



In the midst of the many worrying news items that are currently reaching us, I recently received a particularly impressive and encouraging report from Uganda: Kenja Thomas described his work in the Rwenzori Mountains. He has introduced agroforestry to many community groups, has planted bamboo along riverbanks to prevent flooding and has introduced tree planting in many schools. In these ways he has been able to greatly improve the environment and the living conditions of the people there.



Planting 9 hectares of land high on mountain slopes posed a particular challenge. Kenja Thomas was given the land by a benevolent landowner. All the trees on this land had been felled for firewood, charcoal making or building materials, leaving the area completely bare.

The seedlings and tools had to be carried for seven hours up the mountain! Kenja Thomas emphasises that he could only expect a few particularly strong and willing men to carry the plants and equipment. As returning down the hill also took at least three hours, the

"gardeners" had to spend several nights on the mountain. But now, watered by the morning and evening dew and a small stream, fruit trees and a variety of indigenous trees are once again growing there.

The group plans to plant thousands more seedlings in the second half of the year. The entire activity will then be evaluated in a four-day workshop. This will also focus on how the work of the initiatives with schools and community groups can continue without the support of "Discover". Like all our partners in Africa, the schools, communities and churches that Kenja Thomas supports are very grateful for the personal and financial support they have received from Discover, which has enabled them to combat the impacts of the climate crisis and to vastly improve the well-being of their communities.

Would you like to soften the blow for one of our partners?

By keeping in contact with the leader of one of our many projects: taking an interest in what they are doing: supporting them with modest financial contributions with the help of your friends, you would greatly encourage them and make it easier for their very valuable work to continue.

If you would be willing to consider making such a commitment, write to me: keith@discover-src.net

I am working towards the end of Discover as a Europe-based charitable organisation at the end of March next year with mixed feelings. I'm looking forward to "retirement" and having more time and less responsibility. However, like everyone in the Discover team, I am very sad that we will no longer be able to support our partners on a regular basis. Knowing that they will continue to be supported, albeit more modestly, would be a help and reassurance for us.

With thanks for your support and generosity over the years,

Many greetings

Keith Lindsey and the Discover -Team