



Dear Friends

### "We care, but God heals" (Kagando's new sign board)

We (Jen & Rob Morris) are writing this three months after our return from a visit to Kagando. The occasion was special - the visit of the Most Reverend Moses Henry Orombi, Archbishop of Uganda. It was his first visit to South Ruwenzori Diocese and, of course, his first visit to Kagando. We felt overwhelmingly privileged to be there to meet and hear (on two occasions, first at Kagando, then in the -new, unfinished but roofed -cathedral in Kasese) a great man of God, and to witness the marking of outstanding achievements at Kagando.

For each of the six new buildings appropriate plaques were unveiled - students' hostel for the Primary School, a new Technical School building, a Mothers' Union hostel for pregnant Mums, a new Guest House wing, a new XRay / Diagnostic Imaging building, and a truly magnificent new Community Hall. We joined those there in rejoicing in what God has done through great vision, careful planning and excellent use and co-ordination of resources, with sacrificial giving by individuals and groups, many through Friends of Kagando.

We are deeply grateful to so many who have made these developments possible - too many to mention individually, although we are especially grateful to MMN who have opened up a vital supply route to Kagando through Container transport, and have safely delivered the new XRay and UltraSound machines, 35 computers and very many other things.

At the end of January, 85 of us gathered together in Reading, at Greyfriars Church to celebrate the first five years of Friends of Kagando. It was a memorable time. Sue Wilmot set the foundation for the day, challenging us all with an inspiring talk based on Nehemiah - who cared enough to weep, pray, and go...

The highlight was having Canon Benson Baghuma, Kagando's project director, with us for the occasion. He spoke about the way God had led them and blessed the work. At his request we sang 'To God be the glory, great things He has done'. He has indeed done, and is doing "great things". We are deeply grateful to so many of you who took the trouble to

come, often long distances, and to those who worked very hard organising, preparing, catering.

Benson then spent three weeks in UK visiting various churches and individuals, forging links and making plans for the future.

Challenges remain. The hospital is under resourced and staffed, the Nurses' and midwives' training school lacks tutors, the local burgeoning population struggle to eat, to send their children to school and further study, and find ways to be self sustaining.

As Friends of Kagando, we feel challenged more than ever to pray for the work there, to mobilise and release resources.

A highlight of our time was a visit to the Church Technical School in Kisinga. Like many other projects (including the orphanage - NOTDEC - Nzirambi Orphans' Training and Development Centre, - the Nurses' & Midwives' School, Kagando Primary School, the Agriculture Outreach centre, the Palliative Care Programme, the Community Care Programme, the workshops, the AIDS testing, Counselling and Treatment Programme, the Dental Unit, and so on...) the Technical School shelters and is sustained under Kagando's (KARUDEC's) umbrella. Using the minimum of resources, a great team of staff teach 600 pupils, training them in practical skills while following an academic programme. With its many different activities and disciplines, KARUDEC plays a significant role in helping to equip the local population to be self sustaining.

This week, Canon Benson shares needs for prayer at Kagando today: (August 2008)

Dear Friends, Christian Greetings to you this day.

Thank you for your love and support and may our good Lord bless you richly.

Receive our prayer points this month.

1. Thanks to God for the continued work, the support received and growing partnerships.
2. We have organised mission for the institution beginning 18th to 24th August with the purpose of spiritual renewal and commitment to our calling both as staff and the community of Kagando. The budget is Ug Sh 3.5m.
3. Pray that we shall make wise decisions on salary increments not to get back into the previous debt burden but also for the staff being realistic with the demands of their increment especially doctors, who have asked for very significant increases.
4. Pray for our communities which are undergoing strange diseases like gut perforations the cause for which has not yet been established.
5. Stability of staff especially those who are now feeling the need to open up private clinics as they work at Kagando. Pray that we get wisdom to handle these situations.
6. Pray for my time away from station to do my exams 18th - 24th which has actually coincided with the mission week.

Hoping to keep in touch with the Assurance of God's provision in abundance to those who trust in Him.

In Christ, Canon Benson.

And with our love, Rob & Jen Morris