

MY VISIT TO WORD AND DEED UGANDA-FEB 2023 BY MIKE PEACHEY(TRUSTEE CDU)

Earlier this year I was part of a small group that visited Kabale in South West Uganda for a couple of weeks to meet and work alongside WADU ,our new partner.

I must admit that I was a bit anxious about the visit in view of what had happened with our previous partner. Was it safe for us to be there? As you can imagine a white face in Africa stands out and word very quickly goes round. However we thank God that we were able to fully focus on our planned program with WADO.

WADU met us on arrival at Kigali airport (about 25 miles across the border from Kabale) and took us to our lodgings to freshen up and then on to an amazing reception at their offices. We were made welcome by the staff and their families and were presented with a bunch of flowers each.



Each morning we met at WADU offices at 08:30 for a short morning devotion and then quickly on to the work in hand be it discussions with WADU Directors on their programs and policies, staff health training by Dr. Mike Dobson (one of our party) or preparing for visits to the Batwa Schools up to 40 miles away high in the hills.

Our first school visit was to Kinyarusengye where WADU had arranged a 'centre day'. A centre day is where the children are given a nutritious porridge lunch and have haircuts. They also have 'jiggers' removed (jiggers are grubs that burrow under the skin-usually in feet and hands which makes them swell and are painful) and the children are weighed, measured and logged so there growing can be monitored. Whilst this was being undertaken those not involved were playing football , badminton or using the parachute, all equipment that we had brought with us from kind donors in the UK.



Later in the week we visited this community again for the official opening of the play equipment that was kindly donated by Stanton Harcourt School, keen supporters of our work for several years.



WADU, as part of their Ministry, deliver food to the schools they support to ensure the Batwa children have at least one hot meal a day.



Prior to our trip Colin was asked if we could provide some play equipment to a school in Rwaburindi and thought this would be a small project we could undertake during our visit. He set to and prepared a plan which included a climbing wall, slide and swings. This was a big undertaking in that once in Kabale we had to source and purchase sufficient timber for the project. We had taken three battery powered tools, several nuts, bolts and screws, a saw and a tape measure with us. What more would we need???

Over the next few days Colin & I spent a lot of our time constructing the play equipment helped by two young trainee carpenters from Kabale who were brilliant. It was a good experience for them as they had not previously used powered tools for drilling holes and fixing screws.



DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3



DAY 5 (COMPLETE)



DAY 5 (TEST RUN)

Towards the end of our stay we had the pleasure of meeting most of our sponsored students and their family/carers. They were all given Scholastic materials and healthcare products.



Each student and their family/carers gave a short speech which were very moving. They were all really grateful for the support of their sponsors.





Stephen and the visiting team



Precious and the visiting team

outside WADU offices in Kabale

It was a very busy visit for us all but very worthwhile. It confirmed to me that all the discussions and deliberations over the previous 12 months were very worthwhile and we had made the right decision to team up with WADU. The amount of work and effort we saw during our visit was amazing. I'm now looking forward to our next visit.

WADU are delivering value for money, and importantly, many Batwa children are hearing and experiencing the love of Jesus.

Supporting this ministry is a big challenge and we need to raise further financial support. Please can you help?

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