

The D.C. Team Visits Pader



Members of the Arise and Shine Dance group performing in Pader

It has now been relatively peaceful in Northern Uganda for nearly two years, since the very troubled times when the rebel soldiers were active. Pader was one of the towns where the population from the surrounding villages sought refuge. Many have now returned home or moved to transit camps. The Discovery Centre team along with others from YWAM visited

Pader from 18th - 25th August. This was a first for the team as previously groups had come down from the north rather than the team going to them. The team were received very warmly and were able to reach many people. Two days were spent teaching pastors and youth leaders followed by three days with young people, emphasising Christian living principles. The "Arise and Shine group along with staff member Nixon performed with dance and song.

Have fun and give free rice!

Go to the Discovery Centre web site and click on the link on the left hand side of the first page. The more correct answers you get the more rice is donated to the World Health Organisation for distribution across the world.



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www.discoverycentres.com

www.discoverycentres.net

as well as the usual www.discoverycentres.org.uk

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Introduction

Again a very busy three months since last reporting, The team at Discovery Centre have been very active; as well as the usual on-going activities of football and the Arise and Shine groups, there have been visits to a number of schools. Groups including Oasis and Tigers from Kampala have made return visits, also there has been a week's outreach brought to Pader in Northern Uganda. As well as this Antoine, the Centre Director, started a course in September learning Greek at a local seminary in Jinja.!

Jewellery



Beautiful Ugandan jewellery for sale. All proceeds of the sale of these items goes towards supporting children at school in Uganda, Please see Jacqui Johnson or e-mail on: Jacqui@discoverycentres.net

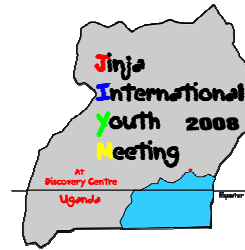
Upgrading the Buildings

Due to the tropical conditions in Uganda the fabric of the buildings deteriorates much more quickly than it would in the UK. We are keen to keep the buildings in good repair. We are pleased to report that the maintenance and improvement program is now financed from income from visiting groups. (New capital projects like the Education Centre are financed from outside sources.)



Verandah roof recently added, other buildings will have this done as part of the improvement program.

Jinja International Youth Meeting



Following on from the success of the sixth-form conference held at Discovery Centre last year, this year's conference Jinja International Youth Meeting 2008 (JIYM08) will be held from 31st October to 3rd November. Four schools from Northamptonshire, Campion - Bugbrooke, Chenderit - Middleton Cheney,

and William Parker - Daventry will be sending delegates to Discovery Centre for the conference, together with seven schools in Uganda. It is expected that this will become an annual event with more schools participating next year. The conference is very much seen as the culmination of other Ugandan/UK linking activities which happen throughout the year. It is expected that the Education Centre (see below) will play a significant role in further facilitating this when complete.

Education Centre Progressing Well

The Education Centre is progressing well. Construction has now reached the completion of the first ring beam. The next stage is the creation of the first floor concrete slab. Then follows the upper floor construction. Of the estimated £38,000 to construct the building, £26,000 has now



First Ring Beam Completed on the Education Centre

been given or promised, leaving some £12,000 to raise. The target is to complete the building by the end of 2008.

After this it will need furnishing and equipping. Once fully completed it will be a tremendous asset and it is expected to have a significant impact, not only on children and young people in Uganda but also further afield.