with a mixture of her gospel, pop and country music, as well as with stories about her faith, her upbringing and the trials and tribulations of her life which have only deepened her connection with God. There was plenty of opportunity for audience participation, which certainly added to the enjoyment of the concert.

As part of her national tour, 'Stained Glass Stories', Philippa performed live at the concert to promote the work of Projects Delivering Hope. The charity's support of South Sudanese refugees was explained more fully at the interval by Rachel, one of the PDH trustees. Thanks to the generous support of the audience, a total of £2700 was raised for PDH. Thank you!









Vegetable Gardening Appeal

£4,000 Target Reached!

Thank you for helping those returning home to rebuild their lives.

As the people of Kajo Keji return to their communities in South Sudan, it is vitally important for their health and wellbeing that they have access to fresh garden produce. The money you have raised will be divided equally between the Mother's Union who support women and families, and the community of Kajo Keji Christian College to promote self-sufficiency and enable them to grow fresh vegetables to supplement their diet.

Thank you for your support.

This project has now closed as the target has been reached!



PDH Trip to Uganda ~ March 2024



A team of PDH trustees and supporters enjoyed a highly successful trip to Uganda at the start of March 2024. Over the course of five days, a huge amount of Hope was delivered to the people of Kajo Keji who are currently living in Uganda.

Highlights of this trip included:

- the official opening of the PDH-funded Hope Clinic in Kitimbwa;
- attending as Guests of Honour a graduation ceremony at the Smile Children's Village Academy;
- delivering a microscope to the Hope Clinic and providing training in its use;
- delivering ten laptops to the Smile Children's Village School, and introducing children in Years 5 & 6 to the basics of using a computer;
- delivering an update to last year's Business Training;

- distributing seeds and hand tools to the Mothers Union group in Kawalakota;
- delivering teddy bears, clothing, footballs and stationery to the children at Smile Village.

Please follow the link at <u>Uganda Trip 2024</u> to read daily reports of the trip on the PDH website.

To engage in the excitement of the opening of the Hope Clinic, watch (and listen to) highlights of the event on YouTube at Hope Clinic Opening.

You may also wish to join us for our **Uganda Evening** at St Paul's Church in Salisbury on **Wednesday 24th April** at 7.30pm when the PDH team will be sharing their news, pictures and stories from this recent trip.

With grateful thanks: to Jamie's Computers in Southampton who supplied the laptops; and for the collaboration of Salisbury Baptist Church who supplied a caseload of teddy bears.









Future Fundraising

PDH is currently liaising with our South Sudanese partners to determine how we can best meet their needs moving forward. We look forward to revealing plans for our next fundraising project in our next newsletter. In the meantime, your donations will be very welcome at Projects Delivering Hope Stewardship.

And please remember that you can support us whenever you shop online using <u>Give as you Live</u>. Register once and then shop as normal and the retailer will donate a percentage to Projects Delivering Hope.