



Kitega Community
Let's make it happen

Kitega Community Centre 2011 Annual Report



In Memory

This year the community mourned three losses:

1. Mohammed, a disabled child
2. Mr. Kigongo Einstein, husband of Edith Kigongo, the centre's assistant project worker
3. Mr. Musisi Juma, the centre's carpenter

May their souls rest in peace



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About Us



Kitega Community Centre was founded in March 2000 by Rev. Canon Silas Musoke with the help of friends from Scotland. The centre was first under the umbrella body of the Uganda Association for the Mentally Handicapped. In 2004 Kitega Community Centre registered as an independent non-governmental organization. The Centre is a Christian organisation but serves all people without prejudice.

Mission:

To attain a good standard of living for the disabled children and their communities by empowering the marginalized and underserved and providing them with knowledge, strategic information, and resources to live independently and to reach their full potential.

Vision:

A future in which all community members have access to quality education, affordable health care and secure and sustainable employment.

Faith Statement:

Kitega Community Centre is guided by faith in Jesus Christ's love for all, especially those who are sick, poor and suffering.

We believe in Jesus's teaching that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Objectives

- To provide education, job training and life-skills to disabled children
- To improve the parents' economic situation so they can better take care of their children
- To improve personal and community health
- To mobilize the communities to join hands to transform their situation
- To facilitate community-owned, community-driven development
- To empower other marginalized groups in the community, including those with HIV/ADS and orphans

- To support the families of disabled children by creating a welcoming environment and eliminating stigma against disabled children and their families

Values:

- I. Faith
- II. Love
- III. Commitment
- IV. People Centred
- V. Participation
- VI. Sustainability
- VII. Accountability
- VIII. Listening
- IX. Common good
- X. Integrity
- XI. Transparency

Administration

Management

The Centre is governed by a Board, which has decision-making authorities.

Mr. & Mrs. Nicky King,	Patron
Rev. Canon Silas Musoke,	Chairperson
Mr. James Kalule,	General Secretary
Rev. Samuel Lwere,	Treasurer
David Clemy Kawooya,	Public Relations
Daniel Kaaya,	Program Manager
Mrs. A. J Musoke,	Member
Kennedy Bamusubire,	Member
Ms Pross,	Parents Representative
Mr. Ronald Wamala,	Member
Edith Kigongo	Local Council Representative

Staff

Full-time Staff

Mr. Kennedy Bamusubire, Occupational Therapist and Project Director
Ms Edith K. Nalumaansi, Assistant Project Worker

Part Time Staff

Mrs Lutwama Milly
Ms Susan
Cook/cleaner

Online Volunteer Staff

Ms Vy Nguyen, Publicity, Communications and Online Volunteer Management
Mr. Frank Otieno, Graphic Designer
Mr. Anup Tiwari, Publicity
Ms Bibiana Restrepo, Health Research Management

Message from Nicholas W King, Patron of Kitega Community Centre



Nicholas W King

Do you ever wonder about what it means to be blessed? In the Bible God blesses people when He gives something of value to them. However, it's sometimes hard to know how it really is a blessing. For instance when Jesus gives the nine so-called 'Beatitudes' or blessings in the Sermon on the Mount - *"blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God...."* or *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied....."* They suggest God's Kingdom is a strange upside-down sort of place. How can it be true, for instance, when Jesus says *"it is more blessed to give than to receive"*?

Perhaps an answer is shown by the children of Kitega. We all, guardians, community, staff, management board, volunteers and supporters assume that it is we who are blessing the children with our time, our skills or our resources. And so we are. Yet in God's upside-down Kingdom, it is often we who are even more blessed, and blessed in ways difficult to put into words. We receive a feeling of being part of something of value, a sense that we see the world and people in a totally different and enlightening way, a new set of values, a new spiritual understanding.....more of the heart than of the head. We are blessed because we see the smiles on the faces of the children – and that puts a smile on our own faces ... and, I suspect, a smile of God's face too.

Such was the blessing my wife Jane and I received when we visited Kitega in April 2011 following a Tearfund tour to Uganda. It was wonderful to refresh the many personal relationships and so good to see the children. There they were – smiling, laughing, contributing to the community as they were able, feeling – and being – of value. But more than that, there was the entire surrounding community smiling and laughing, contributing their skills and time and also feeling and being of value. We were reminded yet again that the Kitega Centre is more than a mere building. More than a centre for children. It has become a visionary and enabling movement enriching not just the children, not just the local community, not just Uganda, but also the lives of its many overseas volunteers.



