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YEA UPDATE 20th September 2009.



General situation

The recent riots in Kampala have disrupted life in many ways for the YEA team. We praise God for their safety. It would appear that although the issue is not resolved all is quiet at the moment. However, during the few days of disturbances, as they live in the middle of the most affected villages, they stayed in the compound. Ian spoke of being in an 'oasis of peace' listening to gun battles going on in all directions in the surrounding areas, and the main road traffic being redirected passed their house. Some of the volunteers, i.e. Prosper, also live in the affected villages so "kept their heads down". The internet service was scrambled and is not very reliable at the moment, and the phone lines are also subject to poor reception and sudden disconnection. This has had a ripple effect on the plans but Collin has been busy working in the schools this week, and daily work and life continues.

They hope to be able to update the programme and news direct from Uganda in the near future via the YEA blog. In the meantime, the Kenya visit has been pushed back a week to 28th September. Ian will be visiting Pastor Kip at Parklands, and also friends in Nairobi. Collin will only be accompanying Ian if baby has arrived safely and it is appropriate for him to leave Lynette.

Mission to Western Ugandan district of Buliisa

Ian and Prosper recently visited a new area. Prosper wrote in the YEA blog "Throughout the three day conference, we took a high of about 200 youths and youth leaders through the basics of youth ministry. We went through topics like servant leadership, dealing with relationships and coping with peer pressure, the concept of HIV/AIDS which is still a major problem in Uganda and the day to day concepts of Christianity. We worked with youth from about 10 sub-parishes in the Masindi-Kitara dioceses, 18 of whom had travelled with Reverend Kwesiga from (Masindi town) whom we got to know very well after the trip. We got to expand YEA work with a tentative program in Masindi District which will be directly under Kwesiga. Read more at <http://youthworxea.wordpress.com/2009/09/17/the-buliisa-missionfrom-missionaries-to-mechanics-to-fancy-tourists/>

Campsite

The campsite is up and running well and increasingly being used.

Coffee Shop The search for suitable premises for AMIGOS continues. We continue to pray for the location and premises of God's choosing.

Volunteers – 6 month review finished

Each of the volunteers has individually been given an opportunity to evaluate their last 6 months with YEA, review their commitment to YEA, and take on new objectives for the next 6 months.

Ray, Eugene and Prosper are continuing in their full time roles. Noah has found himself a job to support himself and will be available part time. Agatha and Carol are still available part time. Peter has increased his work with Family Impact but is still available from time to time. Celestine has started at Uganda Christian University under the Compassion International Leadership Development programme. He is going to continue to work with YEA but in the Mukono Diocese work and Ian is his mentor under the LDP programme. Baala, Richard and Nico are still part time volunteers around their school commitments. Richard has managed to get himself into higher education with financial support from his Uncle.

Please pray for them as they often have to juggle their YEA time with family commitments, continuing education and financial support. These young people are examples of the fruit of the YEA ministry of discipleship as they "grow into mature and devoted soldiers in the army of GOD". If you would like to support them financially, please let Thelma know, or donate via JustGiving www.justgiving.com/youthworx

Fundraising

Money continues to trickle in following the two fundraising runs in the summer undertaken by the CIST team in Manchester and Kay in Bognor Regis. Funds raised from these runs will be used for further work on the campsite including the provision of a water tank.

In September Ken and Glenys from Wales, and Vicky and Ben from Bognor Regis, undertook The First Annual Brecon Canal Walk – 29 miles. Judy and Jackie put on an amazing spread for the Harvest Supper, along with craft from Kay and Vicky, and jam from Rosemary. A great team effort which will greatly reduce the amount still required for the new vehicle.

Our thanks go to Vicky Toomey for heading up the Friends of YEA group and taking the lead in co-ordinating fund-raising events.

Finances Praise God that supporters continue to invest into the Kingdom. There is still a short-fall in income for the monthly expenditure budget we send over for the YEA ministry.

Fund-raising continues for the coffee shop, and to complete the outstanding work on the campsite. Also specifically required is £2000 for the replacement minibus recently purchased.

Babies



Silver and Patra are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Graciella Arianne Tusiime on Monday 10th August 2009, weighing 3.6kg. Mother and baby are doing well. Please pray for them all as they begin a new chapter of their lives together.

We still await the now late arrival of Collin and Lynette's child.

Please continue to pray:

- § Safe arrival of baby Muwonge
- § Health, strength and patience for all the YEA team and volunteers.
- § Peace for Kampala
- § Improved communications
- § Kenya visit
- § God's choice of premises for AMIGOS
- § Campsite use
- § For the release of finances for the new vehicle and for monthly budget for the ongoing work of YEA in East Africa.

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