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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, during the last month we have continued with the process of closing down the Reed People Charity and have been receiving the appropriate contact from the former Reed People supporters who wish to continue with their support for the Lumpewe Project.

I have had the initial meeting with the Director of African Child Charity Trust; Pastor Stephen Musisi and we have been discussing the foundational principles for the partnership relationship. I am pleased to report that we have agreed that DB Ministries will where possible support and facilitate the vision of African Child Development Trust.

NEWS UPDATE LUMPEWE

I have been invited to provide teaching and messages of encouragement to the Omega Healing Centre Church. These teachings are being provided by the What's App platform to the Omega Healing Centre Church fellowship and associates. As well as the church members in Lumpewe we are also reaching those with association to the church, meaning the messages are also being received in Saudi Arabia.

In this months newsletter I thought it would be helpful to introduce you to the key leaders with the Omega Church and Lumpewe Primary School who we are in partnership.



Pastor Steven Nakibinge senior paster Omega Church Lumpewe. He was a founding member of the church on 28th December 1989. Over the years they have planted a number of churches around the district. He was also involved in establishing the African Child Development Trust Primary School Lumpewe. The school was started with 16 children in nursery class and over the years as grown to include all primary school years 1—7. He is a teacher in the school teaching year 6 and also a director on the school board. Steven was recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Kikamulo Subcounty, Nakaseke District. The citation reads **“In recognition of your Excellent Leadership in Kikamulo Subcounty Nakaseke District.”** We congratulate him on this achievement and pray he will continue to represent Jesus well in the local political sphere. He his married to Joan who is also a teacher in the Nursey School. They have 4 children and have also fostered many children over the years. At the time of writing I have been informed their daughter Shalom has been diagnosed with a positive Covid 19 test result. Please hold her and the family up in prayer, proclaiming the fulness Christ Jesus healing in her.

Headteacher Fredrick Walakira Ddungu was appointed headteacher of Lumpewe Primary School in 2016. Prior to his appointment he spent 3 years in South Korea and prior to that he was headmaster of a Government School. Since becoming headmaster the school performance has improved significantly, becoming one of the highest performing primary schools in the district. Fredrick said "To take this post I missed some benefits forgoing the government retirement package and receiving a reduced salary. But I am proud to be working in this school".

He has been involved in the Omega Healing Centre Church since 1995, being a member of the choir since joining the church. He often leads the church programme and occasionally preaches. He is also the church treasurer.

Fredrick is married to Noel Nakibige, they have 3 children Elly Nyanzi (he is to start at University next year). Enock Sekaayi (he is in senior year 3) and the youngest is daughter Elinah Nantume (she is in primary year 6).



Students currently attending school, there were 87 children attending school from primary years 4 and 5. (The photo's show Top left primary 5 and bottom left primary 4.) The other years were scheduled to start back this week. Unfortunately due to a significant rise in Covid cases the Ugandan Government has locked down the whole of Uganda for 42 days effective from the 7th June.



This unfortunate turn of events is likely to have a significant impact on the education of many of these children. Education in Uganda is not formalised like it is here in the UK. Children attend school when the parents can afford to pay the school fees. This often means a broken education for many and for some others a late start, therefore you can often have in one year group, children several years older than the designated age for the year. Sadly for some of these children the interruptions over the last 2 years could mean that they will not finish their education.



Teachers currently working; left to right: Steven, Joan, Sarah, Ivan and Fredrick.

Up Date Kabowa Slum Project Kampala

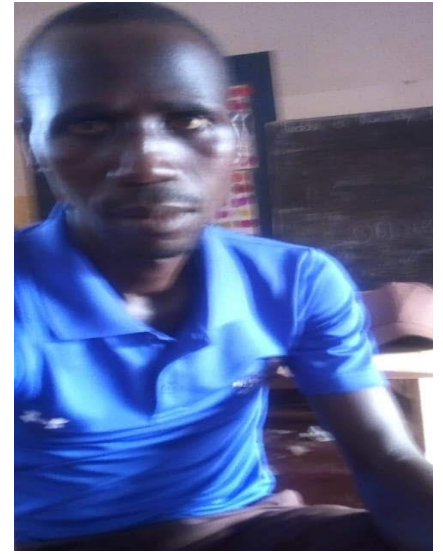


The above picture is of the boys who help in leading the work in the Kabowa Slum Project in Kampala (The man in the centre with face mask is Pastor Musisi. All of these boys were born and raised in the slums each has got a story to tell. I will share some of those stories in future editions of the newsletter. Pastor Musisi said "By the Grace of God we are witnessing a transformation in their lives. We give God the glory and thank all those who are giving us a hand.



