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Dear Friends

From 26 October to 18 November Jutta Krauss and I were in Uganda. We made a tour around the country together with Rehema Namyalo.

We were very encouraged by the energy, enthusiasm and achievements of our partners:



Rehema addresses a community meeting on Andrew and Irene's farm. She tells them what they will learn, and what they must contribute to a week-long training seminar in March 2019

Andrew Kyambadde attended a training seminar led by Rehema and her colleagues two and a half years ago. He had always wanted to start farming but felt he did not have enough knowledge. Following the training he and his wife Irene, moved out of Kampala and bought a plot of land on which they have now developed a successful banana and chicken farm. All that they and their family eat comes from the farm. The community round about are astonished at the quality of his maize and other crops and are eagerly awaiting a training seminar that will be led by Rehema, Andrew and her colleague Evelyne Nakamatte on Andrew's farm in March next

year.

The three projects in the Kasese
Network are delighted with the
rainwater collection tanks which were
funded by supporters of Discover.
Thanks to the tanks and further training,
the kitchen gardens in Kighengi village
have improved beyond recognition. The
network has also trained staff and pupils
in two schools in each of the three
project areas. Each school now has a
"Discover Club" and a school garden.

As a result of the training and support provided by the Mikwano Project in



The community in Kighengi Village were so very happy to receive us and to show us their rainwater tanks and kitchen gardens

Kaliro District many schools have established school gardens and commenced the provision of school lunches. Given that many schools have classes until 5pm, if children have had no lunch then, of course, they almost fall asleep in the afternoon. The teachers at the Church of Uganda Primary School enthusiastically told us how they themselves are now healthier because they understand what it means to have a balanced diet. The new school garden includes egg plants, kale and maize. Every child gets maize porridge for lunch which is supplemented with vegetables from the garden. They have also planted some trees.



Children in Primary 6 and 7 take part in a formal debate, in English (!). The motion was "Vegetables are better than meat".

The chairperson, a girl from P6, was excellent!

Uganda has a rapidly growing population and most people are very poor. Despite all the problems, we were encouraged by how much many people have greatly benefitted from the work of our partners. We were impressed by how much they have achieved with



Children in the Greenhill Primary School sang and danced for us. They would like a partnership with a primary school in England or Germany.

relatively little money. Key to this success is the fact that we remain in close contact with our partners; they tell us what their needs are and how we can best support them. Now of course we receive requests for support from every group and every school that has been trained. We cannot respond to all, but with your support we will continue to support our key partners.

If you would like to see more pictures from our visit, please go to our homepage here: http://discover-src.net/en/news/. The pictures show much more of the work of our partners.

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year, Keith Lindsey