

Support from Silverstone Circuit

There are two sixth-form conferences to be held at Discovery Centre in October/November of this year. Students from eight Ugandan schools and seven schools from Northamptonshire are attending. The Northamptonshire schools come from across the county; in the east, the Ferrers school from Higham Ferrers; in the west, William Parker school, Daventry; from the north, Corby Business Academy; and from the south Chenderit school, Middleton Cheney—and also Campion, Caroline Chisholm and Sponne schools. Silverstone Circuit have agreed to fund some of the costs involved. We are very grateful to the management of Silverstone Circuit for this generous gesture.

Education Centre – Getting there!



Education Centre June 09

Progress on the Education Centre continues. The roof is now on, the upper floor windows and doors are in place and the upper outside part of the building has been plastered. The next immediate step is to install the windows and doors to the ground floor, as well as completing all the plastering to the outside. The target is to have everything completed and operational by the end of the year.

Friends of
Discovery Centre, Uganda



Newsletter Summer 09



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Introduction

We are so thankful for all that is going on at Discovery Centre. Hundreds, if not thousands of children's and young people's lives are regularly being touched by the different aspects of its work. Again we would want to honour and appreciate the commitment and dedication to Discovery Centre by its leaders, Antoine and Cissy Kabanga, as they head up the team. Not only is there a lot going on in ministry, but also in the staff "family". It is great to welcome new staff but it is sad when their time is up and they have to leave. We have recently had to say "goodbye" to "Hibbe" (see below). Congratulations go to Esther who gave birth in May to her second baby - we wish them well. The other piece of exciting "family" news is the imminent marriage of Eric and Rachel.

Getting married in July



Eric



Rachel



On Saturday 25th July Eric Mande and Rachel Jenkins will be getting married in Jinja, with the reception to be held at Discovery Centre. Eric is a staff member at Discovery Centre—he joined the team in late 2005. Rachel was on the Discovery Centre staff during her gap year before going to Oxford Brookes University to embark on a physiotherapy course, which she has recently successfully completed. Eric will continue to be on the staff of Discovery Centre, whilst Rachel expects to be working in a children's home in Jinja. We wish them all the best for their special day and their future together.

Up-Grading the Facilities

As well as maintaining and keeping the buildings of D.C. in good order, there is an ongoing program of improving and up-grading the



Nixon making a bench

facilities, as resources permit.

Finance to do this mostly comes from locally generated income. Currently we hope to roof the verandahs to the three main buildings. This gives greater protection to the buildings, but also creates large covered areas under which people can gather for socialising and for meetings. Two of these verandahs have now been completed, with the third expected to be completed by October of this year. In addition to this, benches have been constructed from local materials to enhance the environment beneath them — a great place to relax!



Benches under the verandah

Saying Goodbye to "Hibbe"

It hardly seems any time at all since James joined the staff at Discovery Centre. James, or "Hibbe" as he was affectionately called by the other members of staff, joined the team in January and left at the end of June. "Hibbe" was a valued member of the team whose contribution was very much appreciated. We wish him all the best as he takes up his University course at Edinburgh later in the year - well done!



James Hibbert-Hingston