

Hope for Lugazi

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**JACKIE AND MIKE CRANEFIELD
HAD A GREAT TIME - SO GLAD
TO BE BACK ON AFRICAN SOIL!**

Great to be back!

It was good to travel to Lugazi in February with Chris my wife and Mike and Jackie Cranefield. Mike and Jackie who were former Baptist Missionary Society workers in the Congo were thrilled to be back in Africa and it was a delight to introduce them to our friends in Lugazi. It was great to share various experiences which will help, I am sure, in the coming days as Mike fulfills his role as one of our Trustees.

Looking through the photographs brings to mind happy memories. *Michael playing with Jireh (our hosts son), who loved coming to be with us. Jackie gathering a crowd of*

children around her as she was walking in the town. Michael and Jackie opening the Science block at our School.

We had a great time opening the Science Block on the first Sunday afternoon we were there - parents, teachers and students gathered to listen to speeches, watch some dancing and singing and look around the new facility.

Michael spent time with the teachers who were teaching science subjects and also did some teaching.

In a packed classroom. Chris and Jackie introduced by Alice the headmistress had a session with the girls looking at particular issues which could concern

them. Alice really wants not only to teach them the subjects on the curriculum but also cares about the various issues that might specifically effect them such as relationships, their status as orphans or talents and gifts.

It was good to go together to the Faith Mountain Church at Kakanbanseri riding out on motor bikes ('Boda Boda') through the sugar cane to the Service and meet the people of this little village Church. We received a lovely welcome enjoying their service with them.

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A packed classroom as the girls share issues!



OPENING THE SCIENCE BLOCK



Young people looking for Sponsorship at Hope Christian Academy

"So good to be amongst our friends and see what they have done with God's help."

We are helping this church with its school (Ray of Hope Junior School) as I mentioned in my last letter and we had a meeting with the Teachers and Leaders of the Church introducing Alice, Head of Hope Christian Academy to Annet the Head teacher. *Helping people meet each other is one of the roles I think is so important to play as we seek to encourage people to help themselves, although I do get frustrated when things seem to move so slowly.*

Another thing that was very interesting was meeting with a couple of people regarding 'Bio Gas' - Gas made from Cow dung. Michael and I went to see an installation and we talked through the implications of installing one at Hope Christian Academy - again something for the future which will cost money!!

Talking of the future, Edward was able to share with me other plans he has for extending the School, building a Teachers Staff Room and a Library amongst other things. H.C.A. continues to grow, 170 pupils being enrolled for the first term of 2010

The Chicken House is now producing eggs from chickens established in October. A further classroom block on the other side of the valley, has now been completed.

Another thing that was good was Jackie Michael and Chris to meeting children who are being sponsored by friends or contacts of theirs. Knowing that people care about them in the UK is very important for our youngsters

It continues to be a challenge for us to find sponsorship and support for children. On this last visit we have identified 26 young people who really could do with some help, sixteen at Hope Christian Academy and ten others at Capstone Childrens Home for ex Street Children who would love to attend our School but need the fees. We have the pictures, we have their names and are getting some further details of their lives - the need is there!

I am so aware that people who read our periodic newsletters have no shortage of things to read. So in closing may I say "thank you" to all who are supporting, don't ever think that your contribution whether it is a one-off gift or regular monthly giving is unimportant. Thank you too for those who pray regularly for the work, We realise that unless God is at the centre of what we are doing we are working in vain.

What we are doing as a team is hugely significant. So thank you and may God bless you richly for your caring and loving heart.

It is always good to meet with our sponsors. Please, if you have any questions or things that you would like to know about our work or even thoughts or suggestions please send an email or give me a ring. I would be delighted to talk to you.

John

Other Interests:-

1. Endeavouring to help our friend Pastor Allosius Lumi with his Uganda Accident Rescue Mission.
2. We have been in contact with Compassion International both in UK and in Uganda in endeavour to work with them in supporting our children at Ray of Hope Junior School.
3. We continue to sell attractive Necklaces and Bracelets of paper beads and wood that are made by women and our children in Lugazi.



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Looking across the valley, the low evening sun illuminates the construction of a new classroom block.