



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Uganda:

Our last Newsletter was sent just before our departure from Australia, to return to Uganda. We have now spent just over three and a half months here and feel that a lot has been achieved, considering the very wet weather conditions we have experienced since arriving in Kitgum. We anticipated hot days with some rain, but not the very unseasonal heavy rain and storms that have stopped work on many days and hindered progress on the current project to construct an 18m x 8m workshop.

We are very thankful for our faithful workmen who “kept things going” while we were in Australia for a much longer period than planned, due to Wayne’s accident. When we drove into the property in mid July, we saw just how much the plants had grown along the fence line around our compound and around the “toucal”. The whole property looks great, especially after being slashed.



Front of property just freshly slashed Sept. 2011



Toucal and surrounding shrubs

First Job – to fix the Landie:

The day after our arrival in Kampala Wayne had to begin work on the Land Rover to enable us to drive to Kitgum. This took several days (including his birthday) to complete. We are so thankful to Samuel Balter (an ace pilot with MAF and good friend) who not only stored the Landie during our time away, but helped Wayne on his “day off”. Without his assistance Wayne could not have finished all the repairs.

Thanks Samuel!!!

Wayne's Progress:

Wayne has worked consistently and very hard, to complete what has been achieved in the three months back in Kitgum. He has welded and fabricated 16 of the 20 posts which make up the structure of the shed. All 16 posts have now been concreted in place. This has been no mean feat. He has come from hospital and rehabilitation to full time 12hr days, and work of a very physical nature. His right hand and arms become very sore by the end of a working day. This is heavy work for him with the limited strength he now has. His left arm is compensating for the right constantly, and he is struggling to maintain the workload, but persists. When drawing up the Site Plans for the Kitgum Council, he found this caused a lot of discomfort as well. His hand is not used to being "scrunched up" holding a pencil for long periods. He deserves full credit for his determination to complete this task.

Workshop Structure taking shape:

At the time of writing, the side rails for the workshop are now being fitted, in preparation for cladding with cream colourbond. The workshop will play a pivotal role in all future building construction, enabling fabrication work to continue, no matter what the weather.



Workshop under construction October 2011

Scott & Ben's trip postponed:

Four weeks ago Wayne made the decision to postpone Scott & Ben's visit mentioned in our last newsletter, since bad weather had prevented us from getting the workshop framework anywhere near ready for their planned arrival on October 23rd. Considerable funds have been donated for the purpose of this trip, so we felt that there was no other decision possible than to postpone their visit until early next year. Their time and skills will be more effectively used once all the posts are in place, ready for construction of roof trusses and fitting the exterior cladding. This is an achievable goal for the time they will spend with us.

Solar System installed:

While in Kampala, before travelling up to Kitgum, we purchased a small Solar System for our little room. Wayne worked on week-ends, (which he tries to use for doing things for us), and by the end of August it was installed. Yes, I did allow him to climb up on the roof, but our men were very protective of him. We now have an electric light bulb (instead of a torch light), a fan for the very warm evenings, can charge our computer and batteries for cameras etc, and can even watch a DVD when we choose. This has made life quite a lot more pleasant for us.

Huge tree felled:

Since obtaining the land in 2003, a massive tree in one of the back corners of the property has been on our agenda to remove. It was a type of Fig tree with many smaller suckers growing from the “mother” trunk. It harbored all manner of vermin and snakes. While we were in Australia over the last 19 months (because of Wayne’s accident), our workmen began to demolish it. During the course of this past 3 months, the men with Wayne’s help using the tractor, have now cut it down and are currently burning the large logs and stump. Our staff were very happy to be able to glean lots of firewood for their cooking needs. This has been a major achievement by our men under Wayne’s supervision.



Disabled man joins our team:

A few weeks ago a man who we had seen in 2009 walking on one leg with the use of a long stick, came to visit one of our men. Wayne invited him in and subsequently we provided him with a pair of crutches (donated by the Elizabeth Rotary Club in Adelaide). He came for another visit to thank us for firewood which was delivered to him, and to ask for money to be able to buy some cooking utensils. We now have employed Oringa Matheu for three mornings a week, so that he can *earn* the money to provide himself with the things he needs. He is so thankful for employment and is a good worker. He is in charge of keeping the front fence-line and other areas that Wayne can’t reach with the tractor, slashed and tidy. He also trims many of the hedge plants around our compound and the toucal using hedge shears while balancing on his crutches. His “self esteem” has risen and he is as “happy as a pig in a muddy pool”. He also enjoys Friday morning porridge and a chat with our men.



We return in December:

We will be arriving back in Adelaide on Friday 2nd December, at 1.05pm on Virgin Flight DJ714 from Perth. If you would like to catch up with us for a chat and a cup of Hudson’s coffee on the ground floor at Adelaide Airport, we would love to see you.



Oringa Matheu hard at work

Entry Permits Approved:

We received wonderful news earlier this week that our Entry Permits have now been approved. This means that we are legally able to live and work in Kitgum to oversee the project for the next 3 years. It has been quite a long process, with documents requesting renewal of our permits being submitted in December 2010.

Land Title Secured:

Our Lawyer, who has been working since 2009 to secure our Land Title Deed and Plan, visited us on August 2nd to deliver these very important documents to us. We are very thankful that the process is now completed. This has allowed Wayne to lodge the Plans and Drawings for the “Cornerstone Vocational College” project with Kitgum Town Council. They did require extra drawings, which Wayne has subsequently finalized and these are all now awaiting Council approval. The Town Engineer assures us that “it should not take long”.

Prayer Points:

Praise God: For approval of our Entry Permits.
For Power and Light from our Solar System.
For our Waeco fridge which provides us with cool drinks.
For the very successful Spring Fair held recently in Birdwood and for the faithful yearly fund-raising efforts of the team from One Tree Hill Uniting Church at Alru Farm.
For Scott and Ben’s offer to come to Uganda to help construct the workshop.
For our faithful workmen in Kitgum: Patrick and Charles.

Please pray: For safety for us as we travel on some dangerous roads in Uganda.
For God’s hand of protection over all who work on the property in Kitgum.
For prompt approval of our building submission to Kitgum Town Council.
For Wayne’s continued healing and physical strength

With our love, *Bev and Wayne.*



Happy workmen: tree finally down!



Children and water: the same the world over

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