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Celebrating a decade of community Service
We can make it happen!!

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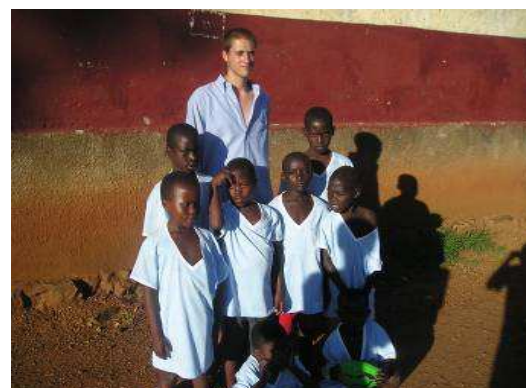
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We are grateful to God who has given the centre people who are interested in working for it. The above list brings new members to the team of the Kitega community centre.

In addition to the staff, the centre has made new friends and partners, these include;

- Raquel Silva of Portugal
- Colton Vitany
- Amy Trubiroha Wells
- Mr. and Mrs Cloer.

Potential partner organizations in the year 2009 include

Maasai International Challenge Africa

www.micatz.org

International Peace Commission

www.ipc-online.info

In brief the centre employs two full time paid staff, the rest serve on a voluntary basis . It is therefore important that we consider employing more staff(full time) due to the magnitude of work ahead.

Activities in the year 2008.

2008 has come to an end , 2009 starts with even greater expectations.

As we enter 2009, Kitega community centre celebrates a decade of service. Bravo Kitega community Centre!!

“Kitega community Centre, we can make it Happen!!”

Celebrating a decade of service , a future of hope.

Children Projects 2008.



In 2008, we have realized that the children are very talented. Among the projects in 2008 included weaving of door mats, cloths among others, these have been produced so well. Members are trying to establish external markets for these crafts. We managed to send off some to USA under Andrew and Rachel's request.

The other crafts are still at the centre, we hope to sell them so that the funds from them help the centre.

New Crafts

2008 has seen the Kitega children diversify to the making of baskets; so far very few have been made as the children are learning the skills.

Modeling

2008 also saw the children of the centre try out modeling with the help of volunteers. We hope that the skill will help them model crafts we can sell later.

Drawing and art work.

The children have also been engaged in drawing. We think that some can survive with Art. Mainly the drawings they made were posters that encouraged better hygiene and better living to fellow children and the community. Special thanks to Volunteer effort.

Project Porridge



With the support of Roger and Jan Varney Project Porridge fund, we are able to support the feeding of the children while they attend school.

For several years the Kitega center has provided porridge to the children, it also provides lunch for the children of the centre. Many of the children have been coming to school on empty stomachs, so the project porridge has helped them a lot and this gives them better learning.

However we have not managed to provide sufficient project porridge all year round because of limited resources.

Health

Malaria has been rampant in the Kitega community centre. However we are glad to report the children's health has been good.

Malaria has been a result of lack of mosquito nets, and sensitization, its our hope that in 2009 we get the resources to prevent malaria in the area.

Katungulu Initiative.

We also intervened in the Katungulu School. Katungulu is a neighboring village of Kitega and the situation there is worse. The school constructed to support the community's children become literate has received the centre support in 2008 and we hope to continue with the same.

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The school constructed with mud and hardly any stable roof is in a very poor state, the latrine and the condition the children face are terrible. The children in this school come to school in bare feet, almost no cloths, and they also lack food to eat while at school given the fact that they walk miles to the school.

HOME BASED PROGRAMS

We introduced a home based program where the children do craft works from home under supervision; these are mainly the children with learning difficulties who cannot continue with major crafts at home.

For the past ten years the Kitega centre has been based at Kawolo C/U Primary. After completing their seven years of study, they feel very uncomfortable coming to school. We therefore introduced a home based program where the children do craft works from home under supervision; these are mainly the children with learning difficulties who cannot continue with major crafts at home.

EDUCATION

We have continued to succeed. Many parents who had neglected their children especially those with learning difficulties are now beginning to appreciate them because they go to school. Parents had earlier suggested that such children remain at home and work in rice gardens as scarecrows to keep away bird and other pests. We managed to convince them by facilitating the entire education of their children and they are in a better state than before. In 2008, we managed to pull an extra ten pupils into class.



Home visiting.



*Homevisiting helps
us get to know
our community.*

We have reached out to families under the Kitega initiative. Our role was to investigate the conditions and also gather the expectations of the families from the centre. We found that most of these families lack the necessities to life, poverty is the order of the day, they lack proper latrine facilities, low self esteem even with the adults, unemployment, and such were the characteristics.

