

Local to Global is the name given to the group set up in 2015 by Otley Parish Church to choose charities that we can support. The name denotes our interest in particular charities both at home and abroad.

Caring For Life and Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda are our current chosen charities. As the environment is such a key issue at present, we are highlighting in this leaflet the environmental aspects of their work and the sheer beauty of their settings.

CARING FOR LIFE



The Farmhouse at Crag House Farm, Leeds

This is a Christian Charity, established in 1987 to share Jesus' love with vulnerable people through long-term, practical support. In addition to supported homes and a "Being There" team offering housing support to those living independently, Caring For Life offers a variety of daytime therapeutic projects at their base at Crag House Farm in Cookridge, Leeds.

This beautiful rural setting has become a haven and sanctuary to hundreds of people. The "Care in Creation" conservation project aims to demonstrate God's love for us in the beauty of His creation, whilst helping us learn to care



View into the conservation area at Crag House Farm

for and protect the environment around us. It runs alongside the Agriculture and Horticulture projects, enabling the working farm to operate in an environmentally beneficial way.

Over the years, the land given to the charity has been improved by planting traditional hedgerow, trees and wildflowers, and creating wildlife ponds, species monitoring has shown a significant increase in biodiversity across the 140-acre farm.

It is wonderful to see people develop a new appreciation of the value of life, and a sense of responsibility for the wildlife and environment around them as they learn to care for the land. It is even more amazing to see lives that have been changed as they have countered the Creator's love.



Sharing the Love of Jesus Since 1987

KISIIZI HOSPITAL



Kisiizi Hospital

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The nearby Kisiizi Falls are situated in the Rukungiri District of SW Uganda. These beautiful natural resources were one of the key reasons behind the location of Kisiizi Hospital when it was first built in the 1950s. For many years, the Falls have been harnessed for hydroelectricity, giving the hospital one of the most reliable electricity supplies in Uganda. In recent years the hydro station has become so efficient that the Kisiizi Power Company also provides electricity for local villages.

In 2016, the hospital also opened a new Kisiizi Falls Visitor Centre



Kissiizi Falls © Rick Mayers

with proceeds going to help the "Good Samaritan Fund" of Kisiizi Hospital. This provides help to the poorest members of the surrounding community when they cannot manage the cost of healthcare. The fund also routinely supports the cost of caring for preterm babies, those with mental health problems, and those with chronic conditions including diabetes. The visitor centre is an example of another way in which the hospital has drawn great blessings from the natural resources of the area.

How you can help

If you would like to make a gift to *Local to Global*, it will be shared equally between *Caring For Life* and *Kisiizi Hospital*.

▶ Please keep these two charities in your prayers ◀

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