

We have been supporting Guster, the Bashaija family and the community at Rwancereere since 1993. In many ways we are now seeing a lot of fruit from this support. Guster as usual writes very little, in fact hardly at all, but news comes often from his children who use email and letters and cards. What has happened in the past year?

Mariam and Elizabeth are still at Bishop Kivengere Girls School. Elizabeth moved from Trinity School and retook a year. The Histon and Impington Council of Churches continue to sponsor these two girls education up to the end of secondary school.

Tusiime Sarah, now almost finished her degree in law, has her final exams on the 30th June. She then has a further 2 weeks to hand in her dissertation. Then her 4 years at Makerere University in Kampala are over. Last August Sarah was among ten law students chosen by Uganda to represent them in an East African legal exchange where students from each country spent a week visiting and hosting the others and looking at the legal system in each country as well as receiving leadership training.. Firstly this was a privilege to be chosen and secondly it was an opportunity for Sarah to travel outside of Uganda for the first time, visiting Nairobi in Kenya, and Arusha and Dar e Salaam in Tanzania (first time to cross the sea!). This year there is a re-union for this group in the second half of July. Sarah will then be welcoming visitors to her home. Firstly Debbie Pickering – a Swiss student who spent a year recently at Impington Village College on the International Baccalaureate – who is spending several months of her gap year in Uganda. Secondly the Sanderson family from Histon will be visiting during August. Beyond that Sarah will have to spend a further year at the Law Development Centre in Kampala to become qualified. This is her hope if she is successful in her exams. Sarah has been involved with the Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity and hopefully has some contacts which will lead to a job once she is qualified.

Moses Bashaija, had his graduation ceremony at Makerere last November, with much celebration from the family. He then moved from his work at the AIDTS training centre in Mbarara and took a job as a part-time lecturer in Environmental Studies at the Bishop Barham University in Kabale. This is a new university and there are very few resources. In fact they only paid the salary once in December with some problems as to whether they could continue all the courses. Moses has therefore been looking for another opportunity. Right now he has teamed up with Twino Buhungiro, a competent ex-Headmaster of a leading school, in order to set up a new computer training centre in Kanungu. They have some computers sent from the UK but at present are looking for a loan of

£500 to buy a generator and meet other start-up costs. Moses intends to teach in a small school to gain another source of income while they begin the computer centre. These are plans and hopes which need our prayers. There are no employers in Uganda so you need to create your own employment.

Emmanuel Bashaija writes “I completed an ordinary diploma in Mechanical Engineering at Kyambogo University last June. I got a job in Mubende District (central Uganda) working as a workshop attendant in a community polytechnic. I was also assigned to work as an instructor for the motor vehicle mechanics in charge of short course students. This polytechnic is situated inside an army barracks for casualties. We train disabled and non-disabled soldiers as well as civilians to get vocational skills”. Emmanuel is also taking a teacher training course at Mubende National Teachers College to get a post-graduate qualification. Yes, Ugandans never stop educating themselves! Emmanuel writes many letters of gratitude on behalf of the family.

Guster continues to creatively lead his community. They keep

building their church. It is at the stage where they are building the tower. They also have the floor to finish. The Rwancereere community have set up their own Secondary School due to demand. Universal primary education was brought in by the government in 1997 and the intake of 1997 reached the top of primary in 2003. What next? Start a new school!

Guster writes “Thank you so much for all the support towards our children. I am also very grateful for the money to repair the double cabin pick-up truck. Please continue to pray and to support us. In my previous letter I talked about starting building at Kaharo. I have asked the Fundi (workmen) to go and visit the place before we negotiate. We pray for you so often. Give our warm greetings to all friends in Histon and Impington.” Kaharo is the place of Guster’s family home on land near the main road from Kabale towards Kampala. His idea is to build a Christian Retreat Centre which he will pioneer when he finally retires from his Archdeaconry at Rwancereere. We must pray for this endeavour.

If you would like to send anything such as cards/letters/greetings/money/very light presents to the Bashaija family, to be taken by the Sanderson family in August, then please deliver them to Ian and Julie at 22 Melvin Way, Histon before the end of July.

Gifts for any of the purposes mentioned above can be made (as gift aided if you desire) to ‘Afrinspire’ and they will be forwarded. AFRINSPIRE is constantly channelling help to Rwancereere. For further information about Afrinspire or to obtain a gift aid form contact Ian Sanderson on 01223 233367.

NEWS FROM RWANCEREERE

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Uganda compiled by Ian
Sanderson for the Impington
Parish Magazine

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