

# Rainbow House of Hope Uganda Children's Voice



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## President Y.K Museveni Swearing in Day

*On 12th may 2011, the president of the Republic of Uganda who was elected on 18th February 2011 sworn in and he was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Janet Museveni with the other supporters and even RHU Brass band was invited to participate in a pass walk from the Queens way up to Kololo airstrip where the function took place . It was a real successful day. We Wish him the best during his 4th term in leadership for the presidency of the Republic of Uganda.*

*Christine, 16/5/011*



*President Y.K.Museveni and his wife Janet*

## Geoffrey and Deborah's Wedding Party.



**By Leonie, 23/5/011**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May,2011, our dear friend and director of the board of RHU Mr. Tumusiime Geoffrey married Mrs. Deborah Tumusiime The official church service started at 12:00pm at All Saints church in Nakasero and lasted one hour. The beautiful couple was dressed all in white and the maids in red and gold.

The reception took place at Sheraton Hotel and started off with a cocktail at the terrace. The RHU Brass Band entertained the numerous guests until the bride and groom arrived. After their glorious entrance, the first performance of the evening was a traditional dance performed by the RHU girls group. They had been training all holiday long under the lead of Francis Kyeyune. Several other presentations followed, for example miming by the local artists from western part of Uganda where Geoffrey comes from. One of the guests read a short love letter from Geoffrey to Deborah that amused the audience. After several speeches the dinner was ready and everyone enjoyed the delicious food of Sheraton. Some speeches followed and the cake was cut. The last speeches were given by the best man, the matron, Geoffrey and Deborah. Afterwards the people were invited to dance. The whole function was a real successful and we wish the newlyweds all the best for their future.



**Top left; Geoffrey and Deborah with the RHU Band group after taking vows  
Bottom left is RHU Girls group entertaining the guests at the reception in Sheraton Hotel-**

## Education: Tailoring

*By Nanduttu Maria Gorette , 18,may,2011*

Tailoring is an acquired skill which deals with designing and making clothes. It is a skill admired by everyone all over the world. It involves the artistic use of a needle and thread on a piece of fabric to come up with brilliant clothing fashions.

Fashions vary from office wear to party wear to Sunday wear and traditional wear, and depend on weather and climatic conditions as well. The list is endless.

Here at Rainbow House of Hope-Uganda, we give skills to help our students to discover themselves. Tailoring is one of those skills. We give them the foundation to become fashion designers, that is, both hand stitching and machine sewing. This, we hope, will enable them to create jobs for themselves and for others.

We believe it is prestigious to be able to make clothes for oneself and for one's family and friends, thereby also creating a customer base for business.

Having the above in mind, Rainbow House started a school for training students during holidays, that is primary, secondary and institutions, both boys and girls.

We considered their parents, too. These are mostly married women, and single mothers who are jobless. Some are orphans and others are house girls. The project started in January 2011 with the children who were on holidays.

We started with 4 sewing machines – 2 manual and 2 electrical. When the students went back to school I went around the village to explain this skill to these ladies, and some responded.

In the end I managed to start with 10 women.

One day a friend from Mill Hill House Nsambya Bro. Herbert, came to visit us and noticed that the two manual machines needed to be repaired and that we needed more machines. By now the number of women had reached 15. So he paid for the repairs and bought for us 3 manual sewing machines. He also gave us training materials. This attracted more women to the school. These ladies are grateful to the project manager and the

staff for the great work done to help them discover themselves that they are useful in this world. They can now provide the following items: half-slips, bags, baby dresses, girls' dresses, skirts, curtains. The number of students has grown to 20. The classroom is not enough. We study from 2 to 6 pm. During holidays I handle the holiday makers starting from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

*Below ; tailoring class with their trainer*



*Bottom right ; a display of a sample of the finished products from the trainees efforts.*



## Girls Group Countrywalk to The Kings Palace

*By Andrea and Franzi, 13/5/011*

This month the Countrywalk with the girls group led us to the kings palace. A group of 20 children, 2 volunteers and Christine started after lunch and discovered new routes for traveling through Kampala. After about one hour we arrived at Mengo, where a guide was already waiting for us to show us around the area stretching across a hill with a beautiful view over Kampala.

Starting with the Royal Mile which connects the kings palace with the parliament, he introduced us to the points of interest on the compound. The palace itself is called Lubiri which means "all together" and is supposed to represent to the unit of the tribes in the Buganda kingdom. That is also the reason why the building – that was constructed following British architecture – has 54 rooms: one for the king called Kabaka, one for the queen and one for each of the 52 clans

Afterwards we saw several car remains: the leftovers of some cars and of a Roles Royce the Queen of England gave to a former king as a present. The next spot we headed to was an artificial lake that was dug by horses. Furthermore the guide took us to the so called torture chambers where people who were suspected to be supporters of Obote were imprisoned and killed an inhuman and terrifying way during Amins reign. Second last we were shown the last canon the military used to defend the hill against Obotes army before we finally visited the museum in which one finds numerous pictures of the recent king Ronald Mutebi II and his family. Our trip ended with a short picknick in the gardens where everyone enjoyed fresh water and mangos before we went back home.



**The RHU girls group and volunteers in front kings palace building**



**Central a male palace guide with RHU girls and volunteers, showing the remains of the cars used by the leaders before and after independence until 1970s.**

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### A message from the Executive Director of Rainbow House of Hope

*By Michael, 30/5/011*

I welcome you to the May 2011 issue of The Children's Voice, Rainbow House of Hope's monthly newsletter.

Over the past five months, in addition to the 'usual' activities of Rainbow House, such as drama and dance, and music training, and games and sports, we have broken out into newer fields. Like everything in its formative stages, these programs are taking their first 'baby steps', and while their fruits are yet to be seen, we put much of our faith in them.

The initiatives on language lessons for refugee children, tailoring and the Girls' Group were introduced mainly as a reaction to the needs of the community. Their success is rooted in the support they continue to receive from the community, and the tireless efforts of our volunteer friends from Germany, as well as our local staff and various categories of beneficiaries.

As you read through these pages, I invite you to share with the children of Rainbow as they open up to a fuller life through our various activities, but even more importantly.

I also urge you to remember that Rainbow House is a growing organisation, and that like it, our newsletter can only truly grow if you give it the best of your input in terms of suggestions and comments for improvement.

## Children's Page: Children Enjoy Music



### Language Course, Lesson 12: Music

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music	Musik	muziki
songs	Lieder	enyimba
dancers	Taenzer	abazinyi
theatre	Theater	emizanyo
traditional dance	traditioneller Tanz	Amiziina agekinanssi
costumes	Kostueme	
instruments	Instrumente	okugwa
shakers	Rasseln	kalamu
drums	Trommeln	pen
guitar	Gitarre	entebbe