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Dear All

I have now been back into the country and am slowly getting into things. I'm enjoying catching up with friends and family again, and so far haven't had too many culture shocks. I was surprised how mentally exhausted I was at first, but slowly my brain seems to be getting back into gear which is nice.

In my last email I spoke again about SADICH (Save the disabled child's home) a Ugandan local charity set up by parents of children with disabilities. Their focus is to encourage other parents who have children with disabilities to care for their children and value them and to encourage them to seek appropriate education and medical help as required. They've set up various activities to try and help each other - for example support groups, pig and goat projects, craft making projects, and a craft stall. We've started training people in tailoring and hope to expand this and start carpentry training etc.

There is also similar local organisation in the town (which is 45 minute drive from Kagando) called RAPCID (Rwenzori parents association of children with disabilities). This is doing very similar things to SADICH. We've linked the two organisations so they can encourage one another and learn from one another.

These organisations are doing a very good job within their capacity - but they require support to grow and achieve their goals. I am currently trying to set up a UK charity to support the work of these two organisations (and potentially others depending on what happens). So this is where I need your help. We need to think of a name for the UK charity, there are a few suggestions below - but I'd appreciate your comments - votes on which one you think is best or any other suggestions.

The Uganda charity's basic aim is to enable children with disabilities, by helping them to access appropriate schooling and medical services, training them in skills so that they are valued within community - but most importantly changing parents attitudes to their children so the former things can happen. Showing Gods love to these children, and giving them and their families hope.

The focus of the UK charity is to enable the above to happen - to listen to their needs, give advice and skills where needed, and to raise support which will enable children get appropriate education and medical services etc. Because we want to be a charity that works with local groups already set up to encourage them and enable them in their work - we will need a different name to theirs.

Unfortunately there is already a charity called enable - but here is some other suggestions:

1. **RADC** (Reaching Africa's disabled children)
2. **Tuesdays Child** (as in the rhyme - Tuesdays child is full of grace)
3. **Bridges**

4. **Mephibosheth** (this is from 2 Samuel 9 a very long name for Jonathan's son who was disabled and David took in and provided for)
5. **Jonathan's son** – (same explanation as number 4)

Looking forward to hearing your ideas and comments

Rebecca