During our visits we interacted with the families and also distributed items like soap and sugar to help them in their daily life.

Star Profile for the Children with Learning Difficulties.

A star profile gives an analysis of the performance of a child with mental disability in daily activities like washing, clothing, and bathing, eating, and cooking, among others. The 2008 star profile per child indicates that every child has improved tremendously, a sign that we are making progress.

Drama,



*We continue to prove
that Disability is not
inability!*

The drama program is being developed and the children are being trained to dance, sing and recite poems. Thanks to volunteer effort. Through music children are developing their talents and soon we hope to have a children's choir.

The program is targeting children as the main agents of change in the community, through dram they can pass on the message of social change and human rights.



Construction of Centre Building.

The centre acquired a piece of land which it expects to develop. The land is situated in Kitega village and it is expected to be the home of the Kitega community centre. To start being on the site, a block of three rooms has been constructed, the rooms are big enough and two of the rooms will be used for daily work of the centre while one will work as the office for the mean time when the centre building is complete. The building has reached wall plate, we are left with roofing, and plastering, slab making, floor and furnishings then the site will be ready. We hope that most of our activities will be coordinated here.

Community Sensitization.



In 2008 we have sensitized the community on the important aspects with the aim of helping them help themselves out of poverty also enjoy a better standard of living. It is our hope that we shall continue having more of such session in 2009.

Community sensitization is done through organizing seminars and workshops, in addition to community outreach.

A group of community members listen to a volunteer talking to them about his project at Kitega community centre.

Volunteers.



"It was my first time in Africa... I volunteered at Kitega community Centre. I knew that the gains will be more than the effort..."
Raquel Silva (Portugal)

2008 opened Kitega to International volunteers; this has helped spread awareness of the Kitega centre. In October we received Ryan Blakeslay who volunteered to gather information about the Kitega centre.

In November 2008, we receive Raquel Silva "Nakitto" from Portugal who spent the entire month working with the children and teaching them new skills. In December we received Colton Vitany who has already started on his program which will include making a documentary about the centre.

Volunteers engage in home stays, cultural exchange, donate to the centre and community, start up projects to support the people and also engage in teaching and the community.

Expectations for the year 2009

Year 2009 will have very many very many activities as the centre will be celebrating ten years of service. It is expected the celebrations will be climaxed for an entire week yet to be identified. In this week we hope to have drama festivals by the children, community outreach and tree planting, cleaning the community surroundings, bull roasting, fireworks, games and sports, fundraising to begin construction of a multi-purpose building at the centre site among others. We hope that this will make the community happy because being a remote area they will be seeing this for the first time.

Sponsor a Child program,

In 2009, we hope to get sponsors for the children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, and the disadvantaged. The sponsorship will help cater for their education. We hope to link every registered child with a sponsor. This will be coordinated by the centre.

Micro-credit.

The centre with the effort of Volunteers is planning to introduce a micro-credit program, to support the community fight poverty. This is planned for 2009.

Community Garden.

We hope to set up a community garden to help provide working space for the children to gain skills and also act as a demonstration unit for the community members. It is planned that we shall begin with maize growing (better quality maize) and also give seeds to the families to grow the same.

We also think of having a maize mill to process the maize into flour to support the project porridge program. This will be through buying the maize from the farmers , process it and have enough flour.

HIV/AIDS and Malaria

The centre will embark on a massive campaign against AIDS and Malaria, which threaten the lives of many people in the community.

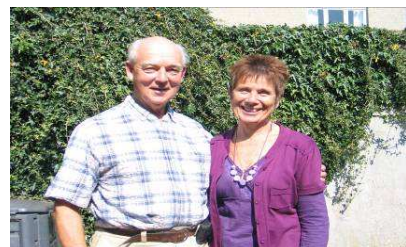
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Nicky and Jane King (Scotland)



Roger and Jan Varney (UK)

- **Dr. Anne De Silva (Canada)**
- **Ms Amy Trubiroha Wells and Family USA**
- **Rachel Sippy and Chad Ward (UNITED FOR UGANDA USA)**



The Cloers (USA)



Andrew and Jessie Garnett

We are also grateful to our volunteers who not only offered time but also supported the centre in many aspects.

Raquel Silva Portugal

Colton Vitany USA.

Thank you
Kitega community centre
January 2009



Kitega Community
Let's make it happen