

Christian Development Uganda (CDU) visit to Uganda June 2024

This years visit was one of the best that I have been on over the last 15 years. The group of 4 trustees, Colin, Sue, Abigail and myself plus Abigail's husband and family and Catherine(a teacher from Stanton Harcourt School who have been a great supporter over the last 10 years) worked really well together.



The Word & Deed (WADU) team of Precious, Stephen, Phiona and Marion were excellent and have been doing a great job looking after the nine Batwa Community Schools supported by CDU and the sponsored rising star students.



Over the two weeks we managed to visit all of these schools , each taking over 2 hours to reach across 4x4 terrain which was great fun but took a great deal of concentration by the driver. The views of Lake Bunyoni and the countryside were stunning and warranted many photos.

The reception we received at each of the schools was amazing. The children sang and danced for us and made us feel really welcome. This was where Catherine and Sue took over, playing



games, teaching netball skills (Stanton Harcourt School had raised money to provide netball rings and balls etc at a couple of the schools). There were also some classroom lessons teaching

English. We shared a Posho lunch with them which was surprisingly tasty.

We also had a couple of projects to undertake in two of the communities, namely Murambo Batwa Centre & Kinyarushengye Batwa Centre, this was the construction of two latrines. The projects started before we left home when Colin & I prepared a drawing of a single latrine in order to get some idea of cost. The plan was that WADU would arrange for the pit to be dug, the concrete slab over this to be formed and the brickwork completed before we arrived to enable us to have a chance of completion whilst we were in Uganda. Things are never what you expect in Uganda and it turned out that WADU had changed the plan and made the proposed single latrines into double latrines. So basically our costings were some way out and we had to get a lot more materials to these difficult locations. We had also taken a lot of nails, screws, tools and fixings with us and had to 'eak' them out in order to complete the projects. After a few hard days out in the middle of nowhere in high temperature un-relenting sunshine (that's not a complaint) the projects were completed and the villagers were well pleased.



Kinyarushengye Batwa Centre-Existing Latrine and newly completed Double Latrine-spot the difference!!

Murambo Batwa Centre-Materials taken by boat on Lake Bunyoni





Room with a View



Batwa Community Church



Big Welcome for team



Rising Stars

During our visit we had the pleasure of meeting all our Rising Star sponsored students and were able to hand all of them gifts from their sponsors.



Abigail, who heads the Rising Stars programme, Mike Peachey, trustee, and Evalyne Doreen receiving her present from her sponsor .