



WADU UPDATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY - JUNE 2024





WELCOME BACK HOME

The month of May through to the first week of June was yet another period of great joy and excitement to both WADU staff and the partner schools as they welcomed another set of visitors. The Trustees from Christian Development Uganda together with a teacher from Stanton Harcourt school were the first batch of visitors to Kabale and these were later joined by Abigail the sponsorship coordinator with her husband David and their two children.

It was an opportunity for WADU and the visiting team to explore the impact and progress of all projects implemented by WADU in partnership with Christian Development Uganda. The two weeks spent together included activities like visiting the partner schools, construction of two community Toilets and sharing the words of encouragement in our daily morning devotions.

ANEW LOOK FOR WADU STAFF



Word and Deed Staff were also gifted with a perfect gift that resonates and fosters a sense of belonging within the organization. Special thanks to Christian Development Uganda and Julie Peachey for branding the T-Shirts that were given to WADU staff together with other perfect special gifts to staff and their families.

SAILING AND CROSSING THE OCEANS FOR A PURPOSE

Sometimes, fear stops many from taking the plunge in transforming the lives of the most vulnerable communities. To Word and Deed Uganda and their partners Christian Development Uganda, there is always a time when hard terrains, bumpy and dusty roads do not stop us from reaching them where they are as we believe that doing such local missions well amplifies our ability to do God’s will on earth.



COMMUNITY TOILET CONSTRUCTION

Whenever the visiting season approaches for Word and Deed Uganda, it means yet another opportunity for a great project. The villages of Murambo and Kinyarushengye were the beneficiaries of this years’ visiting program as they benefited from a two stance Toilet each. The project was initiated and implemented by Mike Peachey with great support from Colin Townsend and David who together with Word and Deed Uganda and the Batwa communities enabled the erection and completion of the Toilets in the selected villages within a period of two weeks.

Every member of both communities was very happy when they learned about this because there were no latrines in the village and everyone practiced open defecation which people always refer to as “open Nails” *“We are happy that people in the village and visitors will not step on the “Nails” anymore”* Bosco narrates.



The dilapidated Toilet structure that was used by the community at Kinyarushengye



The newly constructed toilet at Kinyarushengye



The work progressed faster than anticipated because the community was so eager to get the latrines after they had learned about the bad effects of open defecation. Almost everyone in both villages was outstanding and did well right from start to finish of the project. There has been great improvement in sanitation because open defecation, which used to be the main sanitation problem, in the village has now stopped.



Word and Deed Uganda is so grateful for such a community transformation project and appreciates all the supporters that generously contributed to this noble cause.

Thanks for this great achievement



VISITING WADU PARTNER SCHOOLS



The visits included a range of schools that partner with Word and Deed Uganda to provide a holistic education to the Batwa children. This gave the opportunity to the visitors to identify and compare attitude variations between schools. The visiting team participated in a number of activities including speaking at the school assemblies, classroom teaching using the donated LCD Tablets and participating in outdoor sports activities with the children.

All the children were so enthusiastic, attentive and cooperative in listening to the topics explained by the visiting teams. The children enjoyed interactions with visiting teacher, Mrs. Atherstone, from Stanton Harcourt primary school.



Provision of more writing tablets

The use of LCD Tablets was introduced by Word and Deed Uganda with support from Christian Development Uganda to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural and remote communities and also provide solution to the challenges facing Batwa education in addition to improvement in academic performance. The visiting team was able to bring over 20 LCD Tablets which is an addition to the already donated tablets. It's our wish as word and Deed Uganda to see every Mutwa supported child in lower primary with a writing tablet to boost their learning abilities.

VISIT TO FUTURE GENERATION SCHOOL

Word and Deed Supported Rising stars attend Future Generation Nursery and Primary school. The Rising Stars were selected from outstanding Batwa children attending the 9 partner schools in Kabale and Rubanda Districts. The visiting team together with Word and Deed Uganda were able to visit the supported Rising stars and spent the whole day sharing with the children the joys, progress and challenges with the children. The Rising stars and their colleagues at school were able to entertain the visitors and finally gifts were distributed to the children from their respective sponsors.