This is Joseph Ssemakula, he is the team leader and also in charge of the on site education support programme. He oversees the day to day practical working at Hope Centre as well as the classes. Joseph is currently in secondary school in year Senior 4 and his dream is to be a doctor. He joined the centre when he was around 9 years old having been out of school for 4 years. His father is alcoholic and his mother is absent. ACDT have been supporting him through school.

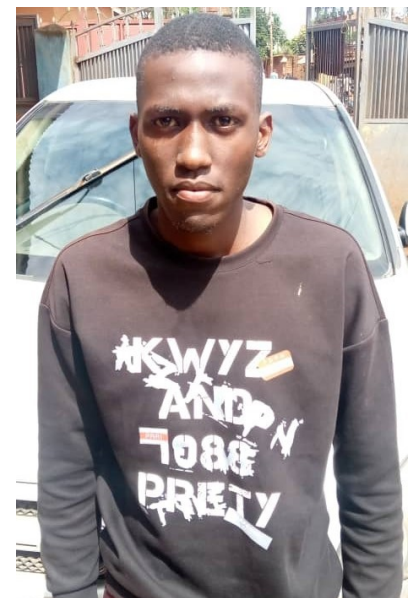
To the right is Goefrey Okoth, originally from Gulu in Northern Uganda, he is in charge of the sports thus nick named "Coach". His father died when he was young but his mother is still alive. He joined the Hope Centre about 10 years ago, went back to school and obtained a degree. He is now married with 2 children. During his time leading the sports he has steered the football teams to become league champions for several seasons. The football training is used to teach the children self discipline and team responsibility, skills that many of these children lack because of the situations they have come from.



On the left is Kabuye George he has just sat his Senior 4 exams and is awaiting the results. He is in charge of programming both in the Hope Centre and the Youth Church. He also helps with teaching Math and Geography at the centre. He lives with his mother and 4 siblings in a single room. He also leads the Hope Centre Dance and Drama Club and is a leader of the Youth Church.

On the left is Baguma Jonah, he is 16 years old. His father died leaving the family with a large inheritance, unfortunately this was mismanaged by relatives leaving the family with nothing. Jonah has been supported through the Hope Centre entrepreneurship programme. This programme provides small seed loans for the boys and girls to start their own micro business. We also provide some business advice to help them understand how to manage their business. Jonah is selling 2nd hand curtains in the city, from the little he is saving he is able to give support to his 2 siblings and mother. He is also a team leader in the Youth Church and mentors his peers. He dreams to be an evangelist.

You may have noticed that a common theme about these boys is their leadership roles in the Youth Church and Hope Centre. We will in future issues give you more information and insight to this.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Please pray for the continued support from all our supporters. Both in prayer and financially.
2. Please pray for the School Directors and Project leaders as we meet to discuss the needs of the school and plan a way forward.
3. Please pray for the teachers, staff and their families. During the Covid Pandemic they have suffered great loss financially. Pray that the Lord will restore what the locust have eaten.
4. Please pray for the children, now they are again experiencing interruption to their education, that the lockdown will not go beyond the 42 days
5. Please pray the Lord will lead more people to become supporters of our projects.
6. Please pray for the Kabowa Slum project, the Lord will give discernment and wisdom as we look at how best we can support these children into education.
7. Please pray the Lord will lead me as I prepare the teaching media and study plans for the Discipleship and Bible Teaching courses.
8. Pray for Pastor Musisi during this time of bereavement following the loss of his cousin, she died as a result of a traffic accident.
9. Pray for the Nation of Uganda that the measures taken by the Government will achieve the purpose intended, stopping the spread of Covid.
10. Give thanks to Father God for all He has done and is doing through this work He as called us to.

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