

## Helpachild Development Timeline

### 2024 **100 children in school and 5 young people in college**

The long planned visit by trustees to Grand Cess is scheduled to take place in December, although close attention is being paid to the mpox situation in Africa.

We were shocked earlier this year when our website was hacked and all our data was lost. Thanks to the dedicated work of our volunteer website designer we have managed to get it back up and running. It is a pity that people with an I.T .talent don't put it to better use than picking on small charities.

### 2023 **100 children in school**

Again the planned visit by Trustees to Grand Cess had to be postponed because of the continued ill health of one of the trustees.

### 2022 **100 children in school**

Work went ahead on a special project at the school financed by a generous donor.

A planned visit by Trustees to Grand Cess had to be postponed because of ill health.

We received a thank you video from some of the parents at St. Patricks, the sound quality was not very good but it was good to hear the benefit that the parents feel the scheme is bestowing on their children.

### 2021 **100 children in school**

Despite the challenges of this year and last year due to Covid our generous donors continued with their regular payments and so we were able to maintain our payments to Grand Cess.

A planned visit by Trustees to Grand Cess had to be postponed because of travel restrictions due to Covid.

### 2020 **100 children in school and 6 young people in college.**

School closed in March due to Coronavirus.

School reopened in August, observing and adhering to the Government Health Protocols.

The college student support scheme had to be withdrawn during the year due to problems caused by Coronavirus restrictions.

### 2019 **100 children in school and 6 young people in college.**

Launch of new website.

### 2018 **100 children in school and 6 young people in college.**

During his visit to Liberia Father Sam delivered a private donation to the school in Grand Cess to enable them to have much needed new desks and chairs made.

2017 **100 children in school, 6 young people in college and funding for 2 children with additional needs** .

The St Augustine's confirmation group raised money for Help a Child Africa.

2016 **100 children in school, 6 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs**.

RISE Theatre performed their White Rabbit play at King's Church Amersham and the proceeds of the evening were donated to Help a Child Africa and Rope.

Better communications with Grandcess meant that information was more accessible e.g. photos of the students funded by Help a Child Africa.

2015 Liberia was declared Ebola-free in May. School re-opened after the summer holiday.

**100 children in school, 8 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs**.

RISE Theatre performed their White Rabbit play at Immaculate Heart of Mary church Great Missenden and the proceeds of the evening were donated to Help a Child Africa.

A primary school in Gravesend raised money for Help a Child Africa after hearing about the charity from their parish priest who used to be at St. Edmund Campion.

Lenten lunches in Great Missenden also raised money for the charity.

The St Augustine's confirmation group raised money for Help a Child Africa.

2014 **100 children in school, 8 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs**.

School closed in October because of Ebola, Help a Child Africa took the decision to continue paying the teachers a retainer.

2013 **100 children in school, 8 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs**.

2012 **110 children in school, 8 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs**.

St. Edmund Campion church closed and the "Final Big Bash BBQ" raised funds for Help a Child.

2011 **125 children in school, 6 young people in college and funding for 4 children with additional needs** .

An African Evening was held at St. Edmund Campion church, Hazlemere to update supporters on the work of the charity with a demonstration by acrobats and lovely African food!

Visit to England by the then in-country representative Father Sarius. He was interviewed about the school and life in Liberia and the interview was posted by way of a question a day on the Help a Child Facebook page.

We had our first, now annual, mulled wine and mince pie stall at the Blessed John Henry Newman parish and St. Augustine's Christmas Bazaar - raising awareness with a bit of fundraising.

Self-funded, fact-finding visit by trustees lap top computers taken out in response to a request as IT skills are very necessary to obtain employment.

We signed-up to receive money for recycling old mobile phones and ink cartridges.

2010 **140 children in school, 6 young people in college and the introduction of funding for 4 children with additional needs in Monrovia.**

An African Evening was held at St. Edmund Campion church, Hazlemere to update supporters on the work of the charity and with a demonstration by Rwandan dancers and lovely African food!

2 supporters undertook to walk the Thames Path in aid of Help a Child Africa and 2 other supporters undertook a half marathon dressed as the Super Mario Brothers! in aid of Help a Child Africa.

Help a Child Africa Facebook page launched.

Help a Child Africa signed up to Easyfundraising, a way for supporters to raise money for the charity when shopping online.

2009 **150 children in school and 4 young people in college.**

Help a Child Africa became independent of St. Augustine's and was registered with the Charity Commission.

Self-funded, fact-finding visit to Liberia by trustees.

2008 **155 children in school and introduction of the scheme of funding 2 of the highest achievers through college each year.**

Self-funded, fact-finding visit to Liberia.

2007 **159 children in school in Grandcess funded by Help a Child Africa.**

2006 Self-funded, fact-finding visit to Liberia.

Container sent to Liberia, Help a Child Africa charity born, donations handled by St. Augustine's church, High Wycombe.