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Dear friends,

Greetings from Kitgum, northern Uganda, where the temperature ranges from hot to very hot during the day and the late afternoon rain storms arrive like clock-work many days of the week. It is the “wet” season here, with the long “dry” season just around the corner.

Very Enjoyable Uganda Evening:

Before returning to Kitgum, we shared some of our experiences at a “Uganda Evening” held at Gospel City Church, Munno Para, on 14th July. It was very well attended and all who came had lots of fun and learnt many things about Uganda: it’s people, culture, beautiful scenery and wildlife, and the ministry of Cornerstone Foundation among the poor, and especially the widows in our local community.

As you read this issue, if you would like to hold a “Uganda Evening” in your Church or local community, please let us know via e-mail to wbstevenscfa@gmail.com and we will happily facilitate such an event.

Bev’s Bible Study Group Resumes in Kitgum:

It has been great to be back together with the ladies (mostly elderly) and including one retired gentleman. Each week we share fellowship together and currently are studying the book of Hebrews. The time spent in prayer after the study time is very precious. Among the group there are several widows that are very lonely and who struggle each day to simply survive, living in very poor conditions. The construction of a second “tukul” is under way, to provide shelter, food and basic care for two more elderly widows. If you would like to sponsor a widow or help with construction costs, full details are on page 3 of this issue.



Bible Study Group meeting under the shade
of a mango tree



Smiles all round from Bible Study ladies.
Lamel (centre) is 99 years young.

Maintenance of the property:

We arrived back in Kitgum on 1st September, and as expected the “elephant grass” was 10ft high on about 40% of the property after lots of rain and hot humid days. Our workmen did a good job in keeping a large section of the property slashed and cleared during our absence back in Australia for an extended period (as mentioned in our last newsletter). Since returning, the tractor and slasher have been very busy. We are gradually bringing the property back into shape. Praise the Lord for our Kubota tractor and Rover lawn mower!



Building Program Continues:

• House:

Since our return to Kitgum, two 8m x 2m segments of the house reinforced concrete floor have been completed and we trust that the entire floor will be finished before we return to Australia on 20th December. George has mastered the use of our petrol engine concrete mixer, and Simon Peter is doing a great job with screeding and finishing ready for the final trowel. We have hired casual labour to assist on concreting days.

With the concrete floor completed we will assemble steel wall frames (designed and manufactured in Kampala) and clad the exterior of the house, upon our arrival in Kitgum in March next year.

• Second “Tukul” commenced:

During our time back in Adelaide earlier this year, several generous donations were received that have enabled us to commence building a second Tukul to accommodate two more widows in the days ahead.

Dominica is settled and contented in her new accommodation (refer to June 2018 issue for details).

There are many elderly widows in our immediate community who struggle to survive under very difficult circumstances. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter there are several women who attend Bev’s Bible Study that live in very primitive conditions, with little food and very limited resources.



How can You Help?

There are two ways that you can help these precious ladies:

- by Sponsoring a Widow for \$25.00 a month OR
- by making a “once-off” donation toward the cost of building a “Tukul”, or toward purchasing items such as cooking utensils, charcoal stove, mosquito net etc. and providing funds for basic medical care.

The ministry of Cornerstone Foundation is based upon the scripture verse from James 1:27 which states: **“The Christian is the one who takes care of orphans and widows and who remains true to the Lord.”**

Will you help us minister to these needy women?

If you would like to help, please complete the “Donation Reply” on page 5 and forward to the Treasurer: Mr. Paul Johnson at the address shown.

Workers needed to help with the project:

The need for helpers to assist us with the building program still remains our highest prayer priority.

Our two local workmen, George and Simon Peter and an additional casual worker who started recently, are enabling us to complete our current concrete work and maintenance of the property, but progress is very slow.

To help complete the building program more quickly we need skilled personnel to carry out such tasks as:

- Construction of a concrete septic tank (on-site) and connection to PVC underground pipe-work
- Erection of a wire-strained “chain link” security fence around the house / container compound
- Construction of steel reinforced concrete foundations for the large “Multi-Purpose Student Workshop”

We would welcome the help of Christian tradesmen skilled in any of these areas to come for a “short-term” visit or for whatever period of time that suits. We are continuing to pray that God will send helpers to volunteer their time and talents to help us complete the construction work needed to bring “Cornerstone Vocational College” to fruition.

If you believe that God is calling you to come and help, or have a friend who is praying about missionary service, please contact us for further information:

E-mail: wbstevenscfa@gmail.com or Mobile: Wayne (+256) 797311186

(Note: visitors would need to be self-funded. Details of Air Fares, accommodation costs, food and return transport from Kampala to Kitgum, and information re visas and vaccinations etc. will be provided, in preparation for coming.)

Ultimately, our greatest need is for someone with good building / teaching skills, called by the Lord, to come and work side-by-side with us “on-site” to “learn the ropes” of building in Uganda, with the view to taking over from us in the years ahead.

- Please continue to pray that God will bring the person / persons we need, to see the building program completed as soon as possible, so that young people and elderly widows will receive the help they so desperately need.

Open Garden: Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November

Our sincere thanks to Manfred and Merri Eckert who have chosen “Cornerstone Foundation” as their charity to allocate the proceeds of the “Open Garden” event being held at their home:

“Forestbrook Estate”, 254 Checker Hill Road, Gumeracha, on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November, 10.00am to 4.30pm.

Their lovely home is set in a beautiful region of the Adelaide Hills, with carefully planned surrounding gardens and outdoor features that will ensure you enjoy your visit.

Secure parking will be provided and refreshments will be available after your leisurely stroll around the gardens.

Full details and directions to the event can be found on the Open Garden South Australia website:

www.opengardensa.org.au/current-season

Prayer Points:



We Praise God for:

- ✓ Our safe return to Uganda
- ✓ The rain that has brought relief to the local community bringing hope for good food supplies over the coming dry season
- ✓ The donations received enabling us to build a second tukul
- ✓ The on-going sponsorship for Dominica.
- ✓ God’s protection over our workmen, George & Simon Peter and night guard Charles
- ✓ His faithful abiding presence, enabling us to continue ministering to those in need around us

Please pray:

- For both the short-term and long-term help Wayne needs with the building programme
- About sponsoring a widow or donating toward building and equipping a tukul
- For a successful “Open Garden” event on 3rd and 4th November
- For those suffering in neighbouring DRC due to the “Ebola” outbreak, very close to the Uganda border
- For the completion of the reinforced concrete house floor before our return to Adelaide
- For Paska, and Caroline, with their on-going needs, and good health for Dominica
- For the many families suffering due to Nodding Disease. Their pain is un-imaginable

With our love,

Wayne and Bev

Donation Reply: *(A receipt and thank-you note will be issued for all donations)*

I / We would like to:

- Donate toward Wayne & Bev's personal support Weekly Monthly Quarterly
- Support the ministry of Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc. in Kitgum
- Sponsor a Widow for \$25.00 a Month
- Donate toward the construction costs of a "Tukul" and purchase of essential items for a Widow
- Enclosed is my donation of:** \$ _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Method of Payment: Cheque Postal Order Direct Debit

Cheque / Postal Order: payable to: Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc.

Direct Debit: Commonwealth Bank Of Australia
Account Name: Cornerstone Foundation Australia Inc.
BSB No: 065102 Account No: 10154438

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Reminder: If using Direct Debit for any payments please notify the Treasurer so that a receipt can be issued for Auditing purposes. Thank-you.

Contact Paul either by postal address as above, Mobile
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