So as Patron, I want to thank our Kitega guardians, community, staff, management board and the many volunteers over the years for their contributions, seen and unseen. You have contributed to what has become a tremendous movement of hope, confidence and transformation. But I also want to thank the children of Kitega for what they have given us, blessing beyond words. And most of all, I want to thank God for what He has been able to do through us as we have allowed ourselves to be available for His purpose.



Many blessings to you all!

Nicholas W King,

Chairman Kingserve Trust, Patron Kitega Centre

patron

Message from Kitega Chairperson, Rev. Canon Silas Musoke



John the Baptist experienced a hard time when the Jews, priests, Levites and many others wanted to know who exactly he was.

People thought that perhaps John was Christ or Elijah, and surprisingly he rejected their acclaims. When they insisted on getting the answer he told them that he was a voice of the one crying in the wilderness.

Likewise many people ask what Kitega Community Centre is, and they assign many good names to Kitega. Many people name Kitega as the richest in the area while others think that it is an international centre because of the presence of many international volunteers.

The centre's activities are also not understood because many people say that it is a centre for the disabled. This overlooks VICOBA, the support for orphans, the community workshops, the Christmas party, poverty alleviation programs and the improvement in the standard of living in the community. We may confess as John the Baptist did that we are not all that they call us.

We are only grateful to God that our vision for the centre is becoming a reality. We are grateful that through the centre programs community members are able to take ownership of the community's problems and are working to improve their health and to generate income that is enabling them to achieve their dreams. The community can now think of a positive future and can plan for their children's future.

Kitega Centre is a voice speaking to people that they were created by God and that they are loved. The voice tells the community members to take action and change their situation by using their God given resources. Kitega Centre is also the voice of volunteers who spread awareness and raise funds for the centre and community.

What is Kitega? The answer is similar to John's answer. We are a voice that was sent to the disabled children, their parents, guardians and relatives. We are a voice that was sent to international volunteers and sponsors.

We are grateful to our Patron for the love and encouragement. We are also grateful to the government for their support. We are indebted to our dedicated staff members, who mainly work as volunteers and give all their effort to see that the centre progresses. We also appreciate the community ownership of the centre, for today many people say that Kitega is "Our Centre."

Thank you and God Bless.

Words from Friends and Supporters

"I visited Uganda with my wife Ann in October 2011. We came to the Kitega Centre and were thrilled to meet David, his team and the wonderful community they serve.

Ann was fascinated by the jewelry and craftwork being produced and sold by the women's group. I was delighted to see first hand the impact of the church and community mobilisation process. You can sense the Holy Spirit moving. The signs are everywhere - the excitement of the children in school, the pride of the women at work and the income generation from the emerging businesses. It's all about education and economic empowerment to deliver transformation.

We were both moved by the focus on the disabled, women and orphans. Although we were only able to stay for a short time, we have already become ambassadors for Kitega. Tearfund's mission is to see material and spiritual transformation through the local church, and that's exactly what Kitega is doing. May God bless all of you."

Clive Mather – Chairman of TEARFUND

"Despite various challenges, Kitega has been plodding ahead in a steadfast manner to serve its community. Kudos to the team! We look forward to many more collaborations, and visiting the Kitega community again. Cheers & God Bless."

Willy Ong, Kitega Sponsor from Singapore



"I am delighted that in 2011 enough money was raised for 4 goats and accommodation for them by the Messy Church families from Hathern. Next year I hope to return to Kitega and look forward to seeing the finished building and the distribution of the goats to families in the village in full operation."

Will Hack, former international volunteer and supporter from the UK

"The Kitega Community Centre in rural Uganda has emerged as a global model for volunteer networking, capturing a top United Nations award for online volunteering in each of the last two years."

Helping Uganda from Home, an article on Kitega Centre
written by Lindsey Oechsle from the US State Department

The Year in Review – Centre News

Centre Kitchen: Construction of a kitchen at the centre was almost completed in 2011, and it was used in preparing meals for the Christmas party. We want to thank the Westwood Baptist Church in East Kilbride for providing energy-saving stoves and international volunteers for helping to equip the kitchen.



The Old temporary Kitchen



The New Kitchen and dining Block (behind)

Centre Fence: We have been able to put up a fence in front of the centre, and further fencing is expected to continue in 2012. The fence will provide security and enable the staff to better monitor the children.

Water at the Centre: The centre was also connected to a national water pipeline, which means the children no longer have to travel to fetch water from wells. The pipeline has increased water sanitation and has helped the centre to save on water costs.

