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NEWS UPDATE SUMMER 2008

Dear Friend and Supporter,

Welcome to our Summer News Update. In a bid to provide more effective information you can now follow our blog. <http://www.lightforcenews.blogspot.com>

Around the world

Our partners are busy. Within the LightForce International family partnerships we have a host of different programmes serving the needs of children in Europe, Asia and Africa. Programmes include sponsoring schooling, children with special needs, social & pastoral care, medical support, provision of secure housing, feeding street children, children's homes, school repairs, provision of school clothing & educational resources, community health. We want to thank all our friends and partners who contribute to these activities. Construction of teacher's housing & construction & repair of health centres is a large part of our work in Uganda along with the provision of medical equipment and school desks & furniture. This part of our work is expanding and enjoys funding from UNICEF and the Belgian Government.

Mike Wood

We are sorry to report the passing of Mike Wood who was a great supporter of LightForce International. At an age when many would be thinking of settling down, Mike spent his last 10 years in Kosovo, Serbia, Albania or Uganda. He gave his time to assist wherever he could be useful. Mike was ready to go wherever & do whatever. He served for a number of months each year & could be found happily supervising groups of children, distributing humanitarian aid, painting an adventure playground, putting up tents or organising a children's' lunch queue. He was loved and appreciated by many. Even when back in the UK he spent time giving talks & raising funds for the work of LightForce International. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family and friends.

Albania & Serbia Children's Camps

Thank you to all who have supported summer camps for children this year. Camps in Serbia came first during July where Pau & Sandrine hosted children from a variety of cultural backgrounds. In August the setting was Albania where Rachel Wilson ran camps for three weeks with her national team being complimented by Rachel Edwards and Tim & Hayley Miles from the UK who assisted with climbing and other outdoor pursuits.

Missions Weekend at Milton Keynes Christian Centre 6-7th September 2008

Don't miss this weekend if you want to meet some or all of our partners from Europe, Africa or Asia. We already have confirmation that the following are planning to be present:

- **Rt. Hon. Charles Angiro Gutemoi MP (Uganda)**
- **Glyn & Jane Davies (Kenya)**
- **Jabez & Joe Williams (India)**
- **Biju Thampy (India)**

- **Rakip Cuku (Albania)**
- **Rachel Wilson (Albania)**
- **Hannah & Hamad Naatit (Morocco)**
- **Chris & Ashley Coggins (Vietnam)**
- **Pau Pasula (Serbia)**
- **Andrew Shearman (USA)**
- **George R Ridley (UK)**
- **Trustees & Supporters of LightForce International**

Our guests will arrive on Friday 5th and be with us until Monday 8th. The programme is:

Saturday 10am – 6pm. Open House. All our guests will be present throughout the day to meet visitors, talk about their work and share ways & means of partnership. There will be refreshments available.

Sunday 8.30, 10.15 & 12noon. Our guests will participate in each Sunday Service.

Easyfundraising

Do you buy goods online? Now you can do so and raise money for LightForce International!

Easyfundraising is a FREE fundraising service where you can raise funds for charities when you shop online. Choose from over **600** of the UK's best-known retailers including many popular names such as Ebay, NEXT, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis and HMV, and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to **15%** from every purchase you make is donated to LightForce International.

It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and, as many retailers now give extra discounts when you buy online, you can even **save money!** Register today on : www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Projects Needing Support

There are a number of projects in Uganda needing support from individuals or small groups.

Children requiring Special Schooling:

We have 12 deaf, blind or special needs children being sponsored to attend schools that can cater for their special needs whilst providing them with a quality education. They have all been financed for the current school year but many need support for the next year. A contribution of £15/mth or one off gift of £180 will cover the costs of school, housing, uniform and educational resources. **Can you help?**

Medical Support:

In partnership with a number of mission health centres we are supporting mothers to give birth in a health unit rather than at home. The advantages for both mother and baby are great - HIV screening, hygienic conditions, medication, qualified mid-wife & professional attention. We are also assisting parents who don't have money for vital medical attention and drugs for their children. Many children die for the sake of less than £1 worth of medication. **A gift of £2 provides safe delivery for a mother or medicine for two children.**

Justgiving

Don't forget that you can now donate to LightForce International online via the Justgiving website. It's easy, quick and tax-friendly. www.justgiving.com

Thanks for your continued support,



George R Ridley
LightForce International Director