



**Newsletter April 2014**  
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Dear Friends,

Though there was a “warning” not to travel to Uganda, issued by the Australian Government, we felt it necessary not to delay our return. The terrorist threat was in place when we were in Kampala at the end of last year, and continues to be a very real issue. Al Shabab (an Islamic terrorist group from Somalia) have threatened to do the same in Kampala, as they did in Kenya last September, (randomly kill people shopping in a City Mall). We simply do not go into the city proper when staying in Kampala. Also the threat of “bandits” in the North East of the country has been something we have been aware of over the last few years. This is quite a distance from Kitgum, to the east in Karamoja territory. It does not affect us!

We have been back in Kitgum for nearly two months now, and experienced quite a variation in weather. Firstly, over 40 degrees, then pouring rain and somewhat cooler, then hot again. Never-the-less, we are glad to be back and working again toward the building of the Vocational College. We feel that we have made great start thus far, toward the planned schedule for the year.

## **“Uganda Evening” a great success:**

On 7<sup>th</sup> February a “Uganda Evening” was held in the Birdwood Institute. Approximately 150 attended, including our local Member of Parliament, and the evening was enjoyed by all. Wayne showed a number of power-point presentations, featuring many aspects of life in Uganda, ranging from the National Anthem, to Wildlife / Travel / Culture / Food and “Kitgum Today”. The ladies from Birdwood United Church catered for the evening with a two course meal being served, with Tea and Coffee and “nibbles” to follow. They did a fantastic job!! Joan Reilly and her helpers also decorated the tables beautifully, using the Ugandan colours of Black, Red and Yellow, and Elisa Loechel made up floral arrangements, which were displayed across the front of the stage. The hall looked great, and provided a “welcome” atmosphere, as people took their seats. We thank the ladies, and all of our wonderful helpers on the day, for their fantastic effort. The magnificent total of \$4,500 was raised on the night.

If anyone feels they would like to host a similar evening for the Foundation, please contact us by e-mail (address given below), and we could arrange a suitable night while back in Australia early next year.



## **Fabrication Workshop concrete floor begun:**

The Fabrication Workshop exterior is complete, and our workmen have now begun pouring the concrete floor to provide a level base for fabrication of all structural steelwork for future buildings. The 100mm thick reinforced concrete floor is being poured in 8 metre x 2 metre sections. The first two sections have been completed. (Seven more to go!) Our workmen are slowly learning to “screed” and “trowel” the concrete. Ronald, in particular, has picked this up quite well! They are quite adept at the process of mixing the concrete in the mixer. Patrick maintains a good consistency with every mix. Unfortunately, “Readymix” don’t deliver to Kitgum, and the aggregate is so large our men have to spend considerable time simply cracking the gravel to a useable size, with their trusty hammers. The sand we use comes from a nearby river bed, so it has to be sieved before we can use it, to remove dirt, sticks and stones etc. The finished floor looks pretty good, and will last for many, many years.



## **House construction under way:**

As well as working on the floor of the Workshop, our men have been setting up and concreting more structural posts in place for the construction of our house. We are hopeful that all posts will be in place by the end of May, ready to commence fabrication of the Roof Trusses. Wayne has worked out the quantities and is about to place the order for the materials needed to make roof trusses, verandah posts, purlins and bracing, ready to then fix the roofing sheets in place, later in the year. We trust the materials will all be here when we are ready to begin work on the trusses.



Workmen measuring between posts, while setting up



14 of the 24 posts concreted in place

## **Mango season:**

Mango season has hit us and we have mangoes coming out of our ears (not literally). We do have the privilege of giving many away at the gate, to school children going home, and people walking or riding by.

The local pig owners are also grateful for mangoes that fall to the ground and are bruised, not suitable to give away.

We are so blessed to have 3 large mango trees, which were here when we bought the property, and 13 more which we planted from seedlings.

After mango season they provide beautiful shade (for future students).



## **Annual General Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014:**

The Annual General meeting of “Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc.” was held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 at 2.00 pm. Annual Reports were given and a power-point presentation of progress made during 2013, and what it’s like to live in Kitgum were shown.

Please prayerfully consider if you could be involved in the ministry of the Foundation as a Board member.

There are several vacancies on the Management Board for the coming year, and we would welcome new members to join the team, to assist with planning and support for the work in Uganda.

Meetings are held approx every 2 months. Board members must be financial members of the Foundation.

If you feel that God is calling you to be involved, please feel free to contact the Secretary:

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## **New “Log Books” finally in hand:**

After submitting application forms a number of times, and waiting since last September to have the “Log Books” (registration papers) for our vehicles approved, at last the Land Rover, Kubota tractor and Suzuki motor bike have been accepted. The Honda “ATV” we trust, will be finalized soon. Things move slowly here in Uganda, and one needs much patience to persevere. Praise God, He supplies this.

## **Prayer Points:**

Praise God: For our safe return to Uganda  
For His strength and safety while working  
For the helpers He is going to provide “In His Time”  
For our MAF Engineer friend Mark, who “housed” our Landie over the time we were away, found a problem with the fuel pump, arranged for it to be fixed, and then paid the bill

Please pray: For opportunities to “share the Word” locally here in Oryang Ojuma  
That God’s voice will be heard by the Christian young couple or person who will join us, long-term in Kitgum, to help with building construction  
For the people of Kitgum who have been suffering because of food shortages, due to last years’ extremely wet conditions, then the long dry period we are experiencing at present  
For parents dealing with children suffering from “Nodding Syndrome” and “Epilepsy”  
For local people who have become addicted to “Sports Betting”  
For Strength and Health to continue the work God has called us to do here in Kitgum



With our love, *Wayne and Bev*

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