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Hi There!

Each of the 2500 guitars we have given, have a story to tell. Some we never hear about, others we hear about years later. One came to my attention in an incredible way & has impacted me, making me determined to **Go Further, Give More & Get others involved.** I hope this story of one Guitar blesses you like it did me.

I came home from work one evening, and my wife was watching a programme about the Ugandan Monkey Boy, He had an incredibly difficult start to life as you can see, below. The documentary was trying to find out if the story was true and what he is doing now.

The Ugandan Monkey Boy

In 1988, a 4-year-old boy named John Sebuya watched his father shoot and kill his mother. Fearing for his life, John ran into the Ugandan forest and joined a pack of green vervet monkeys, one of the few mammals that accepts other species into their fold. When John was found three years later, he had thick hair covering his body, he walked on his knees and knuckles, and he couldn't tolerate cooked food. But after a Christian orphanage in the town of Masaka adopted him, he slowly acquired more human traits. Now age 24, John has learned to speak and walk upright. He even sings and plays guitar. And in 1999, he traveled throughout Europe with the famed Pearl of Africa children's choir.



As it went on, the more interested I got. The nearer they came to finding him, the more intense it was. They eventually caught up with him, with a group gathered round him in Kampala, singing & playing a guitar. I could hardly believe my eyes as I watched the TV. Could it be?... Yes!...



He was playing a blue Guitar Aid guitar! What a blessing to see that we have helped someone who had such a difficult start in life!

I contacted the reporter who made the documentary and told her how surprised I had been to see the guitar aid guitar on the programme. She sent this reply:

"That's absolutely fantastic! Thank you for getting in touch. Meeting John was a real privilege – he's been through so much and his resilience and enthusiasm for life and people isn't dimmed one bit. Cool guy. And he loves that guitar – his guardian, Paul, described how John carefully guards his most important possessions – a couple of books, his clothes and the blue guitar." **Mary-Anne Ochota - Raised Wild – Discovery network**

CAMPFEST - SLOVAKIA

Last summer 21 people from our church, including my wife Liz & daughter Becky, went on a mission that took in Poland, Czech Rep & Slovakia. The climax of this trip was the opportunity to play at Campfest, leading the worship sessions at 3 events. All the instruments and amplifiers we took were left to bless individuals & local churches. What was so special to me, was to see the fruit of the many visits we have made to this part of Eastern Europe. Every guitar we give has a story to tell, but



one stood above the rest. A few years ago Bryn Haworth gave me a Black Ovation Custom Legend. This guitar would cost around £2000 to buy new. I wanted such an instrument to go somewhere special, so I gave it to Marian, who headed up Campfest, as well as having his own successful band. This guitar was used on many albums & tours, then Marian felt he should pass it on to young worship leader who would benefit from the sound & quality of the instrument. I will never forget the feeling of standing amongst over 5000 people & seeing that guitar on the big screen being used to praise & glorify God.

MACEDONIA, KOSOVA & ALBANIA

When my brother John had to take a short break from missions, I decided to ask my friend, Al to go with me. Together we travelled to Macedonia, Kosovo & Albania. This was a great time, as we shared the good news of Jesus & took guitars to many churches & communities that needed them.



Some of the worship leaders w



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I hope this newsletter inspires you to get involved with the work of Guitar Aid. I could have so easily missed that programme about the boy Raised Wild. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of what we are doing, raising up worship leaders across the globe.

The story of John Sebunya, shows how God's love reaches to those in need. I'm not sure how he got that guitar, but I do know God has called me to give with generosity, and I thank you for being part of that. Contact me by phone or e mail if you would like to be more involved.

Thank you for your support,
Many Blessings.