Electricity: The centre received electricity at the beginning of 2011, which has helped the centre to better operate.

The Year in Review – Children Programs

Academic and Vocational Programs:



In 2011, Kitega centre reached out to more disabled and disadvantaged children and provided new learning opportunities for program participants. Five new disabled children were brought to the centre, which is a great sign that awareness of Kitega centre is spreading to more people. In addition, with the help of a scholarship fund, close to 40 children were able to attend school. Lastly, the centre supported some disabled children as they attended school with non-disabled children. This integration has helped the children greatly and above all has enabled the other children in the community to appreciate and learn to live and work with their disabled peers.

There has been a general improvement in all areas for the disabled children and the teachers report that the children have done well academically. This year the centre did prepare exams for the disabled children in order to give them a sense that they are not different from other children and can take exams as well. All of them performed so well and they were able to take score cards home. The teachers also plan to prepare the disabled children to sit for national exams. Indeed, three children supported by the centre have already sat for the National Primary exams and everyone is awaiting their scores later in January 2012.



The children also learned new vocational skills, particularly sewing and tailoring because international volunteers donated sewing machines to the centre.

Kitega staff received feedback on the children's programs by organizing a debate among the children. They organized into groups and debated the impact that Kitega has had in the community and in their lives. The children appreciated that Kitega has raised awareness and championed the rights of disabled and disadvantaged children; however, the children believe that more needs to be done and would especially like to have computers at the centre.



Project Porridge 2011



One reason the children were doing well in school was that they were being well nourished through Project Porridge, which fed the children while they were in school. Despite the inflation that made food more expensive, the centre managed to feed the whole school of Katungulu with porridge for the whole year. Project porridge increased concentration and attendance, and the pupils' grades improved because they did not have to study while being hungry.

Special Events

In 2011, the children also celebrated Global Dignity Day. This year Kitega was glad to host Mr. Ernest Kavulu, the head teacher of Budo Junior School, a prominent school in Uganda. Global Dignity Day gave the children a chance to express their understanding of dignity, and Kitega staff was moved by the stories the children shared of their hopes and dreams of living a dignified life.



Easter Celebration

During the Easter Holiday, the centre screened a film about Jesus based on Luke's gospel. The film was screened in the Katungulu village and was seen by over 200 people. It was so exciting for them, especially the children who were able to experience the Bible visually. Patron Nicky was in attendance, and many people still recall this day with joy.

Games and Sports

In 2011, the children were re-grouped into three groups to encourage competition, creativity and a spirit of team work. The three groups were named King, Varney and Ong. The children loved their groups so much and definitely enjoyed working in the groups in all activities, including sports.

This year a sports day was organised at the centre that saw the disabled and needy children participating in a number of games that included football. This sports day was organised with the help of volunteer Katie Grammar, who also bought the grand prize for the winning group. At the end of the day the King group turned out as the overall winner and took the grand prize.

Christmas 2011

Kitega's Annual Christmas Party was held on the 22nd December and was attended by over 600 people, including the disabled children, their respective families, several community and opinion leaders, and a number of people from the community who joined the centre on this event. The children presented songs, dance, drama and a play explaining the birth of Christ. Members from The Adult Classes and Village Community Banking groups also performed, and those who successfully completed their training were awarded certificates.

The chief guest was the Chairperson LC 5; however, he was represented by the LC 3 chairperson. In his message the chief guest thanked the centre for the work being done and promised to work hand in hand with the centre to ensure that the standard of living is improved.

A heavy meal was served, and the children had lots of music and gifts during the event.

A raffle was organised for the event, and many people participated with the aim of supporting the centre.



The Year in Review—Economic Development



In 2011, Kitega centre distributed piglets and goats to needy family in order to promote animal husbandry and income generation. We hope that the piglets will grow and reproduce and that the families will be able to pass some siblings to other families in need.

The VICOBA program also expanded to more communities. At the Christmas Party, 46 women and 4 men received certificates for completing their 12-weeks VICOBA training. The men were the husbands of women who were already VICOBA participants. With VICOBA loans, participants have been able to start promising enterprises such as brick laying, stone quarry, poultry, banana plantation, vegetable stalls, tailoring services, and food stalls.

