

Dear Friends

Greetings from Uganda!

We are still moving on with **time2own** and our plans to own our building. I can now report that we have reached **78%** of the total needed. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped.

The further news is – **we have been able to make our last payment to the seller!** He has released the land title to us and we are now the legal owners of the property!!!

We are still in need of more money to do two things – firstly, to clear our tax bill and legal costs then, secondly, to clear an interest free loan.

We have budgeted £3,600 for tax / legal costs – but we do not have an exact budget until all the bills are in. We have £800 in hand. Our immediate target now is to cover these bills and then focus on clearing the loan.

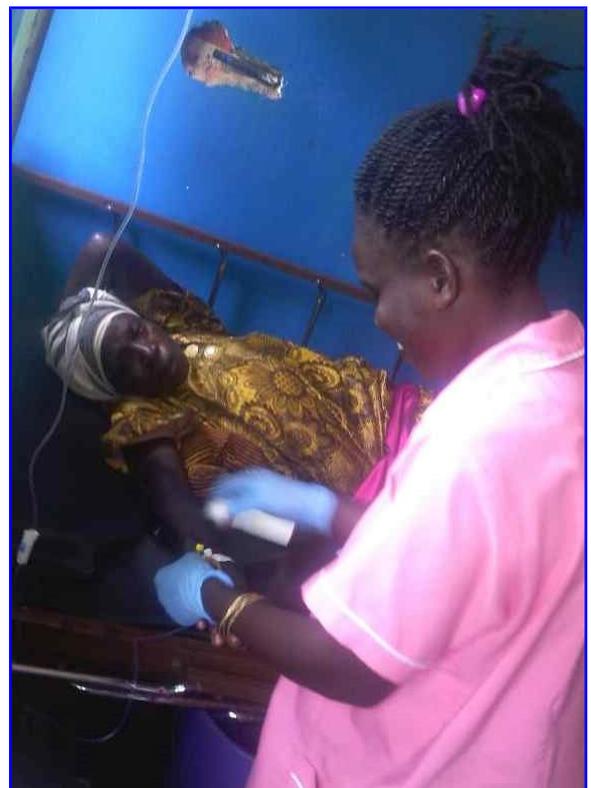
OTHER NEWS

Clinic - I reported last time that we are trying to move on with our village Clinic. We are still struggling to sustain it. The Clinic has been running for over 20 years, but of late, rising prices and a lower level of Government support has meant that our outgoings do not match our income.

Unless there is a breakthrough soon we may have to reduce the services or even close the Clinic. We are meeting with one of the key supporters of the Clinic in the next few weeks to see the way forward.

Visiting Teams - At the end of 2016 – we went through a process of reviewing our work and deciding where we should be focussed. One of the key areas that came out was the one of "Mission Experience" - receiving visitors, gap year students, church teams and others to give them an opportunity to see what we are doing, and consequently what they could do!

We were therefore happy that we began 2018 by hosting two such teams. We were able to take them to see our work in the villages, our foster families etc and then give them opportunities to serve others and develop their skills



School Holidays - The big school holiday here runs over Christmas, students are now preparing to go back for the beginning of the academic year. We have tried to use the holidays well. We had a two day workshop to help youth develop photography skills. We also ran a few holiday camps for young people, especially those from our Foster Family Network.



Plans for 2018

We are preparing now for another busy year. In April we are having a team come to run a Biogas Training. Biogas is when you use animal and garden waste to produce gas for cooking. It is a technique that can save families money and reduce deforestation. However, although people are aware of it, no-one actually does it locally. The team that is coming have a lot of experience in different nations and have come to train others by practically building a biogas project. We are presently recruiting the trainees.

This Biogas opportunity came to us because I attended a meeting in South Africa last May. This was actually two meetings - one for African leaders within YWAM and then for those working in Mercy Ministry. I am invited to join the meetings again this May but the location this time is Senegal which means the flight is more expensive - so I have not yet made a decision about going. This July, we want to run the Mercy Ministry gathering here in Uganda, so that there can be more local participation. So my going to the one in Senegal would help us plan the one to be held in Uganda.

I am aiming to come to the UK again this year. Last year became complicated and I was only able to visit for two weeks. But this year I hope to come for longer. I also plan to attend the international YWAM meeting in Thailand in September. This will give me an opportunity to thank people who have helped us on our **time2own** journey and also as the meeting is focussed on the developing world, we should have opportunities to raise awareness of Uganda and YWAM ToRCH.

**Thank you again for your support
both to myself & **time2own**.**

Sandra