



KAMWENGE SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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An aerial picture of the school KSVS

Greetings & Thanksgiving

I bring you greetings from Kamwenge, Uganda in midwestern Uganda. We are always delighted to connect with you and share real life stories on the work of community transformation that is being realized through our partnership and the great support that you share with us.

We see students able to express themselves confidently and growing in knowledge at Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School. We see their skills in catering and hospitality, carpentry and joinery, block laying and construction practice, tailoring and knitting etc. We see young people realizing their dreams as they pursue their studies through college and university.

We see parents eager to send their children to school struggling with means but desiring greatly to afford their children education. These show us that there is hope and a future, coming from a time when the community was backward and had no regard for education. We know surely that our efforts are yielding results and your labour is not in vain.

The KSVS story

Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School (KSVS) at the heart of rural Kamwenge in Uganda has transformed this place, formerly a returnees camp of Ugandans deported from Tanzania into an epicenter of transformation for the locality and beyond.



Students exhibiting their culinary products on graduation



Students who graduated early this year 2023



Some of the visitors during the March 2023 graduation

The vocational school with a current student population of 500 students has been rolling out market-ready graduates of various vocational disciplines for 15 years now. These were youth who ordinarily would have been lost to drugs and early pregnancies that are prevalent in their community but whose lives have been turned right-side-up by the training and education they get. Now a number our former students are leading in constructing houses and producing the needed furniture products for the local market. The impact is real and there. Glory to God. This is how your support makes a fundamental difference in the lives and communities of Uganda.



The band playing during the March 2023 graduation

Good Shepherd Kidergarten and Primary School

Started in order to give the young stars a good education foundation, this is now an academic giant in Kamwenge and home to over 700 pupils. The community has expressed great interest in the school and although they struggle with means, even here, we see them desiring to afford their children a dependable foundation. And when the children cross into secondary, they are brilliant and more focussed.



More graduation celebrations

Coffee, Cocoa and the environment

We are currently in a big Coffee and Cocoa growing promotion drive in the community because we believe that these are the crops that will help the community to grow and to preserve the environment. There's a nursery for coffee and we'll soon establish that of cocoa. There's a harvest that can bring the family money and yet these are trees that are protecting the environment. The leaves even become a mulch and keep the water in the soil. We have started to train people. Infact our efforts have led to an explosion in growing coffee in Kamwenge. Even banana growing has exploded in recent times (banana being a leading food crop in Uganda). These efforts will help deal with lots





The STEM Center surrounded by flowers in bloom



Mechanics and welding lessons

of food and income insecurities in the region. Our long time campaign for the environment has also led to another explosion of growing trees in the area. This is an action against climate change. It is also a tool of economic empowerment and protecting the earth.

Trainings and processing

The school agriculture team is handling trainings for community members. Yohaana, our former student and a graduate from Bishop Stuart is handling these. We have not yet distributed seedlings but we do trainings.

We have raised gardens as demos and they come and participate in weeding and pruning and so learn proper agronomy. In three years, our plan is to put up a processing facility for coffee to add value to their harvest and target the export market.

Other agriculture projects

There are several animal rearing activities, chicken, pigs, goats and cows. They are doing well and it's no longer an idea but these are now in place and they are helping children to learn while also providing them with food. They also provide manure for growing crops.

Carpentry Workshop and demand

When our carpentry workshop is up and running, we'll be buying people's trees to to make furniture



Tailoring and knitting products



Students in a computer lesson



Doing crafts at KSVS



The big church built by refugees in Nakivale Camp

products and also train people in skills. We are currently doing roofing of the workshop. We are grateful for all the support that is keeping the work going on.

The blessing of Visitors

This year we were blessed with the visiting teams from Portland Oregon, Illinois Chicago. Another highlight of this year was the training that our students got in self-defense and survival tactics by National Leadership Institute members. We also had Bible conferences and we have kept our routine of Bible study among our students

Sponsorships & educating refugees

Keep standing with us in prayer and we are also looking to have we can have more people sponsoring children. Economy is tough. Many want an education and can't afford. We find that we can't afford them. We even got some from Rwamwanja camp. Refugees are from DR Congo and other parts. In just two months of training, we realize that they would have gained skills and good morals.

In fact, the intense work that we have been doing among refugees in Nakivale camp has born great fruit. These refugees have build a big church and around it build service centers which host a clinic, school, recording studios, health centers etc. The impact is great and your labour and partnership with us is never in vain

Blessings

Rev. Canon John Mulindabigwi



Harvesting ripe coffee berries



Pass out of students after self defence training