

Discover Newsletter – September 2021



Dear Friends,

Have you been on holiday this summer? I visited family in



Amon proudly shows the pawpaw she planted on the International Day of the Forest in Zimbabwe.

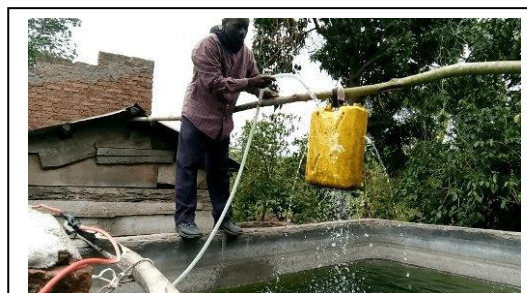
England for a week, and then my wife and I enjoyed week in our faithful camper van in Alsace – and felt much better for it.

I did not tell our Discover partners in Africa that I was taking a holiday. I was too embarrassed. Firstly, they cannot afford a holiday, secondly it is not part of their tradition, and thirdly their dedication to their work and their communities is such that they do not dream of taking a break.

Thanks to the support from Winnenden town, four tree planting initiatives, one in Zimbabwe and three in Uganda, are steaming ahead, taking advantage of the rainy season. These Discover projects work closely together with local authorities, churches and schools and so

have become major community initiatives.

Meanwhile we are slowly reducing our support to all our other project partners, although it is with great reluctance because the work they are doing is so



The water filters work extremely well with a good flow of water generated with a solar pump.

valuable. Kenja Thomas in Kasese District, Uganda, still

needs help to obtain 26 solar pumps for the 104 fishtanks that have been constructed: Obaikol Gideon in Soroti, Uganda, does not know how he can continue his work of training street youths in carpentry to help them to be able to stand on their own feet: and I feel we are leaving Tamima Omondi in South Nyanza, Kenya, high and dry as she struggles to continue to support a dozen self-help groups. We would be delighted if some experienced person or organisation were to come forward to take any one of these first-class initiatives under their wing.

Rehema Namyalo is developing her new training centre in Kasasa, Uganda, and will continue to run week-long intensive training seminars. I attach the brochure we have prepared. If you have interest in attending one of these seminars, or would like to sponsor a friend, contact Rehema directly.

Many thanks to those who have already agreed to give a monthly donation, however small that donation is. This helps us to plan our



Trainees received a t-shirt and certificate after completing a carpentry course. Lack of funds means that only one of these boys has been able to return to his village and become independent. Each relocation requires about £110.

tree planting programme over the next 4 or 5 years. If you have not already done so, please consider making a modest compensation for your carbon footprint by making a small, regular donation to our tree planting programme. However small your footprint, it will certainly be bigger than those of our African colleagues, but they suffer the effects of climate change at least as much as we.

We would also be grateful for your financial help so that we can give some support to our other partners as they continue their work, even after our regular support has come to an end.

Finally, let me invite you to take part in these webinars. They are organised by three Ugandans, two of whom live in Germany, they are conducted in English and cover a range of very interesting topics which are relevant not only to Uganda but all Sub-Saharan Africa. I can highly recommend them. The programme is attached.

With my best wishes

Keith Lindsey