



- For every **£1200.00 - £1500.00** we could provide washroom facilities for students at Vocational Centres and schools in Rukungiri. This will give the teenagers much needed privacy and promote good health and hygiene. This will follow the mosquito net programme with the first being built at Gables where students will be trained in the construction. They will then use their skills to build the facilities at the other schools.

Rod and Ann Gothard will be travelling out mid-September for a three-month stay. During their visit they will help implement and monitor these new projects.

### ***This can only be achieved with your continued support:***

There are many ways in which you can help. One way which has proved particularly helpful has been those setting up regular standing order donations. Knowing money is coming in on a regular basis we are better able to plan how the funds are spent when setting up long term projects. These projects give opportunities and stability to the young people of Rukungiri. For example, £10 a month will provide a scholarship for a student at Gables. Alternatively you can make a one off donation, buy a birthday or Christmas gift card, support any of the fundraisers held by many of the organisations in the village. We have previously highlighted the importance of Gift Aiding your donation, and we cannot emphasize enough the benefits of this. Last year alone we collected over £1900 from Gift Aid.

Another way to raise money is by using Everyclick.com as your search engine homepage (Powered by Ask Jeeves) and selecting Project Uganda. You will raise funds as you search and surf. If you would like any more information, or assistance with any of this please contact Matt Gothard on the number below.

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### ***Spring 2009***

With the signs of spring well under way and some temporary sunshine, it can only mean one thing, time for our annual newsletter. This is our opportunity to update you on the progress being made by Project Uganda, and to say thank you to all of our individual and various group supporters for your continued support. 2008 proved to be another busy year for the Project, with a visit to Rukungiri and various fundraising events. Just over £10k was raised including Gift Aid Tax Refunds, whilst this is less than the previous year it is still a fantastic achievement.

Fundraisers included the School Fair, Scout Car Boot Sale, Parish Fete, Fireworks and Lifeboat Mission Coffee Mornings. We also had two very successful evenings with 'Ricky Vernon and the Pathfinders', then a Sea Shanty evening with 'The Roving Mariners'. With the groups providing their services for free which makes a huge difference to the money raised. Together with these events we have also expanded into the eco-friendly linen bag market by designing our own Project Uganda logo and selling the bags at village events. They are proving very successful, and if you haven't already bought yours there are still a few available from 5 Firs Rd.

### ***May 2008 visit***

During May 2008 Martie Stanwell, Matthew and Emma Gothard with their two young children Harvey and Joshua returned to Rukungiri to continue with the Projects work. Bob McKeown from Winterslow also joined them for the first half of the trip.

Previous visits to Rukungiri have seen efforts concentrated on the construction of classrooms, workshops and boarding facilities for the students in order to allow the Vocational to get itself up and running. However, it was now felt that welfare issues should be addressed. Malaria is still a problem in Rukungiri, so it was agreed that some of the funds

should be used to purchase the latest Olyset mosquito nets for all boarding students at Gables. These are far superior to polyester nets currently available in Rukungiri as they are impregnated with Permethrin and very durable (guaranteed for five years, trials are showing 7 years plus). However, providing nets meant making frames for each set of bunk beds to allow the nets to cover and fully protect both the upper and lower bunk effectively.

*This is a very clear example of how your generosity is having a direct impact on these young peoples health. Every £5.00 you donate to Project Uganda is helping 2 students be free of malaria for the duration of their studies. Something as simple as mosquito nets will have a huge impact on the students' health, attendance and progress, thus improving the establishment as a whole.*

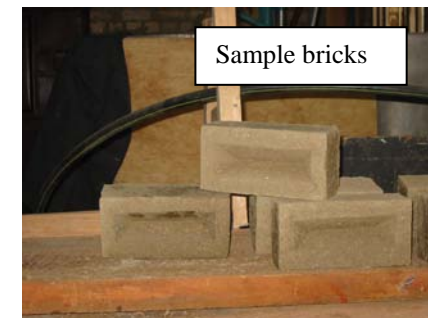
As a charity we still feel it's crucial to maintain the existing rainwater harvesting system we have installed and expand as appropriate. Due to rising student numbers it was felt that another 2,000 litre plastic water tank was required. This was purchased and then installed by the students. Some repair work was also carried out on the existing guttering. A tank overflow system was installed so that as each tank overflows it fills the next before running eventually into the drainage system.



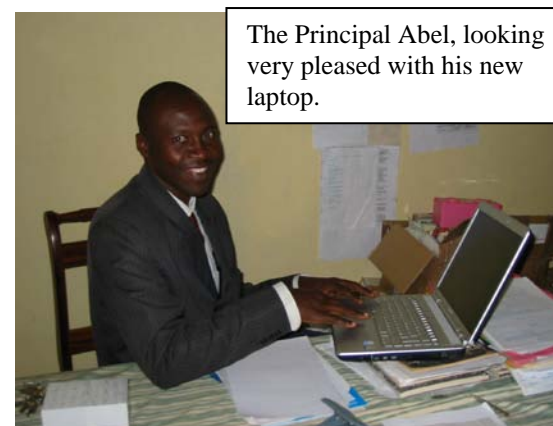
Brick press

One of our main aims as a Project has always been to try and make Gables Vocational Centre self-sufficient by taking on appropriate business ventures. This was again encouraged during this visit by Project Uganda providing a brick press and brick moulds. It was felt that there was sufficient scope for

the centre to make and sell quality bricks in the local area, thus providing training for the students and income for the centre. Project Uganda purchased the brick press from Parry Associates following a suggestion by John Tumusiime on his last visit to the UK.



Sample bricks



The Principal Abel, looking very pleased with his new laptop.

Two laptops were purchased prior to this trip for the use of the Principal and Bursar at Gables Vocational Centre. These have made day to day life more efficient for the staff and following some training the bursar now has the school's accounts on spreadsheets. This is

making it much easier for him to keep on top of things as well as providing accurate reports for the board of governors.

### ***Moving the Project forward***

2009 sees Project Uganda taking on some new and exciting ventures, still very much following the charity ethos of building self-sufficiency.

Here are a few of the ways we plan to spend funds in the forthcoming year.

- For every **£1000.00** raised we could buy enough Olyset mosquito nets to provide protection from malaria for boarding students at two schools of a similar size to Gables in Rukungiri. We will start a

programme of supplying and installing nets using trained student labour from Gables, to schools in the Rukungiri Town area.