Some participants have realized profits and have started to make their dreams come true. For example, Mr. and Mrs. Kafeero were able to use their VICOBA income to help build a new house while another participant used her earnings to send her child to school. To the joy of the community, the child recently graduated with a diploma. Other VICOBA participants made donations to support disabled children and the elderly in the community. The women of VICOBA continued to be empowered; a group of women from the Katungulu VICOBA traveled to Kampala and Entebbe to attend a women's empowerment seminar.

The VICOBA training program has a built-in literacy component which has been successful in teaching reading and writing skills. The women especially have been empowered by the skills they have learned. At the Christmas Party, they presented a song about VICOBA, singing that “We can now also speak English and also manage to sell out our products to Muzungus; we can also balance and keep records of our business.”

Other testimonies on the efficacy of VICOBA include the following:

“After VICOBA training, while others see nothing unusual in the surrounding, we are able to perceive in it new opportunities for business.”



“You cannot raise the level of productive forces, unless you raise the level of human skills, through education. We thank you for your VICOPA training.”

“How can Katungulu farmers compete in the modern world? Over 12 weeks VICOPA training has equipped us with modern skills to enable us complete in the modern world. Thanks Kitega Community Centre.”



Kitega is pleased to report that VICOPA enjoys strong support from the community. In a survey conducted by centre staff, over 90% of responders reported that VICOPA has had a positive impact on them and their families.

Here are the survey results:

Demographics of Survey Participants					
VICOPA Beneficiaries	Women	Men			
	96%	4%			
Age (years):	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-59	60+
	11%	24%	34%	27%	4%
Marital Status:	Married	Un-married/Single	Widowed	Separated	
	65%	14%	14%	7%	
Employment:	Employed	Unemployed			
	35%	65%			
Number of children:	None	1 to 4	5 to 8	9 plus	
	3%	36%	51%	10%	
Dependants	Yes	No			
	72%	28%			
Average # of persons per family : 8					
Education:	No Schooling		7%		
	Lower Primary up to P.4		26%		
	Upper Primary up to P.7		36%		
	Ordinary level w/o certificates		18%		
	O level w/ certificates		7%		
	Advanced		2%		
	Vocational Certificates		1%		
	Diploma		0%		
	Degree		0%		
All Children in School	Yes	No			
	57%	30%			
Has Child with Disability	Yes	No			
	25%	75%			
Has Orphans/Needy Children	Yes	No			
	72%	28%			

Monthly Income (Ugandan Shilling)					
	Less than 15,000	51%			
	20,000-40,000	38%			
	50,000-100,000	10%			
	Over 100,000	1%			
Involvement in Agriculture	Yes	No			
	86%	14%			
Borrowed from VICOBA	Yes	No			
	52%	48%			
Number of Friends/ Family recommended to join VICOBA	None	One	Two +		
	34%	24%	42%		
Partner is a VICOBA Member	Yes	No			
	4%	96%			

The Overall Impact of VICOBA					
VICOBA has improved ...	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
My Saving Culture	32%	36%	23%	7%	2%
Business Planning	39%	26%	23%	7%	2%
Teamwork	32%	32%	19%	11%	2%
Talents	26%	29%	32%	12%	0%
Reading & Writing Skills	34%	28%	25%	5%	8%
Self-esteem	34%	24%	32%	7%	3%
Budgeting	35%	23%	23%	16%	2%
Records Keeping	29%	25%	34%	10%	2%
Business Ideas	40%	21%	20%	11%	2%
Family Situation	11%	52%	22%	12%	3%
Quality of VICOBA Training	58%	25%	12%	3%	2%

Other Information on Survey Participants					
Ability to Access...	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Health Services	7%	7%	25%	25%	36%
HIV/AIDS Awareness	4%	24%	13%	24%	35%
Water	9%	13%	11%	16%	51%
Electricity	6%	3%	13%	6%	72%
Radio	11%	8%	38%	14%	29%
Information on Laws & Regulations	3%	12%	21%	18%	46%
Information on Human Rights	3%	20%	28%	23%	26%
Primary Education	10%	14%	40%	21%	15%
Secondary Education	6%	10%	13%	8%	63%
Vocational Education	19%	3%	8%	6%	82%
University Education	1%	0%	0%	8%	91%

The Year in Review—Community Health

Local and international supporters enabled Kitega centre to provide health education and services to the community in 2011. Among our local partners were Sister Babirye of Kawolo Hospital and the staff of Mulago Paramedical School. Sister Babirye provided HIV/AIDS counseling and education for the children at the centre, and the health professionals from Mulago provided dental care and education about dental hygiene to over 220 people. With the help of volunteers, the centre also bought epilepsy drugs for the children. Lastly, to improve water sanitation and hygiene, the centre drilled a borehole in the village of Katungulu. This borehole will also serve as a demonstration site to teach the community how to set up low-cost boreholes in their areas.



