

Discover Newsletter – February 2026



Dear Friends and supporters,

The end of March 2026 is drawing nearer when Discover will cease to exist as a separate charitable organisation. We thank you all for your interest and support over many years. We are very proud of what, thanks to your support, our partners have achieved.



The slopes of the Rwenzori Mountains have been stripped of trees.

Many thanks to those who have already agreed to establish contact with one of our African partners and/or to provide one partner with occasional financial support. Such support is a great encouragement and eases their path to self-reliance. If you have not already offered such support, it is not too late to do so!

Please drop me a line.

Thanks to Mandy Boulton at AfrinspireUfund, it will still be possible for donations for Discover partners in Uganda to benefit from Gift Aid.

What a shame that, because of not living in Germany, it will not be easy to attend our forthcoming benefit concert, which will include Scottish, Irish and English songs and tunes! This concert will raise funds for the work of Kenja Thomas with communities on the slopes of the Rwenzori Mountains in Uganda. These hills are badly degraded – because of ignorance. Trees have been felled for

firewood, for charcoal production and for building houses, with no thought of replanting. The result has been catastrophic. The dry seasons are longer, and instead of rain soaking gently into the ground the rains, which are increasingly torrential, cascade down the mountainside and cause flooding and devastation below.

Today, thanks to the work of Catholic brother Kenja Thomas and all the community groups he has trained and mobilised, things are changing. Churches, schools and farmers have planted thousands of trees, and family farms practice agroforestry.



This family were smiling when they showed me their super agroforestry garden when Thomas introduced me to them in November 2023.

Thomas reports, “Most families in my communities, and especially the young children who used to be malnourished, now enjoy good health due to the vitamins from the many fruits in their gardens.

Thomas also told me that men who, because of poverty, had migrated to the towns in search of work, have returned home because now they have a better understanding of how to farm. This means that they can now feed their families and even have surplus fruits and vegetables to sell.



Kenja Thomas with pupils at St Francis Primary School in Karujumba Village where they had planted trees.

Most spectacularly, the owner of a 8.5-hectare plot high on the mountain slopes has given the land for reforestation. The site can only be reached on foot. Thomas and his 7-man team must climb for 7 hours carrying tools, tree seedlings and their provisions with them. They have already planted over 11,000 tree seedlings, a mixture of 100 different fruit and indigenous species, but even so, so far they have only covered one quarter of the area. They are determined to plant 30,000 more trees to reforest the entire plot.

So that we can provide further support for this project, we very much hope our benefit concert will be a big success!

Thank you again for your support over many years for enabling Discover partners to transform their communities. They cannot deny global warming – without their dedication these communities would suffer the consequences every day.

Here in Winnenden on 21 March we will hold a celebration of 12 years of Discover. I intend that my last newsletter will be a summary of that event.

Keith Lindsey and the Discover-Team



Three members of Thomas's team high on the mountainside.