



## IN THE FIELD

# Ministries

### Official Grand Opening of St Mbuga Primary School Rwenjiri Uganda

July 19<sup>th</sup> was a big day in Rwenjiri this year with the official opening of the new school that was completed in 2008 by ITFM's supporters. Our team with many members of Gospel Messengers Church and school were on hand for the officiating along with many villagers from the local area. Villagers had been collecting motoke (green bananas) and other produce for days. We brought in 200 kg of rice and Pastor Tadeo of Kamusenene brought the cow we had purchased on foot 14 miles. He arrived sometime around 2am due to the animal being "stubborn" on the way. It literally sat down and would go no further at one point, so he let it rest. What else could he do? Local politicians, including council and parliament members, business people and pastors were invited and on hand for the celebration. The manager of the nearest city's radio station in Kiboga was in attendance and had been promoting the opening on the radio including the "banquet celebration". There were at least 1500 people who came and took a look at the school and stayed for lunch. The teachers gave a song and dance for the crowd while wearing their new school T-Shirts. It was really fun to see all the kids in the new school studying. Truly a satisfying accomplishment. To all who pitched in to make this happen, Well Done!!



### Teacher Housing Complex

#### **ITFM Main Project 2009**

The new teacher housing complex is almost complete. While we were there the roof was completed and the building was sitting waiting for the concrete to dry in preparation for the ceilings to be put in. Hannington Ssemwanga has been our project manager on the ground. The teachers are so thankful for the new rooms of brick and concrete with secure metal doors and windows. Originally we had planned on building a 10 room complex, it has since grown into a 12 room complex to accommodate the increased staff now required at the new school. We are getting very close to being able to complete the project and are very thankful for all the support that we have received in these financially troubling times. As Pastor Moses would say "You have done a really great work"!



Pictured are teachers in front of the new homes. There are 6 rooms on each side. The teaching staff is very grateful and excited to move in..

### Hannington to visit the US in October

Hannington Ssemwanga has officially joined the efforts of ITFM in Uganda. We want to bring him to the US to network for future projects. He has an appointment at the embassy in order to secure a travel visa to the US. This can be an extremely difficult process. We will keep everyone posted on our progress as we are working toward this goal. To contribute to his plane ticket, please contact us ASAP. 425-888-3211

Pictured are Hannington and his wife Odeth.



## Kids from Troas enjoy the Nile river



One of the most fun things we did was take some kids from the villages on a “field trip” to a hotel for lunch. It was very interesting to see these kids experience things for the first time. Imagine if you had never ridden in a car before, or if you have never washed your hands under running water in a sink before, or what if you had never been introduced to a Western style toilet that flushed in your entire life! On top of that imagine what it would be like to learn about a motion controlled hand dryer? Talk about a lot of firsts! The kids had a great time with us. One group we took to a nice hotel on the Nile river and then on a short boat trip on the Nile up to lake Victoria to the very beginning of the Nile river. None

of the students had ever been able to see this before. Imagine living in Seattle all your life and never seeing the Space Needle? It was a very special time with the kids and definitely a highlight of our trip.

Kimberly and Jill collected over 80 used skirts to take with us to Rwenziri. They cleared out the front room of Pastor Wilson’s house and put the word out to the widows and needy women in the area to come by on Saturday morning to pick one out. The women showed up in droves and were let into the house a few at a time to “shop”. They were so excited to be able to get a new skirt to enjoy. It was a very humbling experience.

## **Women wearing new skirts**



The well in Rwenziri was having some problems so Sam, Hannington, Joseph and I opened it up and pulled the pump out, we had brought several replacement pipes and rods with us. It took the better part of a day to get it put back together and producing water once more. The maintenance alone on these systems is going to be an ongoing work for us in the future. Sam is going to catalogue details of these systems so that when a repair becomes necessary we will have all the technical details available. There are varieties of pumps and pipe sizes used throughout the country so as we make repairs we’ll be collecting that information for future use.

This is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that we have been able to bless a rural Pastor with a micro-enterprise small business. We installed a cell phone charging station for Pastor Tadeo in Kamusenene the system consists of a 20 watt solar panel, along with a sealed 12 volt gel cell battery, a charge controller, inverter and a power strip. These enable the Pastor to be able to make income to pay back 33% of the system cost to pass forward and then to be able to earn cash to support his family. This has been an excellent program and we’re continuing to tweak it to make it run better.

## **Guys fixing the well**



The boys soccer team and girls netball team at Lusaka received new uniforms. The secondary school got uniforms for their soccer and basketball team. Donated by Si View Parks, Fall City Phantoms and Mt Si High School. They were a huge hit. I wish you could have seen their faces when we pulled the uniforms out of the bags. Hopkins the director of schools, said that now when they arrived at a game, they would strike fear into the hearts of their opponents! Very few teams can afford uniforms in Uganda.

Overall this trip was productive and FUN! Now we plan for next year. Thanks so much for your support!

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