

The HOVC (Aust) Board has a new Chairman

following his election at the HOVC Annual General Meeting in November. Let him introduce himself:



My name is Stephen Gilmore. I am retired and have been married to Joy since 1969 with a son and a daughter and 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 11 to 14. I was fortunate to be born into a family of staunch Baptists and came to a personal faith at Auburn Baptist many years ago. Joy and I are members of Hillsong at Norwest in Sydney.

I have always been, and still am a futurist. I have this desire to ensure that my grandchildren and all children that I may meet see all the possibilities that our world can provide so long as they keep dreaming, stretching and learning. Nothing is impossible or too challenging and that education must never stop. There are times when my grandchildren roll their eyes and look to the sky as I sketch out another possibility, or throw them some left-field questions to start the creative juices running, but they are starting to grasp that nothing is impossible.

God has brought HOVC to me. He has opened my eyes to an area, activity and ministry that I was not aware of. What has been achieved in that ministry to date is to me, humbling and wondrous. I love how HOVC has developed the three streams of faith, education and health/life skills in children who may have had geographic and cultural limitations imposed on them, which limited their opportunity to develop God given gifts. I can see that the future for so many of these children is inextricably linked to the opportunities they have been given to receive wonderful education and life skills. This will lead into a range of totally new directions that will provide them with choices that their parents never had and the chance to live a life to the fullness of their potential.

I am excited at the opportunity of being part of such a faith driven ministry.

Interview with Jolly Sebahire

This is Jolly Sebahire, Head teacher at Rwaramba Secondary School and HOVC (Uganda) Board member.

How did you get involved with HOVC?

I saw the help HOVC was giving in the community then I wanted to get involved. Very many children are not able to get into school. HOVC makes it possible. When we see that, then we **feel** we should get involved and be committed to help them too. We see so much success and achievement. Otherwise the children are just around, in the street, making trouble and stealing things.

Water in the community has been a big problem. The tanks give many people access in the community, not only the HOVC children. The tap [at the primary school] is the first piped water in the whole village. The whole community has benefitted. With that pipe extension built to the school, families along the way are able to get pipes connected off it to their houses – it is no longer too expensive because it is only a short distance.





We **feel** we should give a hand, as HOVC is working in the wider community, such as renovating the primary school buildings. That is increasing enrolments and attendance. They are attracted by the good infrastructure. Now they see that the rain does not come in and the classrooms are clean with no dust everywhere, then they want to go there.



The examination hall at the secondary school has benefitted the school and the whole community. More students are coming to the school because we now have A levels and we offer the essential Computer Studies subject. Before students had to go elsewhere with facilities – if they can afford it and get a place.

The school has no regular electricity. It is 1km from the nearest connection point into the grid, which is prohibitively expensive to connect to. To run the 10 computers for classes they continue to use a little portable generator. It uses 1lt diesel per hour, so it is quite expensive to run, and noisy. With students coming 10 at a time for IT classes, it is often running almost all day. Hafashima Imanuel, Deputy Head Teacher, added, “Solar power is becoming an increasingly possible and effective option.”



What has changed since the school gained government recognition/accreditation as an A-level school?

This is a private church school but now it has government partnership since the A level classroom block and examination hall were built and computers were supplied, enabling the senior years' mandatory computer/IT subject to be taught. The government has now provided some textbooks and some lab equipment including 4 new microscopes.

School fees are 130,000 UGX (\$50)per term, 3 times per year. The Government now pays 47,000 (\$18) of each child's fees, and the family pays the balance. This has made it possible for many more families to afford to send their children to the school. With Government recognition, better equipment, suitable classrooms, A level status and fee assistance, enrolment has increased dramatically, rising from less than 100 students to 375 this year. There are currently 35 A level students and 26 teachers.

E* Update

E* has travelled back to Kampala with Innocent to the only orthopedic hospital in Uganda, for another consultation to assess a hip problem that has caused him much pain and difficulty walking. He is to have the height of his shoe raised again and to use crutches to help with mobility. He will be reassessed in 3 months time.



HOVC Prayer and Praise Points

- We are looking for some Volunteers to help out with our marketing and communications work. Pray that God will fill this need.
- Praise God that He brought Stephen Gilmore to us as our new HOVC Board Chairman. Pray for him in his new role.
- Please pray for healing for E* painful hip.
- For the children who have done their Primary Leaving Exams and are waiting to find out their results in January.

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School Supplies

Additional school books, pencils, shoe polish & mathematical sets help HOVC kids and their siblings with more than the basic supplies covered through sponsorship.

\$10



Sports Equipment & Uniforms

Sport is not only fun for kids, it's an important part of their education and mental health. Help us to buy soccer & volleyball equipment as well as sports uniforms for our HOVC program.

\$55



Farming Supplies

Give seeds of hope to HOVC families with the farming tools and supplies like hoes, forks, spades, seeds and mulch to help them grow the food they need.

\$25



School Fees for a Term

HOVC kids are progressing in their studies, many are passing their exams. Give the gift of education by paying for secondary school fees for a term or a year.

\$105

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My Gift to HOVC Christmas Appeal-2017

Name: _____
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Supporter ID (if known): _____

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Gift Card Options

Please send me a gift card for each item I have purchased (allow 5 days for cards to be delivered)
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1. GIFT SELECTION	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
School Supplies (G119)	\$10		\$
Farming Supplies (G120)	\$25		\$
Sports Equipment/Uniforms (G121)	\$55		\$
School Fees for a Term (G122)	\$105		\$
TOTAL OF GIFTS			\$

2. PAYMENT OPTIONS	AMOUNT	DATE/ REF.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (payable to Hope for Orphans & Vulnerable Children Inc.)	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit Account Name: HOVC Aust. Inc. BSB #: 112-879 Account #: 438129386	\$	

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