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Dear friends, the team here at FOK prays God's best for you during the school and church year starting now! All of us have greatly enjoyed this summer. We hope you have as well, but are aware that some of you have not because of weather and health issues. May God provide relief from heat and healing of illnesses! We hope this good news from Uganda is encouraging. In His love, ours to you all!



September 8, 2023 Newsletter

Kibbuse Faculty News

Kibbuse Principal Stella Nabitosi has announced that four new faculty members have been hired during the past year, along with two new operations staff. The additions were made to replace departing teachers who mostly left for higher paying positions in other schools. Ms. Nabitosi has also confirmed the qualifications of all Kibbuse faculty. In spite of departures, the eleven teachers who have remained represent an aggregate of more than 100 total years of service to the school.



Hope Aidah Akiiki (left), the longest serving faculty member, has been Kibbuse's Dorm Matron and Tailoring Instructor for 22 years! Anatolius Mukisa (right) has served as Automotive Mechanics Instructor for 17 years. Both were at Kibbuse for the three years when Bob and Brenda Schuyler were there. We honor them for their faithful service.



Pastor Dave Beelen (former pastor of Madison Square Church) often spoke of how "a long obedience in the same direction" benefits community and glorifies God. So it has been with these two long serving teachers.

Both have now faithfully served two generations of young people, imparting both vocational skills and knowledge of godly character. Hope and Anatolius, may God richly bless you the remainder of this year and in the years ahead!

The new teachers are Carolyn Namuleme, Tailoring, Wilberforce Barungi, Auto Mechanics, Richard Alyganyira, Agriculture, and Brightone Niweamanya, Tailoring. Helping with operations will be new staff members Evan Nakanwagi, Ass't Cashier, and a very important person in regard to Kibbuse's new Dairy project, Denary Tulyatunga, the cattle caretaker. ***As you read these names, please consider becoming a faculty sponsor. How? A \$50 monthly contribution, on average, covers half a teacher's salary! To contribute, Click on the DONATE button below.***



We want to remind everyone that even though we have focused on building projects recently, and will continue to do so for the near future, ***our purpose for doing so is to better honor our first priority for the school – the students, faculty and staff.*** Inflation has taken a toll on everyone in Uganda, but especially in the rural areas, where food and housing costs have risen sharply since 2020.



Nonetheless, KVTC continues to offer high quality, faith-based and hands-on training to its students. As you know from previous newsletters, we have plans and have raised \$30,000 toward finishing KVTC's two-story unfinished building on the hill overlooking the campus as a faculty residence. This will not only provide modern, clean housing on campus for our valued teachers, it will reduce by 80% the school's current rental costs for off-campus faculty rooms. It would be fabulous if it were ready when the next school year begins, in February, 2024. \$25,000 more is needed to complete the project and furnish it. ***Please consider an immediate gift. To contribute, Click on the DONATE button below and select "Faculty House"***

The Boys Dormitory

We've just received photos of the finished exterior of the dorm. Four years ago, it was a vision. Three years ago, it became a plan. Two years ago, it was an architect's rendering. Today it is a beautiful building that puts Kibbuse on track to becoming a leader in modern facility construction in rural Kibaale. Your gifts are making this possible and we thank you. Although yet to be landscaped and furnished (beds and other furnishings are on order), you can see the size and beauty of this student residence. We will send photos of the interior as soon as the boys actually move in!



A Welcome Initiative

A problem has arisen – and it's a good one. Since the school reopened after COVID the number of female applicants has almost doubled. This year there have been twenty resident girls attending KVTC. Stricter regulations for student housing have reduced the number that can reside on our existing campus compound to twelve, meaning eight girls are living in rented housing off campus. This leaves those girls in a vulnerable position, even in a peaceful village like Nymarwa, and it does not speak well of Kibbuse as a Christian school.

Therefore, it was no surprise when Principal Nabitosi, asked what Kibbuse's next building project should be, replied without hesitation, "A girl's dormitory!" Trusting that the Kibbuse Foundation Board will affirm that need, we are immediately inaugurating a fund drive. ***If you want to invest in the lives and security of Kibbuse's young women in the same way as has been done for the young men (and we're sure most of you do!) please donate To contribute, Click on the DONATE button below and select "Girls Dorm"***

A Short-term Mission in Reverse?!!

Our final good news announcement for this newsletter is our intention to sponsor a delegation of four key leaders from the Kibbuse Foundation's board and two main projects for a visit to the United States. Our hope is that our Ugandan partners will be able to visit a number of churches that have supported them for the past fifteen years, with their visit ending with a fund-raising banquet just before they return home. Friends of Kibbuse will provide the lion's share of the funds, and the balance will be provided by the Kibbuse Foundation. We are considering dates for next Spring, 2024, and will share more as this plan firms up over the next few months. ***In the meantime, please pray for God's guidance and blessing on this long overdue initiative!***

Blessings to you all, with thanks for your faithful and generous support of this Kingdom ministry!

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