

# Discover Newsletter – December 2021

## A Christmas Gift – Clean water for a village



Dear Friends,

Judith Nambi is a very active woman, dedicated to the children in primary school she founded in Kirimya, and committed to improving the lives of people in her home village. Already she has worked with villagers to plant over 300 indigenous trees to improve the general environment and has also started a farmer field school, which includes a tree nursery and small-scale piggery for training purposes and as a source of income.

The biggest need however is clean water. The present source of water is simply an open pool, which is not only a breeding ground for mosquitoes but also very dirty.

The result is that many people, especially children, suffer a wide range of diseases, which include typhoid, diarrhoea, fungal infections and bacterial infections. Water must be boiled before use, and so the women (it is almost always the women, sometimes children) must collect firewood – resulting in the steady destruction of the remaining woodland.

Judith has priced the construction of a protected well, which



The present pool from which villagers collect their water for drinking, cooking and washing

would provide the population of about 1000 adults and 1500

children with safe, clean water. The total cost: 750 Euro.

Although the level of poverty is very high, the villagers are making a collection to contribute to the costs, The sub-county has also promised support to the tune of £105. Through Judith's leadership the community is beginning to work together more than ever before. We have promised to give £475.

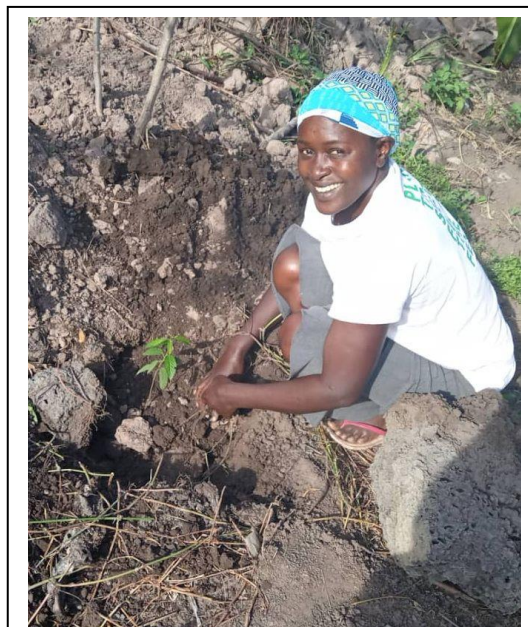
Elsewhere, we are proud that, between them, our four major tree planting projects have planted more than 30,000 trees in

2021. Next year these trees must be cared for. We aim that again in 2022 a similar number will be planted. Average cost per tree: 80 pence. That means, with only £40, 50 trees can be planted – some indigenous, some fruit, some for agroforestry.

By March 2022 our work will be almost exclusively tree planting. In the meantime, we will support the last training activities to help our long-term partners and colleagues to be well prepared for self-reliance. There are also a few partners who are eager to continue meeting local needs but cannot do so without ongoing support. For them we seek someone who is willing to offer support and supervision.

I wish you a blessed Advent, a happy Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year. We face many challenges across the world that needs us all to work together for the common good.

Sincerely, Keith Lindsey



Judith Nambi planting a musizi tree seedling in Kalunumo Village