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Dear All

Hope you are all well and enjoying the summer.

Well I've now left Kagando and fly home in two days. People keep on asking me what it feels to leave and the answer is I don't really know. I found it hard saying goodbye to my close friends – but due to the disabled children's group I still feel that I'm quite involved and linked to the place, and will be back in some capacity to visit and check up on SADICH and see friends. A very good friend of mine, Toks, who I used to live next door to at Kagando came up to take me back to the capital – it was really sweet of her. We were taking my cat back to Kampala which proved very interesting and the focus of my attention as we left. Even under sedation my cat managed to bite out of the cat bag within 40 minutes – and then proceeded to roam around the car for the next two hours, before we could give him more sedation. I've never seen him so distressed before – or so sleepy, it took two more days for the drugs to wear off. But he seems to be settling into the new home, and the dogs are having a good effect on him.

I promised I would keep you informed on SADICH – the disabled children's charity I'm involved in. So attached is an information sheet about them. The photo only shows a small group of the children, as there are over 60 children in SADICH and 60 children in their sister organisation in Kasese.

Please read the attached information sheet before reading further as it will make more sense.

I always remember a quote from the Archbishop of York "it's amazing how many coincidences happen when you start praying". I love the way God makes things happen, how he achieves the impossible, how he provides exactly the right thing at the right time. How he uses our weaknesses to glorify him, how he provides us with all that we need at the right time to accomplish his goals.

I mentioned in a previous email about a year ago that we had received funding to purchase carpentry tools. I think I went onto explain that we'd found a cheaper way of getting the tools through Tools with a Mission, and this enabled to also purchase tailoring machines, land and have some money left over to buy some other basic equipment like tables, and chairs and pay for a teacher for a year. I also explained how we shouldn't have got that money – at their board meeting our project was not on the agenda and at that exact meeting where they agreed to fund our proposal they also agreed that for the foreseeable future they would put all the rest of their funding into two big projects in the UK. The tools were supposed to have been shipped out in January this year, but because of some misunderstanding it was delayed until May. I was a bit frustrated by this as it meant that they would arrive after I'd have left. However all the containers are shipped to Kenya then transported over land to Uganda – the containers that left earlier in the year arrived during the trouble in Kenya with the elections and they therefore faced problems in transporting them over the land. So I'm now very grateful for the delay. The rest of the money promised has just been

transferred and we have now purchased a piece of land on which we hope to build a carpentry and tailoring school which is designed to accommodate people with disabilities.

I mentioned that the charity had always been working with volunteers. As it is growing we realised that it needed a full time worker to organise, and develop it. We asked the lady who has been working for me if she was willing to work for the organisation, as she is hardworking, trustworthy, quick to learn and has a good understanding of both the African and Western culture. We agreed to employ her for a year as a trial and I had planned to continue to send her salary back from home. When I was working out the money I had left to give away and some money that I had received unexpectedly I realised it was exactly the right amount to pay Enid's salary for a year.

In May we received a visiting Dr from England who's training to be a paediatrician. He'd been to Kagando twice before, once as a medical student and once when he had qualified. I shared with him about the work that SADICH was doing. He really felt that it was the reason that God had brought him to Uganda this time and was keen to get involved with the project and continue it at home. This is a huge blessing for me as it means that there is someone else at home who also feels that this is what God wants him to be involved in. We both know the project so can share ideas and motivate each other. We are planning on trying to get charity status for it in the UK and develop things from there. If anyone else wants to become more involved in this work please let me know.

This is the kind of thing that over a year ago I would have run away from. I'm not good at raising money and it's a big commitment which should continue for many years. Yet God has taught me so much out here. He has blessed this project in so many ways and has opened so many doors. I know that if it's his will he will provide and all we need to do is be faithful in what he is asking us to do.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon
Love Becca

Prayer points:

- Please pray for Enid as she starts working for SADICH
- Last week Enid and I had a meeting with AVSI – an Italian organisation who sponsors vulnerable children through education. The meeting was very positive and technically they are keen to work with us, but it depends on funding and whether they are willing to join with another project. Please pray for this.
- Please pray for me as I adapt back to life at home. I've got quite a busy schedule on for the next couple of months, so please continue to pray for safe travel and that I can fit everything in. Please also give praise for God having kept me safe and healthy for the past 3 years.
- Please can you also pray for me as I have to start looking for jobs when I go home. Thanks