Kitega also received help from international volunteers. First, Jonah Derespina from the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse (USA) taught the children about the nutritional benefits of carrots and helped to set up a carrot garden. He also spread awareness about hygiene and cleaning to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. Online volunteers through the United Nations Online Volunteering Program also created brochures, pamphlets and powerpoints on hygiene, nutrition and common diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS in order to help with health education promotion. In November, Kitega used these materials to promote health awareness in nearby classrooms, which was attended by both children and adults.



The Year in Review—Visitors & International Volunteers

Visitors

Kitega community was pleased to welcome many visitors to the centre in 2011. The most anticipated visit was by Patron Nicky and his wife Jane. Everyone was so excited to have them around and to spend Easter with them.

The Centre also hosted representatives from Tearfund International. Tearfund's chair, Clive Mather, and his wife Ann visited the community and the disabled children, and we are glad that they have committed to being ambassadors for Kitega Centre. Chris Jones also came to do an independent survey for the Tearfund Inspired Individual Initiative, which in 2010 recognized David Clemy's development work.



Kitega also received several prominent local individuals and dignitaries, including the following:

- A representative from the Buganda Kingdom's Education Department, who promised to partner with the centre to share ideas on how to best support the children's education
- Mr. Earnest Kavulu, Headteacher of Budo Junior School, who was the guest speaker at the Global Dignity celebration
- Visitors from Mulago Paramedical schools, who provided dental care and sensitization in November

International Volunteers

International volunteers made a tremendous contribution to Kitega community in 2011. They brought in-kind donations such as sewing machines, shoes, toothbrushes, tooth pastes, medicine and laptops. Volunteers led literary sessions, helped to build a fence around the centre, furnished the centre and nearby schools, organized games and sports for the children, and helped with health education. Online volunteers created health education materials as well as an accounting software program for Kitega staff. The accounting software team was led by Cam Wringley of Canada, who continues to provide on-going technical support. The online health team won another Volunteer Award from the United Nations, making it the third time in a row that Kitega centre has been recognized by the international community for our online volunteering program.



One notable development in 2011 was that many volunteers were able to fundraise before coming to Kitega. For example, a team of volunteers from Spain fundraised in order to buy sewing machines, centre uniforms for the children, shoes, stationary, care packs, and medicine. Another volunteer, Paul Latta received funding from his employer, SNS bank of the Netherlands, to support his volunteer activities in Kitega. Other volunteers received support from their friends and families. Kitega is grateful for the initiatives that these volunteers took in bringing needed materials to Kitega.

Finally, the centre also hosted two students who came to Kitega to carry out their projects. Jonah Derespina, a student of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse in the USA, spent three months at the centre for his preceptorship. We are pleased to learn that he received the top grade, an A, for his work. The other student was Martina Maune from Oldenburg University, who did her thesis research for a Masters in English Language at Kitega Centre.

Volunteers for 2011:

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| 1. Ana Yague- Spain | 8. Iker Ortego – Spain |
| 2. Leire Yague - Spain | 9. Goizeder Calvo - Spain |
| 3. Marta Selma - Spain | 10. Katie Grammar - UK |
| 4. Journey 117 Team – World Orphans
(15 volunteers Team) – USA | 11. Ane Soroa -Spain |
| 5. Oscar Gonzalo and Family - Spain | 12. Ana and Alexandre –Spain |
| 6. Pilar Leona – Spain | 13. Paul Latta - Netherlands |
| 7. Sandra Fidalgo – Spain | 14. Eric Ross (Phd) - USA |
| | 15. Dr. Isabel Taboada - Spain |

International Volunteers, the Best of 2011



The Year in Review—Partnership/Outreach

In 2011, Kitega centre reached out to other stakeholders by holding two training sessions for local teachers and church leaders. Kitega staff organized a special needs workshop for teachers from over 10 local schools. Attendees discussed the challenges faced by children with special needs and shared ideas and resources. The training was conducted by Kennedy, the centre's occupational therapist and assisted by Gertrude, an external facilitator who is also a special needs teacher. The main aim of the workshop was to sensitize and equip the teachers with skills to handle disabilities in their respective school and to help with a move toward creating disability departments in their schools to help advocate on behalf of, and support, disabled children. The local teachers also received a one-day training in Phonics from Rachel Bowyer and members of Soul Action South Africa. The teachers appreciated learning a new way to teach English to the children.

