



# TESS Winter 2016 Newsletter

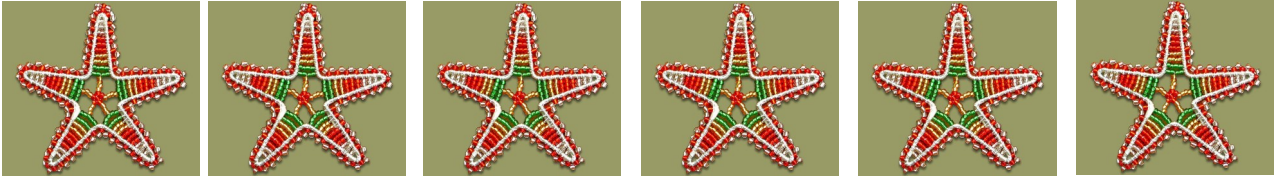
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**Teso Educational Support Services**



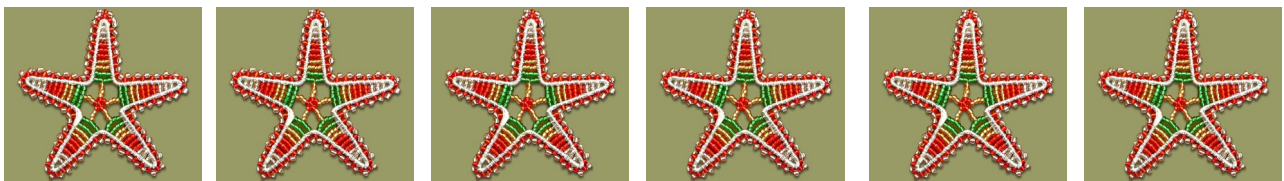
## YOGA BER EBAGA!

We want to take this opportunity at this special time of year to thank all of you for your support in 2016.

Your generosity has kept 120 children in school and has given them the chance at an education and a brighter future.

So behalf of all students, staff, Trustees and Patrons;

Thank you and Happy Christmas!



## Christmas Messages



From Bishop Charles Bernard Obaikol-Ebitu, TESS Uganda Patron

Dear Friends of TESS

Christmas greetings from us in Uganda. We are blessed the Christmas to bring to you our sincere joy and blessing of the season. As the Apostle Paul wrote:

“For you were once in darkness and now you are Light in the Lord. Live as children of light”

Ephesians 4:8

It is a pleasant thought to understand that in a dark world education sheds light into the lives of people. We thank God that our education system in Uganda still allows for not only academic excellence but also spiritual excellence. With your support we can keep students at school and so have their lives transformed for a better future. Christ the light of the world as come. May we do something good to others as children of light. My great joy is that the Partners of TESS, by their support, have helped to bring that light to the people of Teso for generations to come. Merry Christmas and a blessed 2017.

From David Sharman - Chair -TESS

It has been a privilege to chair your charity for the past 3 years and at the end of December my colleague and current vice-chair, Eric Galvin, will take over. I am delighted that we have been able to appoint a new UK Country Manager, Joanne Carver, who with the recent intake of new trustees will help the remaining Trustees move TESS forward onto a new level in 2017. I take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their generous support during the year and wish all our readers of our newsletter and peaceful Christmas period

# Goodbye...Hello...Yoga!

We said goodbye (for now) to Stuart at our final Board meeting of the year, held in London on 10th December. The Board thanked him for the excellent work he had done and wished him well in his new role. Stuart is continuing to support Tess as a sponsor and hopes to serve on the board at TESS in the not too distant future when an opportunity becomes available.

Our search for a new Uganda manager is progressing well and we hope to make an appointment early in the New Year. We welcome our new UK Country Manager and three new Trustees onto the team:



**Joanne Carver** began her role as UK Country Manager in early December and has been learning the ropes from Stuart over the last two weeks. Joanne has a background in project management and fundraising, particularly in charities that support vulnerable children. Joanne has a passion for Uganda and recently spent six weeks there with her husband and their two young children.



**Jim Emerson** has joined us as a Trustee. Jim is an international development and humanitarian worker with vast experience across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas. Jim has served as global CEO in the three INGOs and has extensive governance and leadership experience in complex global organisations. Married with three children, his life is split between the UK, Burkina Faso and the US.



**Paul Phillips** comes to TESS with a strong education background and many years experience of working in international development. Formally a teacher trainer, Paul is currently at VSO, developing strategic partnerships with the private sector. He has worked in Africa, Asia and South America.

**Hassan Ejaz** joins us from the world of banking and will be managing risk for our charity as well as supporting us in financial reporting.

## New contact details

Please note our new postal address and telephone number. Our old PO Box will close at the end of January. The new address and telephone number can be used with immediate effect



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