



Dear Friends,

We trust that you enjoy this issue of “Cornerstone News” which contains some great news from Uganda, an up-date on Wayne’s progress, and important issues to pray about in the weeks ahead. The new format now incorporates the Cornerstone Foundation website logo. The website contains up-to-date information, a photo gallery, current and previous issues of Cornerstone News and heaps of information about the project in Kitgum. There are also links to numerous sites to learn more about Uganda.

Please visit the website at: www.cornerstonefoundation.org.au

Wayne & Bev’s visit to Uganda 17th November - 9th December 2010:

Our flight to Uganda via Perth, Dubai and Addis Ababa was great and after a couple of days in Kampala, we flew with MAF to Pader, northern Uganda. We were picked up at the airfield by Geoff and Hayley Smith (“Seed Sowers” ministry) who drove us to Kitgum. (About 1½ hours drive).

We stayed with Geoff and Hayley for the 7days we were in Kitgum.

We met with Government Officials who approved the “Cornerstone Project Work Plan for 2011-2015”, the Budget for 2011 and signed our application for the Land Title Certificate.

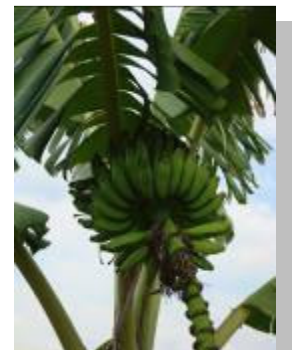
All of the officials were pleased to see us again and are looking forward to our return in 2011.

We visited the Cornerstone property at Oryang Ojuma and met with our three workmen, Patrick, Charles and Michael and their families. Arrangements have been made for the men to continue maintaining the property until we return in early April 2011.



MAF Cessna landing at Pader

We were very pleased with the property. It has been well maintained, is neat, clean and tidy. The trees and shrubs look in good condition and the banana palms are now bearing fruit, so the men and their families will enjoy sweet “lady finger” bananas for many weeks.



Wayne & Bev's visit to Uganda: (Continued)

After spending some precious time with Geoff and Hayley we flew back to Kampala with MAF.

All of the documents signed by officials in Kitgum have now been lodged with the MAF Logistics Manager who will present the files to the NGO Board on our behalf and follow through the process until completed. It is expected to take approximately 4 months. It is vitally important that the application for NGO Board re-registration of "Cornerstone Foundation (Aust) Inc." is approved and our Entry Permits are granted.

A photocopy of the Land Lease Title Deed Plan was obtained from the Ministry of Lands, so we are now able (at last) to lodge building plans with the Kitgum Town Council when we return.

Over-all, the main aims of the visit were achieved and we look forward to beginning building construction in April 2011, knowing that we have the full support of local officials and the legal documents to back up the project. It has been a slow and at times very frustrating process, but in the end, God's purposes for this project will be fulfilled in His appointed time.

Time and again the verse from Habakkuk 2:3 has been our source of encouragement:

"These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!"
(Living Bible)



Workshop construction to commence:

At the time of writing this issue we plan to return to Uganda at the beginning of April, following surgery on Wayne's elbow. With the required documents now approved, we can go ahead with plans to construct a large steel fabricated workshop (18 x 8 metres) which will include a "pit" for vehicle maintenance and a concrete floor. The workshop will be used for fabrication of roof trusses and steel work for all future buildings.

No longer will building progress be held up when storms and torrential rain come!!

The tractor, agricultural implements, building materials & equipment and a large generator (to be purchased in the future) will be able to be stored in the workshop.

The construction of the workshop will also provide the opportunity for our workmen to receive "on-the-job" skills-based training using a wide range of power tools and equipment.

The very reason for us being in Kitgum is already being fulfilled, with our 3 workmen being the first of many to gain valuable hand skills for the future.

Wayne's Progress:

Since our last issue Wayne has made very good progress, now walking pretty well and using his right arm as well as can be expected. He has now finished his re-habilitation programme at Hampstead. After meeting with the surgeon on December 31st an operation to remove screws, bolts and scar tissue is now planned for January 31st 2011, in the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Please pray for the surgeon as he performs this very delicate operation. Following surgery he will have about 6 weeks physio and occupational therapy. Please pray for complete healing of the elbow, and for a good range of movement being the final outcome.

“Al-Ru” Farm Fundraiser:

Once again Annette Edwards and her wonderful team of helpers from One Tree Hill Uniting and other Churches worked very hard to provide afternoon teas, cakes, coffee and refreshments for visitors to Al-Ru Farm (One Tee Hill) as part of the “Open Garden Scheme”. The venue was outstanding with wonderful weather, beautiful gardens and great food. Thank-you Alan and Ruth Irving for the opportunity to cater once again for the many visitors to your beautiful gardens. Over \$2500 was raised over the weekend. A fantastic result! Thank-you so much for all of your hard work. Well done everyone!!!



Annual General Meeting:

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Cornerstone Foundation (Australia) Inc. will be held on Sunday 13th February 2011 at 2.00pm, at Enfield Baptist Church, corner of Francis Ave / Hampstead Road, BROADVIEW. Afternoon tea will be provided following the meeting.**

[Please put this date on your calendar for 2011.](#)

Reports will be presented by the Founders, Chairman of the Management Committee and Treasurer. A power-point presentation of Wayne and Bev’s recent visit to Uganda will also be shown.

There are 4 available positions (for a 2 year term) and 1 position (for a 1 year term) on the Management Committee. Please prayerfully consider how you might help the ministry of CFA at the Committee level in 2011 / 2012.

A “Nomination Form” is included with this Newsletter to nominate members to the Management Committee.

A series of amendments to the CFA Constitution will be presented to members for discussion and decision:

- to update regulations in line with the current “Incorporated Associations Act” and
- to update specific rules to enable future long term management of the project in Uganda.

The amendments have been prepared by the Management Committee after considerable discussion.

We would love to meet with as many people as possible at the AGM since it will be our last opportunity to catch up with you all before returning to Uganda in April 2011.

E-mail address details:

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Thank-you.

On a lighter note:

A man in Scotland called his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and said, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting divorced. Forty-five years of misery is enough".
"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screamed.
"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father said.
"We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".



Frantically, the son called his sister, who exploded on the phone:
"No way are they're getting divorced", she shouted, "I'll take care of this".

She called Scotland immediately and screamed at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and she hung up.

The old Scotsman hung up his phone, turned to his wife and said:
"Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way."

We trust that you were able to reflect upon the wonderful gift of Jesus at Christmas, and were encouraged to tackle the challenges of 2011 with new vigor and enthusiasm.

Uganda Visit 2010:



Containers, Room and Toucal



Charles' wife & baby "Laker"



MAF Pilot: Samuel



Sunset over Kitgum



One way to move a lounge frame



Cattle on the Pader airstrip

