



YEA PROGRAMME UPDATE JUNE 2008

24 th May to 10 th July	Ian in UK and Europe
16 th June	YEA Trustee Meeting with Ian
17 th June	Ian begins his UK 'tour' including time with his family.
Late June – early August (provisional dates)	Collin arrives in UK
9 th July	Zach Blunden-Codd to Uganda
29 th July to 15 th August	Christians in Schools Team (CIST) visit Uganda and work with YEA team.
August	Silver's wedding

IAN IN THE UK AND EUROPE

Ian arrived in the UK on Saturday 24th May to spend some time with us here in Bognor Regis, supporters in Europe and other parts of the UK, plus some valuable time with his family. He returns from Belgium today after spending time with supporters in Europe.

Just before Ian returns to Uganda, there will be a lunch at Bognor Regis Baptist Church, Victoria Drive, on Sunday 6th July to which everyone is invited. We will also be sending off Zach Blunden-Codd as he goes out to Uganda to spend a few weeks working alongside the YEA team.

NEWS FROM UGANDA

VEHICLE

Following raising the money for tax and insurance to procure the release of the new vehicle from the Bonded Warehouse in Kampala, Ian and Collin were able to test drive it more thoroughly and consider it to be suitable for their needs. We are therefore pleased to report the second vehicle has been purchased and will be ready for use by the time Ian returns to Uganda.

FUEL

However, YEA may now have two vehicles but the cost of fuel continues to rise (as it does here) with fuel currently costing the equivalent of £1 per litre (almost as much as it is here). Use of the vehicles is being restricted to important journeys that can't be undertaken any other way.

COST OF LIVING

As the cost of fuel increases so does the cost of living and life for some who live from day to day is becoming very difficult. This includes our volunteers. The cost of YEA operations in Uganda continues to grow beyond the current income and we need to continue to pray for increased financial support to meet their needs.

YEA TEAM

Collin, Ray and Eugene spent a day evaluating their work in Masaka, Central Uganda, as well as planning for the future. They all felt that the evaluation was a positive exercise that should be carried out often in the places where YEA currently works as well as in the developing work. Collin is working on an appropriate evaluation mechanism that can be used quarterly.

In line with the developing work, the YEA Team in Uganda are also working on FBO/NGO registration and a YEA Council of Reference to act as an advisory group.

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KENYAN REFUGEES

The refugees have moved to a real settlement camp in Masindi district, western Uganda (about 210 kilometres from Kampala) and Collin made an initial visit there to do a needs analysis and decide whether YEA should continue with the work among that community.

Collin reports that the needs of the refugees "*are more than overwhelming*" and advises YEA should continue to work with them but only in partnership with the Anglican diocese. Collin met with the Bishop of the Masindi Diocese who has a heart for working among these people and also partnering with YEA on a broader basis with their local churches. This is wonderful as it is also opening up more opportunities for YEA ministry in the area. He was invited by the Bishop to accompany him on his pastoral visit to that area of his diocese and thereafter discuss the avenues and areas for partnership working. YEA will provide the support, training and capacity building role and the local churches will do the actual implementing.

COLLIN'S UK TRIP

Preparations with Keswick are finalized for a July visit, although Collin is currently still awaiting a visa. Whilst in the UK Collin also hopes to meet Tearfund representatives for East Africa with the aim of partnership building and envisioning them about YEA and the various informal opportunities for relationship building.

CAMPSITE UPDATE

The campsite continues to progress and will be ready for its first visitors very soon. In early September they will be having groups of young people coming in numbering 250. These groups will be asked to pay some money towards maintenance which will go a long way in buying some more equipment and maintaining the compound.

Please pray for:

YEA Trustees in their decision making on the 'business' end of YEA.

The YEA Uganda Team and volunteers who are working at the sharp end of the work.

The 'favour of God and man' as the work of YEA in East Africa is made more widely known.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Thelma Edwards, 15th June 2008.