

Uganda News - 2018!

In late April and early May this year, Jo and I travelled to Uganda. We spent just over half our time with John and Alice Tumusiime in Kyegegwa county, at a village called Kijongobya, and then in Rukungiri; and the remainder of our time in Kisoro with Bishop Cranmer Mugisha and his wife Hope.

As a parish we have built a relationship with these friends in South West Uganda and frequently our Harvest Giving has gone to their work in Kisoro and Rukungiri. Jo and I have been frequent visitors to Uganda and one of our church members has also visited. Mike Glover travelled to Rukungiri some years ago now.

I hope that I get an opportunity in the near future to share some of the things we encountered on our visit. We were delighted to find that all the projects that we have supported were in good health and that our most recent Harvest Giving had resulted in the sinking of two boreholes in Kijongobya – one for a water supply to the farmland which provides food for Rukungiri Modern Primary School and Gables Technical College – the other for water for the village and school. Just a few pictures!

The first shows John and Alice inspecting the borehole at Kijongobya which will supply the School and the Village. It is 80 metres deep. Two water tanks, one for the village and one for Kijongobya Modern Primary School have also been constructed!

To complete this project John and Alice will need to find money for a submersible pump, generator and a brick pumphouse.



There is a similar borehole on the farmland, a few kilometres from the village, which also needs a submersible pump, generator and a brick pumphouse.



Kijongobya Modern Primary School – set up by Alice Tumusiime as the first proper school in Kijongobya.

John and Alice hope that the farmland will become an Agricultural Training Centre for children from Rukungiri Modern Primary School which will work alongside Gables Technical College.

The next few pictures show Rukungiri Modern Primary and Nursery Schools. We have been raising money at Harvest for these two schools since 2003! In that time they have grown to provide schooling for around 1700 children each year.



We have helped to provide two water tanks, a school bus and a school lorry (used to transport produce from the farmland). We have helped to refurbish an old borehole which now supplies the schools. We have also contributed to the cost of a new borehole for Gables Technical College.



After just under 2 weeks with John and Alice, which included quite a bit of preaching and leading in services, we headed down to Kisoro which is right down in the South West of Uganda, high in the mountains. The valley floors in Kisoro are about 1 mile above sea level! The Anglican Diocese is Muhabura Diocese.



We have contributed to a number of things in Muhabura Diocese. Some of you may remember Potters Village (right) which looks after premature and abandoned babies. We have also provided two water tanks, one for a girl's secondary school and the other for a small village called Nakimanga near the Rwandan border.



The people of Nakimanga were so delighted to see Jo and I when we visited and they explained just how important their water tank was to them. It was not just a source of water but it meant that the children, who used to spend their days collecting water, were now going to school!

