

Dear Friends,

Below you will find a letter of testimony from one of the teachers at the school we help support. Although both English and Swahili are official languages in Uganda, there are 43 indigenous languages which are commonly spoken, so her writing may seem awkward to us at times. In addition, until 1962 Uganda was a colony of Great Britain, so British spelling is often used.

Family names are also different from the way we are used to. When a couple gets married, the woman does not change her name. Any children born are given a Ugandan name of a cherished relative or family friend, as well as an English sounding name, which is often but not always from the Bible.

It is also very common for children to live apart from their parents with other family members in order to attend school. Many times husbands and wives live apart due to work.

When she refers to F.O.K. she is of course talking about Friends Of Kibbuse, our organization here in the United States. St. James KVTC is St. James Kibbuse Vocational Technical Centre, the name of the school.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are working hard to raise money for a new dormitory so that all students may return while the school keeps COVID safety regulations. Information on donations, as well as previous newsletters and more pictures can be found at [www.friendsofkibbuse.org](http://www.friendsofkibbuse.org).

*Dear F.O.K.,*



**Nabitosi Stella**

*I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and I wish you a very prayerful lenten season, when we are called to reconcile with our Lord God. I appreciate for the good work you are doing to support our institution.*

*I am Nabitosi Stella, age 32 and an instructor at St. James KVTC in Fashion and design department. I hold a diploma in Technical Education in tailoring as my trade. I am pursuing a bachelors' in Technical education at Ndejje University and I am in the final year. We have five children in the family and both of my parents are dead.*

*I have one child aged 7 by the names of Alinaitwe Genevieve in primary two and she stays with my young sister called Namuga Sylvia aged 21 and doing a course of Agriculture. They stay in Kakumiro town which is 12 KM from St. James Kibbuse.*



**Child and Sister**

*I came to know St. James Kibbuse through my friend Grace.*

*I decided to work at Kibbuse due to the care and the way administrators handled the workers and the learners since then I have been working with Kibbuse and I have benefited much both financially and spiritually.*



**At Work**

*The salary I receive promptly has assisted me to pursue a degree in the same field. I thank God that through prayers and yours financial support has made what I am.*

*I conclude by saying I am so grateful of whatever you are doing for us teachers and the institute at large. May the good Lord bless you. Amen !*

**Nabitosi Stella**

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