



Autumn 2016 NEWSLETTER

One important piece of news is that Adelante Africa is becoming known in ever-larger circles in Uganda. A journalist from a local radio station featured Adelante Africa's projects on his programme and the area M.P. and Minister for Economic Monitoring, Hon. Kasirivu-Atwooki Kyamanywa, visited the Adelante Secondary School and came to the Igayaza Annual FAL Day. He promised to help get electricity for the Secondary School and to collaborate with Adelante Africa in any way he could.

Also within Igayaza we are reaching more members of the community. We were helped in this by the local Imam who visited Omwaana Tugende Children's Home and who invited four members of Adelante Africa to the mosque on a Friday. The curtain dividing men and women was lifted and we spent an hour talking about the different Adelante Africa projects and encouraging Muslim families to take part. As a result a group of women are going to join the Women's Sewing Group. There were also many offers of homes for the children of Omwaana Tugende Children's Home to visit at the weekends.

THE FAL DAY

The Imam was a guest at the Igayaza Annual FAL Day as was Pastor Semata, a well-respected evangelical pastor and Fr. Paul Kato, parish priest of Mugalike Parish and the member of Adelante Africa Uganda in charge of the Secondary School Sponsorship Programme. In a country where religion is central to people's lives it is important that these leaders from different religions and churches came together at an Adelante Africa event.

On the secular side, apart from the Ugandan Minister for Economic Monitoring, the new District Community Development Officer, the Director of the Human Rights NGO, World Voices, the President and Secretary of Adelante Africa Spain and the Chairman of the Board of Adelante Africa Uganda and his wife also attended.

And, of course, the FAL members from the seven groups were there, all in their different coloured T-shirts. It was a great day with drama, dance, song, lunch and football and netball matches.



Kivule FAL's drama / dance



FAL co-ordinator translating the speech of the President of AA Spain

VISIT BY TWO SPANISH DOCTORS

Two Spanish doctors, a surgeon, Dr. Guillermo Garcia Serrano and a dermatologist, Dra. Lucia Lucía Turrión Merino, came out to Uganda for ten days in July. They operated in the Kakumiro Health Centre IV, which has a small theatre, and also saw patients in the local Igayaza Health Centre III. Gregory Kaijamurubi, who finished his degree in medicine this July, sponsored through the A.A. sponsorship programme, worked alongside the doctors (seen below in the Kakumiro clinic and outside his house). They also visited two schools including St Joseph's and encouraged the children to work hard to achieve their objectives. The medical staff of the Health Centres, the school children and the local people were very happy about the visit and we are all hoping that next year they will come back again!

Before they left they set up a "long distance dermatology clinic", leaving a telephone with a good quality camera so that local doctors can take photographs of problems they are not familiar with and dermatologists in Spain can help with diagnose and treatment.





OMWAANA TUGENDE CHILDREN'S HOME

The Omwaana Tugende Children's Home is nearly full. Over the summer there were 64 children with every bed occupied. Since then eight children have been found new homes and a family of three others has being admitted. Two of the resettled children have gone to live with families in the area who initially took them over weekends and holidays in the visiting homes programme. This programme continues to be a source of happiness for everyone involved and plays a vital role in keeping the children in touch with the community and normal family life.

We now have three very young children, one is the son of one of the care workers and the other two have siblings in the Home. They are much loved by all. So is the one child we have with physical and mental disabilities. We have been trying to find some help for Tugume but there is no provision for severely handicapped children in the area. We are in touch with a school in Kakumiro that has a unit for handicapped children and Joash Nkuuna, the head of the unit, has lent us a simple machine to help Tugume stand up. But, until he can walk, eat and use the latrine on his own, they are not able to take him in. He's still a long way off being able to do these things!



Babies lunching and Tugume in his "pre-walking" contraption.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The bunk beds have arrived and being used! The photos tell all! As we were afraid, one day a snake did get into the dormitory and was on one of the beds on the floor. Fortunately there was a child with malaria resting in the dormitory who saw it and called a teacher. Now that particular danger is over!



