

Discover Newsletter – November 2025



Small but significant signs of hope amidst widespread denial

Dear Friends and supporters,

A recent international report made grim reading. A headline in The Guardian on 29 October summarised the report and from it quoted “Rising global temperatures now kill one person a minute.” In contrast to government cutbacks on spending on environmental projects, coupled with their massive financial support for fossil fuel industries, the report comments that the only source of optimism is the work of local community groups in contact with people on the ground. Horrendous! This is confirmation of the tireless work of Discover partners in Africa. They see the impacts of the climate crisis with their own eyes. As a result of their work trees are being planted, weather patterns are less erratic, landslips and flooding occur less often, and food security is increasing through the practise of agroforestry and the establishment of school gardens.



How? For example, Judith Nambi, a primary school headteacher is extremely active in her community in Uganda. Judith writes “Our Empower the Poor Women’s Initiative has over 200 women members from twenty villages in Kasasa Sub-County in Kyotera District. We have an agroforestry farm. Over the past 5 years we have planted and cared for over 30,000 trees on farms, in the grounds of 20 churches and 50 schools. Food security has

improved because of our educational work in schools and communities. Many areas are becoming green, and rain patterns are stabilising. The community and the local economy are being energised; we buy seedlings locally and pay local people to care for the trees and farm animals.



We now aim to plant trees with pupils and teachers in 30 more schools and to train 100 more farmers in growing trees and agroforestry. In future, churches will reach out to other churches, schools to other schools and farmers to other farmers, all under our close supervision and support.

More’s the pity that Discover as a charitable organisation will in March next year cease to function. It is simply more than I can still manage to do, and frankly it would be extremely difficult for any other person or organisation to take Discover over. To help to ensure that our African partners can continue their valuable work, we encourage them to establish their own tree nurseries, so that they will have a ready supply of seedlings at minimal cost. We are also delighted that a few friends of Discover are willing to be linked with one of our partners, and to offer them moral and occasional, modest financial support. Please let me know if this is also something you would like to do.

Migrants choose to return home

Can you believe it? Several Discover partners in Uganda report that men who left their homes, sometimes with their families, to escape poverty are now returning from the towns. They had failed to find adequate paid employment and had heard that conditions in their home areas had significantly improved, because trees had been planted and farmers were practising agroforestry.

The issue of migration is a complex issue. Governments are spending a fortune and still failing to limit migration in a humane and responsible way. Is it a wild idea to suggest that the billions given in subsidies to oil companies be redirected to train and motivate local people to find their own solutions to problems in their own localities?

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