

MUTAI SCHOOL NEWS

SYLVIA TAFUMBA

We know Rita Nakirya, a founding teacher of Mutai Nusery School, fairly well so it's time to get to know the second teacher- Sylvia.

Rita asked her to help with the teaching when her previous colleague died last year. They met when Rita visited Nakabango congregation where Sylvia is the Sunday School teacher. Rita knew she would be good for the school and is pleased to have someone so talented, hardworking and dedicated to share the work with.

Sylvia is married and has two children aged seven and three years. She has a Graduate Diploma in music, dance and drama and loves to use her knowledge to serve the Lord. She wants to pursue a degree in Social Administration so that she can be of more help in the church.

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN

With great excitement, children at Good Shepherd Hallett Cove received letters from their Ugandan pen friends in August. The posting had been delayed as Rita, the nursery school teacher, battled with sickness at home— her three children and herself being ill.

Please encourage our young writers as the Mutai children *“are very excited to have friends from the other part of the world and most of them ask whether these friends will be able to visit them sometime in the future.”*

Sylvia is very appreciative of the assistance given by OUT.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

Though sickness challenged her school and private life last term, Rita reports, *“through God's mercy everything went on well thanks to your financial support without which I could not have made any headway.”*

The school meals provided by the generosity of Trinity Place Retirement Village, *“has also assisted the children to boost their health from the previous situation where they could all come very weak.”* The children's health has greatly improved, but they have now run out of their stock of stationery. This is something else we will be collecting again to send to Uganda. Please let us know if you have anything to donate and please continue to pray for the school children and

teachers. *“Through you, I would like to thank the people of Australia for their continued support to us especially the Mutai community. May the Lord continue to bless the hands that give so generously. Rita.”*

*The needy will not always be forgotten,
The hopes of the poor will not always be crushed.*

Ps 9:18

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MORE MACHINES

Gifts from Hallett Cove have enabled us to send money for the purchase of sewing machines and some accessories (cotton, needles, scissors, materials, etc) for 4 women identified by our evangelists as being particularly impoverished.

We hope this will enable them to establish themselves with some income generating ability. 3 of the women are from Mutai and one is from Nakabango.



Mutai Nursery school enjoy their meal.

DAVID'S WORK

Nakabango, Mutai's 'Mother' congregation is progressing well, so David Kulaba, our Nakabango evangelist, says, "I am now intending to extend my ministry to Kasambira, my home village in Kamuli District of Eastern Uganda. My people at home are requesting for a church where they can worship from."

His wife and children have settled in Kasambira, which is good for them, but it means David spends little time with them. He wants to build up Nakabango to be more independent of him so that he can move to Kasambira himself, and be with his family. From there he will more easily, "co-ordinate the activities of the new congregations of Mbulamuti, Naminage, Bulooa, all located in Kamuli." He has found a small school suitable to be used for worship in Kasambira and a lay leader will soon begin leadership training.

The work of an evangelist is never done. While each new congregation is being established, David is continually reaching out further to "spiritually hungry" people and places with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and planting new churches. He says, "Thanks for your support which is enabling me to accomplish all this, all glory to God.

Send my sincere appreciation to all brothers and sisters at Hallet Cove." David.



David Kulaba.



Samuel (seated), Robert Waako (behind) and Akia congregation.

RECYCLABLE GOODS MINISTRY

Our ministry in Mutai, Uganda is foremost to help people hear of the 'good news' of salvation in Jesus. But it is useless to take this message to them without helping them with their desperate needs. Recyclable goods and gifts are helping widows and orphans survive in the area of food and help to help themselves.

Now our congregation has approved monies to erect a building which will be used for services, school, meetings and no doubt many other advantages. My prayer is that we will continue to receive your contributions so that we can continue this ministry; and you receive blessings from it.

We would emphasise that every cent reaches the people except for a money exchange note charged by the Ugandan government- fortunately small.

Every blessing to you all,
Harold Schroeder.

SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN CONGREGATIONS

Akia congregation begun, by evangelism from Lira, now has a new name- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Akia. Sponsorship from St Luke's, Nambour and Good Shepherd, Para Vista is providing funds to enable this young congregation to complete the purchase of land at Akia, to build a church, to use the land for farming and to provide micro-credit loan schemes.

Sadly, Samuel Odongo who owned the land and was hoping money from it's sale would allow him to have an operation and medical treatment, died several months ago. He had taken part in Empower Trauma Rehabilitation with Nathan Hedt's group in January this year.

Ngetta and Gulu congregations will also benefit from micro-credit loan schemes.

These Northern Ugandan congregations are also receiving support for evangelists and lay leaders doing a Correspondence Course in Lutheran Doctrine; and for administration, training and support costs for two leaders in Lira and Gulu.

Please pray for these fledgling congregations.