



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Kitgum, where our local community and the whole nation, has just celebrated 52 years as an Independent Nation. The past 3 months here have been quite eventful, in more ways than one. Work has proceeded at a good pace, and we are very pleased with progress.

## **Two new staff:**

Since our last Newsletter we have had a change of staff. Two new members have joined us; Paul (left), a Junior Pastor, and Norbert (middle), who worked for two years for NZ friends of ours who were running a farming project in Kitgum. Ronald (right), has continued with us and is showing great potential in a number of areas.



The very exciting news is that Norbert, about a month ago, came to Wayne and asked him to pray for him to receive Jesus as his Saviour. What a joy and privilege!!

Then recently, Ronald was asked by his parents to return home to his village and visit the resident witch-doctor. Why? Because he is 24 and “not settled with a wife” yet. There is a cultural expectation that young men will “get a wife” before reaching his age. Wayne and Paul talked with him and then prayed, before he left. Paul was able to give a testimony of his personal experience with a witch-doctor, before he became a Christian. Ronald said he wished to go out of respect for his parents, but would refuse to see the witch-doctor. On arriving at his village, he did just that, and asked to speak with a Pastor from a nearby Church instead. The Pastor prayed for him and then asked if he wanted to be Born Again. Ronald said “Yes”. We are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven! Both men attest to the impact of Wayne reading the Word of God each morning, when we meet for Devotions. We Praise God for these joyous events! When we look at why God has called us here, it’s pretty clear to us that His desire is that ALL should be saved. These two men are now part of God’s precious family. AWESOME!!!



Norbert using the cut-off saw



Paul wire brushing purlins



Ronald learning to arc-weld

All three men are such a blessing to us. They are learning many new skills, and working so well together. We call them “The Three Amigos”. Ronald has begun to learn to weld and is doing very well! The other two men tried their first attempt on the Concrete Mixer last week, putting in the last post for the house. They managed it well, and we are confident they will handle next weeks’ venture to pour another 2 metre section of concrete floor in the Workshop without any problems. That will be good experience for all three men.

### **Progress on the Project:**

Wayne and the men have been working steadily towards finishing the roof trusses and installing all the purlins on the house, ready to fit the roofing sheets. The men just love getting up in the bucket of the tractor to put it all in place! The Jib is doing a great job of lifting the trusses up “safely”! Only one more truss remains to be welded together to complete the basic roof structure. Verandah posts will be fabricated soon, and fascias and guttering can then be installed. The order has been placed for roofing and wall cladding sheets. We trust that the materials will be delivered within the next month or so. T.I.A!! (This Is Africa). We are aiming to complete the roof before our return to Australia in early January 2015.

The completion of this building is very important, since it includes a guest room to accommodate visitors and of course to provide a place for the couple that God is sending to help us. We are still trusting that God will bring helpers to us that He has chosen. We know that He will bring people with the exact skills needed and in perfect time to help with the on-going building construction. Please continue to pray with us about this.



Workmen fitting diagonal bracing to roof trusses a month ago.



Steel fabricated structure as at 09/10/2014

### **Birdwood’s Got Talent:**

Following the tremendous success of the first “Birdwood’s Got Talent” evening held in June 2012, a second event will be held in November of this year in the Birdwood Institute.

Please find the attached “flyer” regarding this coming Fund Raising event. For further details and bookings please contact the Secretary:

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## Angels in Africa:

The sub-title for this says it all: “Angels in Africa”. Angels in action protecting us from what could have been a very different outcome on our return trip to Kitgum from Kampala last August.

After spending most of the week in Kampala producing documents, documents and more documents for our Entry Permits, we finally left for Kitgum early in the morning to beat the horrendous traffic, and were very pleased to be through the city, past the busiest part of the trip and out on the open road, enjoying the bitumen while it lasted. We made pretty good time to Gulu with an expected 2 to 3 hours left to reach Kitgum, but at the half way mark between Gulu and Kitgum on the pretty rough dirt road, with absolutely no warning, Wayne felt something was very wrong at the rear of the Land Rover. His immediate thought and feeling was that we had a puncture / flat tyre. WRONG!!! As he began to brake, the back end thumped to the ground and we saw one of our wheels rolling off into the scrub!!! Not a nice feeling. It’s the kind of event reserved for “Funniest Home Video”.

So, there we were, about an hour and a half from Kitgum, 3.30 in the afternoon, on the side of the dirt road, with the rear axle on the ground, left hand rear wheel off, with all 5 wheel nuts gone, and storm clouds gathering. Great!!! So much for getting back to Kitgum in daylight.

First task: walk back 300 metres along the road and see if any wheel-nuts could be found. Praise the Lord that 2 of the 5 nuts were in the dirt by the roadside.

Next: how on earth can we jack the Land Rover up high enough to fit the wheel back on. We have 2 jacks. The small hydraulic jack was of no use, since it would not fit under the rear axle. So, on to Plan B! Use the “high lift jack” mounted on the roof rack. Sounds pretty straight forward: put the jack under the rear bumper fitting and jack it up. Tried and failed! The camber of the road meant that the higher we lifted the vehicle, the more unstable it became. It simply slid off the jack and crashed back to the ground, sliding further toward the ditch on the side of the road. So, on to Plan C! Next attempt was to put the jack in a position at the side of the vehicle so that at least it would hopefully not slip off the jack again. If you have ever used one of these jacks you will know how hard Wayne found it to lift the heavy Landie up high enough to be able to re-fit the wheel. At this point both of us asked God to send us some help, to send us an angel or two to keep the vehicle on the jack. In the photos below you will I’m sure see just how precarious the situation was. The jack was bending under the load. By any physics law the bottom of the jack should have slipped sideways and sent the vehicle crashing back down again. But NO! It stayed in place long enough to get the two wheel nuts back on the studs and at least make it safe to take nuts from other wheels to enable us to “limp” back to Kitgum.



Bev contemplating our predicament.  
(A night in the bush??)



Angels at work!!

We know with complete certainty that He sent angels to help us. There is no way the jack could have stayed where it was without some force keeping the foot of the jack in place on a downhill slope!!!! No, we haven't been in Africa too long. We're not going loopy!! We just know that God had His hand on us that day in an incredibly powerful way. The scripture is correct when it clearly says in Psalm 91 v 11 "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

What an experience eh!! What a headache at first. What a blessing in the end. When we reflect on the events of that day we realise just how different it could have been, had the wheel come off while travelling at 80 kph on the bitumen, rather than at 30kph while on the rough, pot hole filled, dirt road after Gulu! We Praise God for His hand of protection over us!!

## **New Phone No's:**

As MTN has become very unreliable, we have decided to change to the "Orange" network, so our No's have changed as of 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

Our new Mobile phone numbers are: **Bev. +256 794847861** **Wayne +256 794847359**

Our e-mail address remains the same: [wbstevenscfa@gmail.com](mailto:wbstevenscfa@gmail.com)

## **Prayer Points:**

### **Praise God:**

For His strength and safety while working  
For our safety when the wheel came off the Land Rover  
For the helpers He is going to provide "In His Time"  
For our two workmen who now know Jesus as Saviour  
For Paul who has many experiences to share during devotions  
For the joy we have experienced working with our 3 workmen



### **Please pray:**

For more 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 many families who are dealing with "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*

PS: Norbert and his wife Deborah are thrilled at the safe arrival of their baby son, born October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.00am. Wayne had the privilege of being at their little "toucal" just minutes after Deborah gave birth, and transporting them to St. Joseph's Hospital. Both are doing well. Praise the Lord!

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