

# Friends of ACET Newsletter

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## Welcome to this Edition

It has been a long time of silence. We have finally decided to break it. As a team we have been riding through a transition. It all started with the political wave in the country and sooner or later it caught up with us. I am reminded of an ACET UK Director who visited us in Uganda making this very fundamental assertion, *“to change is to grow and to grow is to change”*. We got to this place, when David moved on from ACET.

David is an icon in the life of ACET and captained this ship to transcend many horizons. His parting shot to the team was a Boot Camp where we had this “last supper” experience. These are some of the words the team had for him;

*“You have been a Father to me...”*  
*“You led me to scale heights that I had never dreamed of ...”*  
*“I shall continue to bug you for your wisdom.”*

David pledged his commitment to the ACET family and that his newfound love would not separate him from this team and work that has meant so much to him.



David carries them through at the Boot camp

## NAKJUS PROJECT UPDATE:

### New Furniture

One of the needs of Nakulabye Junior School is furniture. They were still using the furniture that they moved in with after leaving the previous premises.

With support from Friends of ACET Uganda, furniture was procured for the nursery section of the school. There have also been plastic carpets fitted in the classrooms.



The classrooms now have better learning environments for the pupils therein. Plans are underway to have other classes fitted with desks for the pupils. The specific kind of desks will enable the school to register to become an examinations centre for the Uganda national examinations board so that pupils in Primary 7 will sit their examinations from the school premises.



### Lorna Shuttleworth Visits

Lorna visited NAKJUS at the end of June 2011. At the pleasant surprise visit, she donated a package worth 200kgs of maize porridge.

## ACET Uganda's contribution to childcare

ACET Uganda is part of the Children at Risk National Collaboration – CaRNaC; a network that brings together Christian child focused organizations that have a national reach in Uganda. It has affiliation to Viva network.

ACET is part of the effort of this network to professionalize child care in Uganda. Paul and Emmanuel have been involved in delivering a module on Project Cycle Management in the Celebrating Children Course in Mbarara (Western Uganda), Kampala (Central Uganda and Mbale (Eastern Uganda). Participants are front line childcare and development professionals drawn from World Vision and Compassion International among other organizations.

ACET has been able to make a joint contribution with CaRNaC in its effort.

## Pray for UGANDA:

The last 6 months have been a roller coaster for us as a nation. After a peaceful election, Uganda has been rocked by challenges including natural disaster to an economic down turn and a series of demonstrations and strikes

In Mbale the mud slides claimed more lives and the heavy rains have had an adverse toll on food crops.

### Pray;

- Thank God for the peace that continues to prevail especially now in northern Uganda
- That the economy shall stabilise (current inflation at 24%!)
- Government shall amicably work with the disgruntled parties to get solutions to the current challenges
- For a bumper harvest.

## Uganda News in brief

### New Political Leaders from the ACET ALUMNI

Uganda has just started a new political dispensation after the elections in March this year. ACET's very own former staff are now some of the new policy makers in the country. Christine Lowila who worked with ACET in Kitgum now represents Women of Pader District in parliament, while Alfred Akena chairs the Local District Council. In a sense Alfred is the President of the District and his responsibility covers all the parliamentary constituencies of Pader District. Paul had a brief chat with Alfred while in Pader and he said, "I really treasure my experience in ACET because it has made me what I am today."

We hope these relationships shall put us in good stead with Pader District where we have an office.

### Paul Kabunga for the UK October 2011

Paul Kabunga who has taken over the mantle from David will be visiting the UK in October 2011. He shall be attending the Global Leadership Summit at St James Church (Gerrard's Cross), visit partners like Tearfund, have discussions with ACET UK and attend the FoAU executive meeting among other things.

### Rianna's Fund-Construction

Rianna's Fund supported the construction of an 8 classroom block which is complete and fully furnished with desks and a teachers table, at a Centre For Evangelism project in Malongo Iganga.

A girl's dormitory with a capacity of about 80 girls is complete and furnished with beds at Buvuma islands. Another 4 classroom block for the primary school is about complete.

### FoAU gives New Face to the TCH School

Tumaini Children's Home decided to start a school education program and consequently needed space. Pastor Nicholas decided to put up a structure from a one-off grant for classroom space.



The FoAU decided to provide support first to make a concrete floor and now the walls of this 3 classroom structure have been put up. It is also used as a facility for other church meetings. The FoAU are now supporting the plumbing project for the children's dormitory and soon the children shall be able to use their shower rooms.



### St James Partnership News:

The bond between ACET and SJC's Love Africa project continues to grow as teams continue to have exchange visits. There have been two such visits from St. James Church to partners in Uganda so far.



### Love Africa Steering team visit

In a bid to nourish relationships with partners of SJC in Uganda, a team comprising of James Beaton, Sam Sivin, Frank and Jill Armstrong, Paul and Suzanne Walker from the Love Africa steering team visited and spent time with some of the partners in Uganda. The partners visited included: Pentecostal Assemblies of God – Soroti, Uganda Women's Concern – Mbale, ACET – Mbale, Centre for Evangelism – Iganga, Tumaini Children's home – Jinja and Rehab project – Kampala. The aim was for the team to keep abreast with the progress of the project and look at new aspects that are coming up that would need support through prayer or any other possible physical support.



One of the major highlights of the visit was the Promise land experience while at Tumaini and the personalised gift bags to each of the children.

### SJC young adults visit Uganda

A team of young adults from SJC Gerrard's Cross (Hatun, Brad, Asantha, Andrew, Laura and Daniel) in August 2011 visited and spent time with communities in Uganda Women Concern Ministries in Mbale and Rahab Project in Kampala. As a highlight, in 2 communities in Mbale they were able to put up two shelters (Houses) as part of their support to the most vulnerable within these communities. They spent time with the girls in Rahab project and did some counselling as well as one to one talks crowned with a time of prayer on a daily basis for 5 days.