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Welcome to the summer newsletter, as our partners continue their hard work here is a brief overview of some of the developments since the beginning of the year including, the completion of the water points in Amuka-Okulonyo and Omoyo (shown in the front cover photographs). TDT was able to send out £108,040 in 2017-18 thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

The AGM is on the 6th October this year, in Ruddington. We do hope you will be able to make it.

Development

DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) training in Okerai and Aguyaguya, run by PAG KIDO, paid off following the heavy rains and flooding as farmers were able to open water channels to lead water away from crops or move crops like cassava to raised, non-water logged, areas keeping them safe. The production of high-yielding cassava and of vegetables, following the demonstration sites, continues to go well. 3 cows, 1 goat and 3 pigs as well as other household items such as radios and school fees were purchased following the sharing of the 2017 savings and profits from VSLA (Village Savings and Loans Association) groups.



Members of Otik Etau peeling cassava



Okello's wife opening a main channel that leads water out of their home.



Mr. Emitu Joseph posing with his goat and a radio bought with VSLA savings

Since the last newsletter our partner BIDS have embarked upon an exciting new project in Bee Keeping. This is a new initiative and very popular with the community. Currently being piloted with 25 households in Angorok Village, Kaberamaido, the bee hives are at the colonisation stage and training has been conducted on basic apiary management, different types of bees, site management, enemies of bees, control measures, communicating with bees and how to harvest & store honey, among others. Further training on processing, packaging, branding & marketing of honey will be held at a later date.



The bee hives



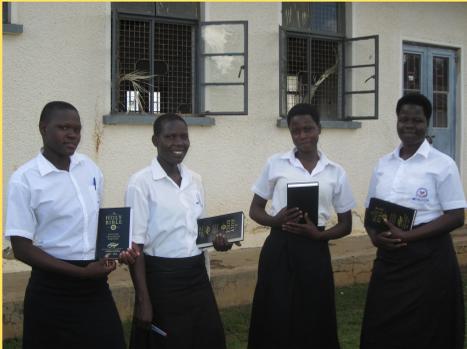
Community Members receive training on apiary management

Ngora Maternity Unit

The new solar powered system at Ngora Maternity Unit is exceeding expectations and thanks to reparation of an existing water tank and the installation of a new 5000L tank water supplies, though still not sufficient in the dry season, are greatly improved. The 12 pit latrines used by the patients have recently been emptied and the wash stand where mothers wash their soiled sheets after giving birth has been repaired.



The wash stand following repairs.



Students from St Peters College including some of the female students with their new Bibles (above).



Ministry

In April a visit was conducted to St Peter's College (the Lay Readers training centre for Soroti Diocese) by Robert de Berry. Whilst there Robert went through the Bible Society's Bible Course with the students. Robert was very impressed with the students, who are mostly in their twenties and thirties, and the staff, finding them all very dedicated and receptive. The college has an incredibly good atmosphere in spite of the fact that many of the basics (including beds for some!) are missing and the staff don't always get paid. Out of the last intake 2 students went on to train for ordained ministry.

A student's testimony: from Amuria.

Geoffrey is a young widower. He'd been offered a job with the Civil Aviation Authority in Ankole. He came back in May 2016 for a time to his family and on the 11th of that month, his wife was struck by lightning on her way home from a local borehole. She died instantly and left him with two young children (Peninah, aged 5 and Her younger brother Raphael. All this washed out of him any ambition for that job in Ankole. Despite this tragedy, his wife's parents insisted on the completion of dowry payments. He turned to his Bible and to God and found himself dealing with his bitterness with forgiveness and has worked up to a point of reconciliation with his wife's family. That family, too, had suffered deeply with his wife's father having been killed by the LRA. He is now training at St. Peters as a lay leader.

In Kumi Diocese the first of four planned Refresher Courses covering the 210 Lay Leaders in the diocese was successfully carried out in May. The 11 day course covered subjects such as Church leadership and Development, income generating activities, records keeping, liturgy and Muslim evangelism. The second of the courses is now underway.



Thomas, Bishop of Kumi (centre), presented students with their certificates at the end of the course.

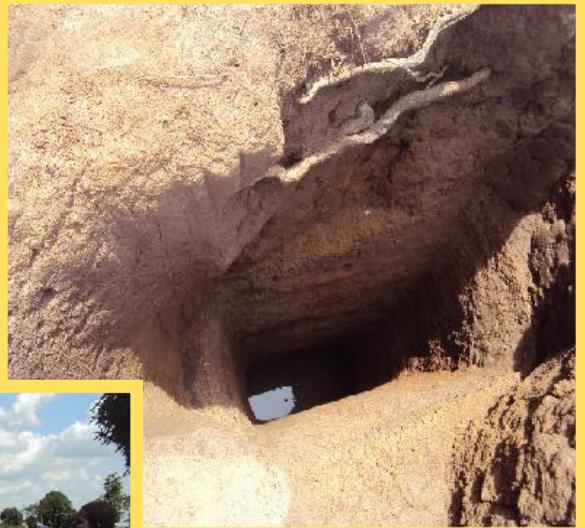
Education

The classroom at Takaramiam Primary School, mentioned in the previous newsletter, has now been completed.



Water

We continue to get successful reports on the progress and impact of water points that are completed or under construction. There are, however, currently 28 projects identified by our partners that still require funding; 20 hand dug wells, 3 boreholes, 4 spring protections and 1 water harvesting project. A total of £51,000 is needed to complete these projects.



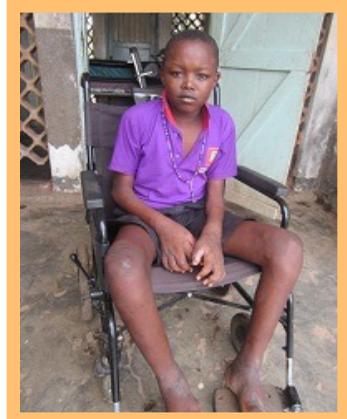
Photos from top: The Assistant Water Officer from Ngora District and PAG Staff visit Kalengo well before and after it was protected.

Kumi Compassionate Fund



Felix, 8 months old, was rushed to Kumi Hospital as a referral from a village clinic with diarrhoea, vomiting and general body weakness that had lasted 3 days. Following one week of treatment in the hospital for severe malaria he recovered fully. His family thank the compassionate fund for helping to meet his medical bills since their economic situation is difficult.

15 year old Jorem was brought into the hospital with multiple, burning, body swellings that had started from his left foot and radiated to the whole body. He was admitted for a biopsy, the results of which were negative and Jorem is now back at school. His medical bills were met by compassionate fund as their family is generally poor and had sold all they had to visit various Health facilities trying to look for his treatment.



Marion Amidiong, 17 years old, was referred from another Hospital as an emergency case after being in labour for 2 days. Marion was prepared for theatre but fortunately she delivered normally a bouncing baby boy. Marion was rejected by her parents when they found out she was pregnant whilst still studying at school (she was in senior 2 at a local secondary school). Before delivery Marion had taken refuge at the home of a 'good Samaritan' but the person was unable to pay her medical bills.





Deborah Rose, 34 years old, has cirrhosis of the liver and was admitted with a distended abdomen, water retention in both legs and a high fever. She has been living with these problems for a long time. She was put on medication and after 2 weeks was able to be discharged. She would like to thank the Compassionate Fund for helping with her medical bills.



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