

Dear friends of Kasambira, may I wish you a very happy and blessed 2018.

After 5 months in the UK it was a shock to come back to Uganda with water, electricity and internet in short supply. However I found the team had managed perfectly well without me and everything was in good working order apart from the car that has finally given up the ghost.

I was very blessed in England visiting with old friends and meeting many new ones. We praise God for the provision made for us for this year and we are able to do things we were praying for as you will see as I share about each department.



The first blessing is the arrival of 2 babies. Hasifa, Jackson's wife, produced a little girl called Delight at the end of Nov and Lydia, Pastor Christopher's wife, produced a little girl called Grace on Christmas Day. Jackson now has 2 of each and Lydia finally has her girl after 4 boys.



THE CHURCH

The Church continues to flourish with the youth increasing under the care of Astus, the Youth Pastor. We have added to our PA system so as to be able to minister in the open air. The previous system was limited but we used the new machines for the overnight on Dec 31st and it was very loud!!!

We have been able to buy land for the Church at Buwenge and they have built a temporary shelter with poles and some Iron sheets until they are able to construct their own building. Esther and little Christopher are well but they must be finding it hard with the death of Leo. Micah has joined Esther as a Pastor and she says he is a great help. Please pray for this little church to grow and build the Kingdom of God in Buwenge.

FOOD

The food situation is ok for those who have land because the harvest was good this season but some of our elderly folk are now very frail and needing more care. We also have a problem with mothers running off and deserting their children. I wrote last time about the Night children who are living with me at the moment during the school holidays. These will board at the school during term time as will another family where the mother has run away because she got into debt and was unable to pay. I know this mother really cares for her children but she is in hiding and I don't know where she is. However, the mother of Willie and Beth who we have had for the last 7-8 years has returned and during the holidays they now stay with her although she is very poor and we continue to help them.

SCHOOL

When I arrived back the school was doing exams and there was the usual end of year meetings, P.T.A. Teachers, Parents, Graduation, etc. We are now waiting for the results of the Primary leaving exams before we make preparation for Senior School.



We have bought a set of African Instruments for the children so the school can enter the musical competitions held each year. We also have a new music teacher and he and the children showed their skills very quickly in preparation for the above meetings.

Hosea is also preparing to increase the farm livestock but has waited for the New Year when prices will return to normal. At Christmas everything is very expensive.

HOPE VOCATIONAL

Jackson has been very happy to have money to spend on Hope but has realized that what looks a lot is soon gone and there is always more that he wants to do. However, we have added 10 computers to the Business Centre plus a Scanner and Printer. Our little internet pole is now a higher strong telegraph pole which picks up the signal much better when the internet is working and when we have electricity!

Jackson had considered the next course to be catering but discovered a course already in progress with few students and has now changed his way ahead. He has decided that we can still do complete functions if we just train a few ladies from the village who will then earn money as well. He is planning to bring the carpentry outside the main quadrangle and use that room to store all the equipment needed for catering.

Outside the main centre are 2 long buildings in need of complete renovation. We are in the process of demolishing one of them and making the other into 2 rooms with a working area outside each. Here



Jackson will move his carpentry course. He is then wanting to prepare the other area for mechanics and driving ready for 2019. Mary, the double cabin will be used for instruction and practice so even though she had died, her usefulness is not over. However we will need a small car to teach the driving part of the course. This is what I meant when I said that whatever we do generates the need for more!

I know my time in Uganda is coming to a close although I have no clear timing on this. I have now been here 20 years and we are having a Celebration on March 3rd. Peter, Joan and Helen will be joining us for this and we will be feeding 500 – 600 people or maybe more. Please think of us.

Thanks and thanks for all your continued support for us.
God Bless you all, Janet.

ps The book Janet has written is now ready for printing and will be launched on Amazon as an **e-book** and **Create Space Edition** on 24th May 2018. There will also be an illustrated paper back version later in the year.