The visitors were also shown different school projects like school gardens, Piggery and Rabbit keeping projects, the school clinic, school Guest house which normally keep the children pre-occupied, fed on a balanced diet and taken good care of by the school.

It was also yet another great opportunity for Simeon one of the youngest Sponsors to meet his sponsored child Saturday and the duo had a wonderful time of getting to know each other physically.



Fixing Netball rings

Funded by Christian Development Uganda WADU implemented the Exercising Change programme to improve the physical, mental, and psychosocial wellbeing of the girls in the partner schools through the delivery and installation of netball rings in the 4 schools of Kaato Primary, Mukitojo primary, Kagooma Primary and Ncundura primary school where each school received a pair of netball rings as a means to empowering girls and to increase their physical, mental, and psychosocial wellbeing, but also contribute to increased levels of motivation to attend school.



Checking on sponsored students in schools and colleges

In Uganda, visitation day is a family event where parents show love to their kids and express how much they are missed at home. Some parents also bring goodies for their children that they rarely consume at school. To our sponsored children, WADU always ensures that every child feels happy and loved – especially for those whose families don't always come to visit. Can you imagine seeing everyone sitting with their family for a talk and a meal while you sit alone?

Naturally, when students are not visited, they feel really bad and deserted. Therefore, our visitors were able to visit all the secondary school partner schools to check on WADU sponsored children and were able to deliver special gifts sent by their lovely and caring sponsors.



WADU CHILD TRANSITION CENTRE

WADU's mission is to keep families together. However, in some circumstances it was found out that Batwa children live in vulnerable environments which cannot permit them to complete their basic Education. Word and Deed Uganda therefore decided to take some of the outstanding Batwa Children in Boarding schools outside their home environments. However, the program met some initial challenges of children attempting to run away from school during the course of the school term.



They are not used to waking up very early to start a normal school life with early morning self-study lessons, taking cold showers in the morning and living in a tight adherence to school rules and regulations. This has made them attempt to run away from school despite the good things the school does for them to keep them happy and motivated to learn.

In order to minimize on school drop outs for these children, out of kindness and generosity, the children are welcomed at Stephen and Charity's home to provide a safe haven for these runaway children.



“We would like to see the Batwa children lifted up, make them better and give them a reason to smile. I know that when you give with joy and a free heart, God will reward you for it”.

Words from Stephen’s wife Charity who is currently offering sanctuary to these children. WADU thanks Stephen and Charity for using their home to help these children.

Please pray for Word and Deed Uganda to have a permanent children’s sanctuary that will always be used as a transition center to retain such children in school for a holistic and sustainable transformation.

WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS

It was very exciting and encouraging for the people of Kinyarushengye to see their brothers and sisters from Christian Development Uganda visiting them.

The service began with very uplifting and Holy Spirit filled songs where the visitors enjoyed a rhythm of traditional hymns though they were being sung in Runyankore – Rukiga the native language of the communities. It was another opportunity to share the word of God with the Batwa children from Kinyarushengye Batwa center and also encourage them to keep attending church services for them to learn about the bible in their native languages.



Gift of Water Purifiers again



Located on top of the hill in Rubanda District, Ncundura Primary School has over 350 students who are now receiving safe drinking water after the school was gifted with a ceramic water filter from Stanton Harcourt School.

Word and Deed Uganda in partnership with Christian Development Uganda is keen on child health and hygiene and so continuous provision of such ceramic water filters has not only reduced on the

challenge of children spending the entire school day without a sip on water but also reduced on child mortality and morbidity caused by unsafe drinking water in the sub-Saharan Africa.

CONCLUSION

As a collective effort to bridge the gap, we call upon all the generous supporters to stand with us and support the vision of Word and Deed Uganda as we care and share the love of Christ with the vulnerable Batwa children as we raise them to survive and thrive.

Blessings!!!!!!!