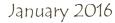
Prayer Fuel





Happy New Year. A new year, new beginnings and new opportunities. January marks the beginning of the hot dry season here in West Nile. This year it started earlier, we have had no rain since the end of November and temperatures are creeping up each day. The warm weather saps a lot of energy

For Heather, the year has got off to a running start. She is following up the Girls to Women programme in the Parishes. It is wonderful to see the mentors gaining confidence and keen to get the information into the community. Some of the mentors had some creative ideas of reaching young people. One group had a P7 leaving conference where they talked to the girls and young boys about the importance of setting goals and having a direction to follow. They discussed about True Love and the dangers of early pregnancy.

On 9th – 10th February Heather and Cindy will be having a training for the senior male and female teachers from 30 Church founded Primary Schools. These teachers are the ones responsible for reproductive health education of the pupils. We have developed a booklet to help with the sexual and reproductive health education in schools, Wise Decisions for Life.

The ongoing management supervision of the Health Centres is in progress. Our 2 big issues are the quality of services they deliver and the management of drugs. We are trying to improve the storage of the medicines as well as the prescribing of drugs. Long process, as injections are favoured by the community for any treatment of illness.

Pray for the nation, we will be having the national elections on the 18th February. At the moment there are lots of political rallies, with lots of noise and expectations are rising. Pray for peaceful and fair elections and the right man will lead the country for the next 5 years.

For David, he is busy with the ongoing management of Eden Demonstration Farm. A cow was given by the President, with no notice and this has caused much extra work. With dry season feeding is an on-going concern, as there were no plans for livestock on the farm there was no provision for extra grass for fodder.

He is also following up on all the trees that were planted last year. So far the results have been good. Pray that they will survive this dry season. Water is a precious resource, watering of plants or trees, to see them through the dry season is not part of the cultural thinking.

Thank you for your love and prayers

David & Heather