

OUTREACH UGANDA TEAM

March 2010 UPDATE



The new store room and present worship shelter.

*Dear Children, let us
not love with word or
tongue but with
actions and in truth.*

1 John 3:18

STORAGE ROOM

The store so badly needed in Dec has been built! Mutai congregation had been paying rent for storage, then had to move their equipment from one place to another. Now it can be stored safely.

MAIN BUILDING

OUT's Project Application for Mutai congregation's multi-purpose building has been received by **Engineering Ministries International**- a network of engineers, architects and surveyors who donate their design services to overseas ministries aimed at helping the poor and advancing the Gospel. They have viewed the ground plan for the building, developed by Mutai congregation when Nelson Zweck visited them last year, and have placed the project on a waiting list for an initial site inspection. This will be in June at the earliest.

GIVING WHEELS TO THE GOSPEL

Below is the pastor's transport bought for Aaron Bawuwamye, reported in Dec- a Toyota Caldina 4x4 auto. Hallett Cove and many other congregations responded to the needs of his very extensive workload and \$5,000 was given almost overnight!

He is pastor to the Eastern Region of Uganda- an area 200km x 150km and containing half the LCMU's 70 congregations.

And the number of congregations continues to grow due to his ministry.

Two young men brought to faith by Aaron are Nicolas and Ronald, 21 year old trainee evangelists under his supervision.

From a community garden they provide seedlings, and plant gardens for the poor, especially widows, filling physical as well as spiritual need.

Nicolas, Ronald and 13 other lay evangelists are now more mobile due to the 'Giving Wheels to the Gospel' movement as one Lutheran congregation donated \$1,583 for bicycles. These evangelists receive no financial support for their work and it is impossible for them to meet all the needs of their appointed congregations, which may be 30-40km from their homes. In some instances of sickness and even death, there has been no one available to give spiritual support or conduct burials .

This initiative is a great boost and encouragement to these dedicated workers. Thank you for all your prayers for this project. Please continue to pray for the evangelists' work, and give thanks for this outcome and for what the Lord continues to do.



10 bikes for 10 of the evangelists.

MUTAI NURSERY SCHOOL

Last year, changes in Ugandan schooling occurred as foreign government aid for education came into use. This saw public primary schooling become much more affordable and also more accountable.

Unfortunately, Mutai Nursery School, which had been hoping to become a primary school, was told by government authorities that it had to close due to facilities not meeting health and safety regulations under the new system. They had been beginning improvements, but could not have afforded to complete them to requirement in the time allowed.

So the school has returned to being a child care centre for 3-4yr olds, which is how it began. Jackson Omoding, Mutai evangelist, has oversight of the committee responsible for its operations.

It was hard for Mutai congregation to let go of their dream of a school, but necessary. And who know what God plans for their future?

Most of the children are fatherless. Many have no parents and are raised by grandmothers or other relatives. So time spent at the school allows the children's carers more opportunity to work, and every day a nutritious meal is served.

Thanks for the continued support of **Pasadena Retirement Village**— without their generosity the daily feeding programme would not be possible.

RECYCLABLES AND GIFTS

The generosity of all concerned with the collection of bottles and cans and gifts has been amazing!

We are happy to report that these administration-free funds are giving relief from desperate need to many orphan children and widows in Mutai and surrounding areas. The whole ministry has been blessed but there is so much more we **could** do.

Pasadena Retirement village

Bottles, cans and gifts = \$1935.70

Special gifts from Pasadena

for a vehicle for Aaron = \$1000.00

All other sources = \$4164.30

Total = \$7100.00

OUT extends their gratitude. Our prayer is that all of you will be blessed, jas you have been a blessing. Harold Schroeder.



Nicolas leads worship at Namwendwa.

NAMWENDWA

Another new congregation is Namwendwa where Pastor Aaron has placed trainee evangelist Nicolas Mulero to minister. Nicolas is happy to open a congregation there, where he can live with some relatives. Aaron and the church would like to buy land there but it is expensive.

Nelson visited Namwendwa last year and said, *"On my first day in Uganda, I visited Nakabango and Mutai; then ... I suggested we drive a further 80 km North to Namwendwa. About 15 to 20 people came out of the bush to greet us. Aaron introduced myself as coming from Australia and I in turn greeted them and said that we are looking at the land with the view of planting a church and bringing the Gospel to this place. At the mention of bringing the gospel several of the older people sprang to their feet, and with hands raised, did a traditional Ugandan high pitched warbling noise with their tongues. Aaron told me that this was their way of expressing their joy at the thought of having the gospel brought to them."*

Please pray for this new congregation.

QUILT FOR WILLISON

The Quilt made by Penny VanderWaal and raffled to raise funds for an operation for Willison has raised \$976.05. However, generous donations by several people, including the winner, and Hallett Cove members, who were so moved by the cause, amounted to \$900.

Willison, an elderly man discovered by Aaron in need, has an enormous growth requiring surgery costing approximately \$1400, which he could not afford. Before surgery, he needs pain medication, and better food to build up his weakened condition. SOUP has made funds available for this.

1st prize (quilt)— Nicky Toone, 2nd— Colleen Alderson, 3rd— Scott Rouvrea.