



SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

This summer and early autumn have seen a lot of developments! Adelante Africa's projects in the Igayaza area are growing bigger and stronger and the most important thing is that the local volunteers of Adelante Africa Uganda are taking more and more responsibility for them.

Right at the start of this newsletter we want to wish Damian Asaba, a very active and important member of our Ugandan team, a quick and complete recovery from the serious motorbike accident he had in early September. Damian, we are all with you in spirit and look forward to welcoming you home as soon as possible!



Adelante Africa Uganda meeting with Spanish members in August.

Omwaana Tugende Children's Home

The Home is one step further on in the process of being registered at national level. We are hoping that the papers will come through soon and we will gain recognition and on-going support from the Ministry of Labour, Gender and Social Development for what we are trying to achieve.

We are very happy to have this support at District level with the District Community Development Officer, the District Probation Officer and Child and Family Protection Officer of the Kibaale Police regularly attend the Management Committee meetings and visiting the Home. The Agricultural Officer of the District has provided us with coffee and cocoa suckers and is always on hand to give advice and support. All this is greatly appreciated!



The children of Red House O.T.C.H. in their Sunday best and with their house aunt.

Resettlement

Thanks to the hard work of the warden and the social worker, this summer ten children have been resettled into the community. Nine of these have moved back to live with family members, with Adelante Africa continuing to support their education. One child has been taken into the home of the family he has been visiting at weekends over the past year or so.



O.T.C.H. children going off to a new life back with their families.

This is a great success for the *Visiting Family Programme*. We are very happy with how this programme is working. Almost all the children spend the weekends with families living in the Igayaza area. On Friday afternoons the children put on their best clothes and hold their overnight things in black bags “caveras”, waiting with great anticipation to be collected. The way the families have taken the children into their homes and the love and care they show them speaks very well for the community. It

undoubtedly means it will be much easier for the children to re-join the community on a permanent basis when the opportunity occurs as well as meaning they will always have a family who loves and cares about them in Igayaza.

F.A.L Functional Adult Literacy

The Igayaza A, Burumagi and Rwebegaga F.A.L. have been joined by a new group in Kibuuku. There are 115 members in this group (of which only 8 are men!). Adelante Africa Spain members visited them, as they have done with all previous groups, to distribute reading glasses to those elderly members who need them.



Meeting with Kibuuku F.A.L. Older members choosing the right strength of reading glasses.



Witchdoctors in the play about domestic violence.

The 4 FAL groups, with a total of 270 members, came together for an **Igayaza FAL Day** in August. Each group sang songs and performed traditional dances. There was also a visiting FAL group from Mugalike (another area in Kibaale), who put on a play about domestic violence. The show was very well attended despite the rain! Afterwards all the FAL groups ate lunch together followed by a netball match. We hope

this is only the first of many such occasions when people from different villages can come together to make new acquaintances, play football and netball matches, exchange experiences and hopefully set new ideas in motion.

We know from experience that an active FAL group often leads to successful projects!

Co-operative Farmer Groups

Already FAL members from all the groups are forming the backbone of a new initiative that Adelante Africa is working on with World Vision. This is to set up 2 co-operative farmer groups, which will be linked to those of neighbouring Kakindo and Kasambia. They will be able to take advantage of the two tractors which World Vision is providing for the area and will also be able to apply for training courses and government initiatives in the area.



Meeting of a co-operative farmer's group.

The Sunflower oil press project

This project was given a boost in August through a meeting jointly organised by World Vision and Adelante Africa. The meeting was held in the Adelante Africa warehouse and 95 leaders of farmer's cooperatives and local authorities attended. It was led by Ocen Geoffrey, the Agricultural Officer of World Vision and Mubiru Ssenkema Paul, the Agriculture Officer of Birembo sub county.

Largely as a result of this meeting lots of farmers in six farming co-operatives are now planting sunflower for the next harvest.

Meanwhile we have over 3,000 kilos of sunflower, harvested this season waiting to be pressed. The Rural Electrification Agency have promised that the transformer and electrical installation is on its way! It will really be a great and happy day when we can begin production!



The new secondary school

The first stage of building the school is under way. Secondary school children currently sponsored by Adelante Africa helped to clear the site. The District lent us a digger to make the access road and to level the area where the school will be built and the site of the borehole has been chosen by a Kampala engineering company, the East Africa Boreholes Ltd, under the supervision of the District Water Officer.



The new borehole

Safe water is a constant problem in the area and there is an ambitious plan to bring in machinery from Kampala to dig a deep borehole and to pipe clean water using an electric pump not only to the new secondary school but to Omwaana Tugende Children's Home, St Joseph's Primary School and a water tank which will be filled daily and provide water for the local community. The cost of this will be very high and we are at present looking for partners who can share them with us.

The Vitamin A and Albendazole Campaign



VHTs giving out Vitamin A and Albendazole and a long line of children waiting

The six monthly vitamin A and Albendazole campaign was carried out at the end of May in conjunction with World Vision. Adelante Africa covered the Birembo sub-county while World Vision covered the rest of the sub-district and provided the drugs. In the **17 out-reach stations** of Birembo **5,126** children received Vitamin A and **11,253** children received Albendazole. The programme was organised by the local volunteers of Adelante Africa Uganda and carried out by VHTs (Village Health Teams) and government health workers.

Chicken vaccination campaign



In August the six monthly vaccination of the chickens in the area against Newcastle Disease was carried out successfully by members of the F.A.L. who vaccinated the chickens in their villages, supported by Adelante Africa Spain and organised by the local Adelante Africa volunteers. A record total of **6,702** birds were vaccinated.

Special funding efforts

On 19th September the surgeon who was part of the team at the Ramon y Cajal Hospital in Madrid that operated on Prosper (and who later organised a group of doctors to visit and operate on children in Uganda) got married. Along with his future wife he bought bags, cushion covers and table mats made by the Igayaza Women's Group to give to the guests. We wish them every happiness and look forward to their visit to Uganda next year.

On the same day there was a concert held in Alpedrete, Madrid. The proceeds of this went towards an NGO in Nepal and Adelante Africa.

It was truly a wonderful day for Adelante Africa.



And lastly, as tribute to Paz, the member of Adelante Africa who spent two weeks almost entirely behind the lens of a camera this summer, we are including a few of her photos of Omaana Tugende Children's Home which bring to life all that has been said before and can give you an idea of what it is like to be there.

Thank you all, those in Uganda and those in Spain and Ireland for your support without which none of this would be possible!

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Some of Paz's fabulous photos!