Kitega centre also organized a training session to get the local churches involved in community development. Local church leaders were encouraged to use what they have to mobilize their congregation to address community needs. About 40 church leaders attended the training and many left with ideas to implement.



Left: Training for church leaders



Right: Rachel Bowyer teach phonics to local teachers

In 2011, Kitega centre also reached out to the international community. David Clemy, Kitega's public relations officer, was able to travel to the UK with the support of Tearfund and the Kingserve Trust. David spoke at various engagements about the work of Kitega centre, including Pitlochry Baptist Church, Westwood Baptist Church, and Calderwood Baptist Church, which all showed an interest in Kitega Centre. He also visited individuals and schools and also the Murray Owen Centre, which also looks after disabled people. This was a great experience, and so many people learned about Kitega community.

Another church that was instrumental in supporting Kitega was the Messy Church of SS Peter and Paul Hathern. Will Hack involved the church in a fundraising effort to provide goats for the community and to maintain a goat shelter at the centre to act as a demonstration site for the children as they look forward to raising their own goats. This goat project has been popular, and two rotary clubs have come on board to support the program.

Will Hack, left, receiving his cheque from Rotary President Bill Watson, right, with Rotarians Tony Croft and Roger Hutchinson looking on.



Lastly, Kitega centre also received support from the local government. Members of Kitega's Board and Management Committee were invited by the Buikwe District Chairperson to give a presentation on Kitega centre and to brainstorm how the local government could support the centre.



David speaking at a Men's breakfast at Calderwood Baptist Church

2011 Partners

Kingserve Scotland
Katungulu Church
Kitega Church
Kawolo C/U primary School
Riki Tiki Tavi
Tearfund – Inspired Individuals Initiative
Mulago Paramedical schools
United Nations volunteers
SS peter and Paul Hathern Church
Global Dignity
Hydromissions USA
Kawolo Hospital

Donor Recognition

We would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their contributions to the Centre in 2011.

Kingserve Scotland

Project Porridge –Roger and Jan Varney

Loughborough Beacon Rotary Club

Shepshed Charnwood Rotary Club

SNS Bank Netherlands

Clive and Ann Mather

Dr. Isabel Taboada

Paradinas De San Juan Solidaria Community and the “Anlema” group (Spanish Volunteers)

SS Peter and Paul Hathern Church

Willy and Sharon Ong

Ana and Alex

Ane Soroa

Pilar Leona

Volunteers (all the 2011 volunteers)

Westwood Baptist Church

Calderwood Baptist Church

Pitlochry Schools (Scotland)



Looking Ahead to 2012

Kitega Kitchen: We hope to further equip the kitchen and dining room and to use the kitchen to teach culinary skills to the children. We also plan to rent the kitchen and utensils out when not in use to generate income for the centre.

The Community Radio Station: We continue to work with partners in Japan to get this project up and running. A community radio would enable us to tackle social and development issues and to promote ownership of community problems by involving community members in the ownership and management of the radio station.

Community Health Centre: We continue to work to build a health centre for the community so that we have a place to host health professionals from Kawolo hospital, medical schools and other health providers.

Children Therapy Room and Play Area: We would like to equip the centre with materials and equipment to better care for the children. A well-designed play area would also promote social development while also providing a place for the children to have fun.

Volunteer Guest House and Children Accommodation: A rental house for guests would enhance the volunteering experience. The rental income would support centre programs. Many disabled children also live far away from the centre, and we would like to provide accommodations so that they can stay overnight at the centre.

Expansion of Vocational Training and Accreditation: As the only NGO in the area, we believe it is time to open up the centre to others in the community, particularly by providing vocational skills to youths who have dropped out of school. We plan to get official accreditation for the vocational programs so that the students would graduate with certificates that are recognized by employers. Planned programs include computer training, tailoring, and carpentry. We hope the disabled children would also benefit from this program as they get older.

Centre Library: We hope to stock the centre with books and resources that can be loaned out to local schools and churches.

Church and Community Mobilization: We plan to provide more training and workshops so that church leaders will join the development effort.

New Katungulu Contact: Mr. John Musoke, who has been the church leader and head-teacher of Katungulu School, was transferred to a new church. Mr. Musoke has been involved in Kitega centre programs and has been our contact person with Katungulu Community. He will be replaced by a new teacher, Mr. Kafeero, who will now be the centre's representative in Katungulu.





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