

Dear Friends

Thank you to those who responded to our last email which shared news of recent events and matters for prayer at Kagando. For those supporters who don't have access to emails, Maureen Moore is very kindly ensuring that paper copies are also being sent out.

There is a good spirit amongst the 4 **Ugandan doctors** who began work at Kagando in September although none of them come from the local area and face separation from their families. Robert has replaced Frank and has had experience in operating on women needing fistula surgery

A large new building comprising lecture rooms and accommodation for the **nurses' training school**, funded by the Danish government, was officially opened by the Danish ambassador last month amidst great celebration.

A reliable **electricity supply** for the hospital and staff housing continues to be a top priority but one which frequently lets them down. However a 25kw generator, donated by a supporter in UK has recently arrived and is in the process of being set up. This will ensure that there is an interim power supply, and a reliable back up supply in the future. Friends of Kagando are funding the installation of the new generator. An American energy company interested in development in Africa is investigating the feasibility of a complete power solution, including in part floating turbines in a nearby river.

The **xray machine** is not working at present and is in need of repair. We are in the process of trying to raise £15,000 to buy and transport a portable ultra sound machine which will make a big difference to the medical work of the hospital. If anybody is interested in supporting the fund which currently stands at over £5,000 please let us know.

For several years the charity, **Medical Missionary News**, has been very helpful and supportive in packing and transporting goods in containers to Kagando and other mission destinations. Unfortunately a few months ago the Ugandan Government introduced new regulations which have meant that this means of transporting goods in is no longer viable. This will certainly have an adverse effect on getting some supplies to Kagando, but we are very grateful for all that MMN have done and given so faithfully and generously over recent years.

School children in the area are benefitting from an initiative by **Education Uganda** which aims to get **white boards into all schools** so every child can have one. Helen Lyth is working closely with several primary schools in the area to get hold of locally bought text books and to set up an examination centre which will help them improve their standards. They are also leading seminars on children's ministry in each parish and working towards each Sunday school teacher having a Bible to teach from.

A new **volley ball court** near the community centre has proved very popular with staff after work. Netball and other sports facilities are being worked on.

If anyone is looking for ideas for **Christmas presents**, do check the website for alternative gifts – every gift sold will help with the well run micro finance project at Kagando - [www.friendsofkagando.org.uk](http://www.friendsofkagando.org.uk)

With warm greetings from all the Friends of Kagando trustees

Rob & Jen Morris