



Youthworx East Africa News Letter

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Last month I talked about stepping back from YEA. This month I want to bring you up to date with how we are moving forward:

In the past few weeks we have brought in 3 new volunteers.



Winnie is joining us mainly for urban youth ministry. She will be taking over the running of KAYNET from me and also doing some admin. She is available for some up country work and has experience in public health. She comes to us with a degree in Community Psychology and attends Watoto Church.



Richard Semiti has partnered with us for years, first in Mpigi, then Masaka and now Iganga. He works for Compassion International and will take responsibility for developing our work in the East, Busoga region, where we are seeing a lot of partnerships emerging at the moment. Richard belongs to Iganga Baptist Church.

Nathan Asimwe will not need much introduction. He is the diocese youth worker in Hoima and has been connected with YEA since I lived in Hoima and he used to come and play football in my compound after school! He is now going to work with us part time to over see Hoima and Masindi districts. He graduated from Uganda Christian University 2 years ago.

Christoph Westercamp is with us for 3 months coming from Utrecht in The Netherlands. Before arriving in Uganda he volunteered for 3 months with Youth for Christ in Botswana. He was with Eugene and Winnie in Iganga last week and writes:

"We went for 3 days in Iganga to teach the Compassion youth about leadership. We think that to be able to lead it is important to first know yourself and what you believe. We made a program to help the youth find their identity in God.



Christoph leading a group of young people

Then 140 kids, carrying chairs on their heads, came running and screaming in!!!

We began to think what we had planned would be impossible. But we were creative, adjusting and simplifying the program, adding games and stories and splitting them into 10 groups.

The kids got involved well and the older youth learned more about leadership by being thrown into leading the groups"



Winnie teaching the young people during the training

Thanks to Jess Evitts and her Sunday School group for their sponsored 3 legged race. This event has now sponsored the Iganga Conference above and also we have been able to purchase sports equipment for Talents of Gold youth group in the northern suburbs of Kampala and for the Iganga Baptist church youth group. We hope to have some photos soon of this.

Next week Collin and Christoph head off to Karamoja to teach at the Church of Uganda Youth camp there. This will be a tough journey into the far north east of Uganda to a region new to YEA. We are excited about this new partnership.

Collin has also recently run a day training in Mityana and will be back there early June for a youth conference.

Please pray for:

- The final wrap up of work before I travel in a couple of weeks time.
- Our new team members as they settle in to work with YEA.
- Safe travel and an excellent camp in Karamoja.

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