A section of the girls' dormitory before... and now. Just walls and mosquito nets to go!

St Joseph's has a great reputation in the area and school numbers are growing. There are well over 500 children and they excel in local competitions. This August they came first in a Dance and Theatre competition organised by World Vision and including all the schools in the area. They put on a really amazing show (you can see them dancing on the Adelante Africa Facebook Page). The clapping and cheering was deafening!



THE BOREHOLE PROJECT

This project has been given a huge boost by the participation of World Vision. They are in the process of laying pipes to two primary schools, St Joseph's and Maranatha, and the Igayaza Health Centre. Soon scenes like the one on the next page will be a thing of the past. The challenge is to continue looking for funding to reach the secondary school, Omwaana Tugende and the two villages which are in the plans.

Here you can see children from the school trying to clean out the pond where they collect their water at the moment. In the second photo men are building the pump house over the borehole .



THE BUILDING OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

It's amazing the speed at which the work is going ahead! All the buildings are now up and just waiting for the finishings. Unfortunately the money we had raised for the first phase is running out, mainly due to the school being on a hill with the resulting problems of having to build a road over a stream and to get water and electricity up to the buildings. This year it doesn't look like we will be able to finish and equip the laboratories (which is very expensive!) but we will still open for the next school year in February. Christina Latham Koenig, a Vice President of A.A. and responsible for the secondary school and two other members of the Spanish Board will be going to Uganda in November to work with Joachim Kisakyamaria, Paul Kato, Fred Nyabirano and Cleophus Mygenyi from A.A. Uganda. They plan to choose the teachers and lay the groundwork for opening the school next February. Its difficult to transmit the expectation and enthusiasm that the building of the school has raised in Igayaza and the school is on everyone's lips!

Here are the two classroom blocks with the laboratory in the background.





The school seen from the main road and a classroom door going up the hill.

THE OIL PRESS

We are selling bottles of oil with labels! We are still working at a loss (we can't charge local people more than they pay for palm oil cooking oil which is much cheaper to produce) but we are getting there and the oil is very popular. Fred Nyabirano, the Chairperson of AA Uganda is helping with the process of registering the oil with the Ugandan National Board of Standards (UNBS) and then we will be able to sell the oil nationally.

Anyway two of our objectives have been met. We are providing local farmers with an alternative cash crop to maize and the local community with healthier cooking oil. Anyone who has followed our efforts from the beginning will know it has not been easy but it uplifts the heart that we have gotten to where we are!



A local shopkeeper selling Bunura Cooking Oil.

Labels for the bottles. The message under the photo says: *All proceeds from Bunura Cooking Oil go to support vulnerable children.*



THE OTHER PROJECTS

If we wrote about every project this newsletter would be too long to read! Just to let you know though, there has been a huge demand this season for vegetable seeds as part of the Green Vegetable Project. Also the Vitamin A and Albendazole Project took place in May with 4,046 children given vitamin A and dewormed. This will be repeated in November as usual. The 6 monthly Chicken Vaccination Project took place in August with over 6,000 chickens being vaccinated against Newcastle disease and Bird Flu . Lastly our children sponsored in the Secondary School Sponsorship Programme are all doing well in fact most are in the top 20 of their classes, a tribute to the teaching at St Joseph's School and the enthusiasm of the children.



The minibus full of children off to start their secondary level education sponsored through the Adelante Africa Secondary School Programme this year.

We want to leave you with these photos of two children who are being operated on at present for severe osteomyelitis thanks to the generosity of Guillermo and Lucia and to other members of Adelante Africa. We are going to spare you the graphic details of their condition but their names are Juliet and Sam. Juliet lives in nearby village and Sam comes from a vulnerable background and is staying in Omwaana Tugende for the time being. We hope both of them will be home and able to take up their everyday life again soon.



Once again we want to thank all of you, volunteers and donors who make our projects possible and we look forward to bringing you more good news at Christmas.

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