



Africa Greater Life Mission UK

Newsletter

Spring
2023

A New (Almost normal?) Academic Year



Pictured is the group of 23 students being supported by AGLMUK that attend Wakiso Town Primary School. They started the 2023 academic year one week late - because of Ebola restrictions (see page 2). We very much hope that this will be the only disruption to their education after several years of lost learning. Four students passed their final primary exams and moved on to secondary education and so there are now 24 students attending high school. Four students passed their A' level exams and are awaiting their next steps – whilst there are quite a few others in university or following vocational options, both in and outside of colleges.

Coffee Morning (instead of Open Evening)

The Autumn newsletter suggested that there would be an open evening after the trustees returned from the trip to Uganda – and had lots to tell and photographs to show! As you will see overleaf, the trustees didn't make it to Wakiso and so it has been decided that a fundraising coffee morning might be a better option this year with a reversion to the “normal” open evening next year. The venue will be the **St Francis Centre at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod**. The date is **Saturday 22nd April** and it will run from **10.00 – 12.00 noon**.



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The tea and coffee will of course, be fairly traded It would be a pretty odd thing and totally inconsistent if AGLMUK were to do otherwise!

Postponed Trip by AGLMUK Trustees to Uganda

The Autumn newsletter suggested that trustees were likely to be visiting Wakiso in late January of this year and indeed they were on the verge of booking flights when the news broke that a new strain of Ebola had broken out of a very restricted area of rural Uganda and found its way into Kampala. Some deaths had been reported and the Ugandan Government brought in new restrictions. In the face of this news, the trustees decided that it would be rash to go ahead with the trip. As it turns out, the outbreak was brought under control and, with the benefit of hindsight it would have been fine to go. It will probably not be until January/February in 2024 that the trustees will visit. As was planned for this year, however, it will be “business trip”.

Uganda declares end of Ebola disease outbreak

11 January 2023



Graduations 2022/3

We've seen six AGLMUK graduations recently – although three of them are hoping to do further courses and are trying to work to support themselves while we save/raise the necessary funds.



George
Education



Joshua
Education



Godfrey
Engineering



Fatinah
Fashion



Timothy
Computer
Studies



Jonah
Construction

The Gathering 2023



Just before all of the AGLMUK students go back to school (most of them are boarders remember), they all come back together as one big family. They've mostly been staying with relatives over the long Christmas holiday and they gather to, firstly get everything they need for another school year (often including such mundane things as a mattress to sleep on!). Joseline and Barry use this opportunity to do a bit of teaching too – some of it might be called “life skills” nowadays but we certainly include a significant element of the Christian principles by which it is hoped these young people will conduct themselves and underscore the ethos of AGLM and AGLMUK.



One of the most important elements of the gathering is the likes of the two Emmanuel in this photo' coming back to tell their stories.

Their testimonies of the difference that AGLM and AGLMUK have made to their lives and how they grasped the opportunities given to them and made the absolute most of them.



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Andy Bull – secretary
Chris Bull – treasurer
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Christmas Food Appeal – A Massive THANK YOU

The Christmas appeal for gifts to enable Barry and Joseline to buy and distribute food and other essential items such as soap, was hugely successful and thanks go to everyone that that contributed. It made a massive difference to those that were able to receive the items. Prices are still very high as recent harvest have only improved slightly. Rainfall is so unreliable and failed plantings/sowings are almost inevitable.



These (below) are the four students that passed their Primary 7 exams and are moving on to High School. You can see some of the “requirements” that are needed to start at a new school.



You will be aware that AGLMUK has commenced a slow process of withdrawal from Uganda – but that process simply means that we won’t be taking on anyone younger than the current youngest child. It is very much the plan to see everyone in the existing programme through to independence. As a student moves from primary to secondary and then on to vocational or other forms of further education, the cost increases. AGLMUK will still need to be fundraising and recruiting new full or part sponsors for years to come. Let us know if you feel that you can help.