



Kagando Hospital and
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'Christmas Greetings' from Canon Benson, the project director at Kagando. He writes: "The message I have is Matthew 1:23 - Immanuel...God is with us. God has been with us all, loving us, caring for us and providing for our needs. In our struggles to pay salaries, offer care to the poor patients with little resources, consider extending the hydro electric scheme, look after vulnerable children with malnutrition and HIV/AIDS etc, God has been with us. He has been with us from the beginning of the year till now. May His name be praised. Join with us as we celebrate His presence this Christmas"

We do hope everyone has received by now their DVD of Kagando sent out by Ralph & Ceri Settatree. If anybody has not got a copy, and would like one, please let us know, and we will get one in the post to you. Many thanks again to them both for all the time, expertise and finance that they have invested to make this DVD a reality.

Ralph Settatree, one of the trustees for Friends of Kagando, has just returned from visiting Kagando and brought back encouraging news of how things are going there. He reports that many of the buildings that had been started a year ago have now been finished, including the xray building, hostel for pregnant mothers, dormitory for girls in the primary school, technical classroom for students at the school, a magnificent community hall and a mortuary. An accommodation block for nursing students is underway and the extension of the guest house is nearing completion. What an achievement in difficult circumstances!

Writing about the micro finance project in our last letter prompted a great deal of interest from supporters, and so we will aim to mention it regularly in future letters. Here is one recent story - Mrs Muhindo and her husband borrowed £360 last year to run a small business in a shop. From the proceeds she has been able to clear her medical bills, buy clothes and food for her children, pay school fees and has even bought a radio and a bicycle. She is very grateful to the micro finance scheme which is called KARUCOM. Do let us know if you want to be a part of this project which is obviously helping many people.

We do hope to see many of you at the 5th anniversary celebration for Friends of Kagando on January 26th, at Grey Friars Church in Reading, from 12.00midday to 4.30pm. There is no parking at the church, but plenty of public parks in the area and it is not far from the station. There is a very real possibility that Canon Benson will be there with us. Do pray that he will get a visa in time.. We do look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for standing with us in supporting and praying for Kagando, in these last five years

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