



WALKING THE CAMINO FOR KARIS KIDS

This newsletter is a bit different to usual as it focusses on Julie Winning's sponsored walk for Karis Kids — see below. But before that, here are some other items of news.

Finishing Well Update

Currently 190 Karis children are in primary school, 30 children have passed their UPE (Universal Primary Education), 109 children are in secondary (59 of which are “focus” children). Besides that 24 Karis young people are set for vocational training 4 are university students.

Directors' Visit

Julie and Nick will next visit Kampala in the second half of August including a one day camp. The date is to be confirmed.

Little Place in the Country

Another fund-raising opportunity is Little Place in the Country, a local business, which has linked up with Karis Kids and kindly agreed to make a donation to Karis Kids on every booking of two nights or more. They rent out holiday accommodation in Hampshire and Devon via their website: www.littleplaceinthecountry.com. When booking a stay of two nights or longer, if the customer states they heard of them via Karis Kids, then Little Place in the Country will donate 10% of the cost of the stay to support the work of Karis Kids.

Correction

There was a mistake in the last newsletter which referred to His Grace Stanley Ntagali as Archbishop of Kampala when he is actually the Bishop of Kampala Diocese and the Archbishop of the Church Of Uganda as an entire Province/nation. Apologies for this error.



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Over the next 12 months, I want to raise £1000 for Karis Kids by undertaking a series of physical challenges that put me outside my comfort zone.

My first challenge is to walk **150 miles** on the Camino France in northern Spain. So, on **11th May** I shall begin walking from Burgos to Astorga.

I first heard of the Camino Frances a couple of years ago and was intrigued by its history and continuing popularity; it is also known as the Way of St James and traces an ancient pilgrimage route from France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

In 2016 I began walking my own first Camino from St Jean Pied de Port. The path crosses over the Pyrenees into Spain and meanders through woodlands, pastures, vineyards and olive groves. I walked through little villages and bustling cities, following in the footsteps of many pilgrims across the years, stopping off at churches and chapels that have been worshipped in for centuries.

My days consisted of waking, walking, eating and sleeping; a simple life devoid of distractions. But what I most gained from the experience was that it provided me with the space, and time, to reflect and pray as I walked. I met God in the beauty of creation, in the fellowship of other pilgrims and in the stillness of the churches. It was a very challenging, but inspiring 'walk'.

After 13 days of walking, I finished my first section of the Camino at Burgos cathedral and decided that I would dedicate the rest of my Camino to praying for and raising funds for Karis Kids. And so, in a few days' time I will recommence my Camino at Burgos cathedral.

I have a couple of requests though: please pray for me and help me reach my target of £1000 by giving via my [give.net](https://my.give.net/Karis_Kids) page: https://my.give.net/Karis_Kids

You can give with a credit or debit card or using your Stewardship giving account. Plus, if you're a UK tax payer, don't forget your giving could be increased through Gift Aid, meaning Karis Kids will receive even more.

You can follow my progress on Instagram at: [kariskids_challenges](#) or Twitter [@KarisKidsJulie](#)

Thank you so much for your support for Karis Kids,

Julie



At the start of the Camino Frances in St Jean Pied de Port, France. (May 2016)



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