

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

– 1 Peter 5:10

“I can see the stars from my bed at night.” Violet isn’t homeless, but she has been roofless. A year ago we put a plastic tarp over the failing rusted iron sheets of Violet’s



roof, but the elements prevailed and the rain poured in. God reminded us that we committed to helping this widow, the grandmother of Godfrey, and we had to do something before the rains return in August or September. By the grace of God, Violet and those left to her care will enjoy a drier rainy season inside the house this year.

Oliva, a Rwandan widow, was chased from her home in Kabale by her husband’s family after he died. Obtaining a parcel of land for Oliva and building a house for her family has been a long-term project that was launched by clergy and parishioners at St. Peter’s Cathedral years ago. We were strongly encouraged to pay off the loan for the land and to contribute to the construction of a home. Ugandans must be buried on the grounds of a family home. Securing a property before the end of life can be extremely difficult. By the grace of God, Oliva will have a home on a plot of land she can call her own.

Isaac, our diocesan receptionist, and Joyce spent their honeymoon last December fixing up a rental home that they could afford. Not long after they settled in, thieves tried to steal their joy. Day after day in our Morning Chapel service, Isaac would share details of the latest attack. One evening thieves were so cunning that they made off with dinner while it was still cooking on the stove. On a number of mornings Isaac and Joyce found themselves trapped in their home by thieves who threw the slide bolt on the outside of the front door, the only door to the outside. Eventually these stories began to work on us, so we visited Isaac and Joyce in their home to consider what could be done. After talking about securing doors, windows and the perimeter, we prayed with the couple and asked them to think over the options. A few days later Isaac told us that they would be grateful to have a security camera mounted on top of a very tall pole. The results have been amazing. By the grace of God, Isaac and Joyce can see their home on their phones and attempts at nighttime intrusions trigger a loud recording that says, “We can see you!”



In June, our friend Alice, an abused and abandoned mother of three teenage boys, asked us to be the godparents of Baby Daniel. We tried to explain very carefully why



we would not be able to fulfill the responsibilities of godparents. Alice was very disappointed, but eventually she embraced the idea that our mutual friend, Joann, could be Daniel's godmother and a good friend of hers from church could be the godfather. The date was set for Daniel's baptism. We provided some food and a big cake for Daniel's party. In the sunlight we could see that Daniel's hair was sparse and slightly

copper colored. God reminded us that more than a year ago we told Alice that if she would go ahead with the pregnancy, we would help her. But now we could see that Daniel, Alice and the boys were struggling with malnutrition. Since then, we have committed to supplying the staples of the diet on a regular basis. By the grace of God, Daniel now has more hair, and it is black.

While friends from home are concerned about Ebola in Uganda, people here are concerned about drought, especially in Karamoja in northeastern Uganda. Some 19 people have died of starvation, and 470,000 people are said to be at risk due to "acute food insecurity." Parishes in The Anglican Church of Uganda have taken up collections for famine relief. Some weeks ago we learned that Karamoja ranks number one in malnutrition in Uganda and Kabale ranks number two. We were shocked to learn this. Recently we met a young entrepreneur, Alyna Nanji, whose company, Fortiva Global, is developing fortified maize meal. Since students and families eat cooked maize meal, "posho," everyday, the fortified version could improve the health of the nation and reduce birth defects. We are hopeful. We are introducing Alyna to school principals in Kabale.



At the end of July, our dear "daughter" Vanessa completed her first round of employment as a cook at Cephas Inn, Kabale. The owner of the inn was so pleased with her work and her performance over 19 months that he asked the staff to prepare a farewell

banquet for her. After Vanessa sent photos from the special event to Mr. Cephas, he wrote, "It was a joy to see you work so dutifully, so fast and efficient, so mature. I think you have a great future ahead, and your future husband will be a lucky person. Select carefully. Best wishes." We couldn't agree more. Vanessa is now in Kampala taking a three-month course in professional baking.



Richard has completed another trimester at Bishop Barham Theological College teaching courses on "Anglican Worship," "Christian Ethics," and "Mission and Evangelism." He was pleased to focus on Reformation Anglican Theology in the course on worship. Richard really appreciates having mentoring relationships with

his students which includes sharing his latest “best read,” Christopher Wright’s Old Testament Ethics for the People of God.

Mentoring young adults, encouraging them to acquire useful skills that can generate an income is Martha’s passion. I challenge young people to have realistic, practical goals and to avoid the false security of taking bank loans.



While writing this newsletter Patricia Namanya visited us for the third time. She is 28 years old, and visually impaired. By the age of 17, Patricia had a brain tumor. Surgery saved her life but left her blind. Patricia has started a bachelor’s degree in social work at Bishop Barham, and she is hopeful of finding funding to continue her studies.

If you know of any grants, NGO’s or donors that could help Patricia with tuition, we would be most grateful to learn about them. Thank you.

Recently, I have expanded my work with people in need of physical rehabilitation. For six weeks now, I have been working with the bishop’s secretary who is recovering from a severe setback due to rheumatoid arthritis. Catherine Yesigomwe has faithfully served the bishops of the Diocese of Kigezi as their secretary for 31 years, and she has



coped with rheumatoid arthritis for 19 of those years. When I started working with Catherine she had lost a lot of weight. She could not keep food down. She could not get herself out of bed or stand up from a seated position. With a lot of prayer and work on the joints, we began to witness miracles. The Lord restored Catherine’s ability to eat and a few weeks later, she began to have more freedom of movement. Today we received a phone call from Catherine that ignited jumping for joy, shouting praises and singing about what the

Lord has done. Catherine was calling us from her desk at the bishop’s office! “Nothing is too difficult for Thee!”

We give thanks for the life of our friend, donor and Christian writer, Canon Ron Speers. Ron launched Anglican House Publishers in 2013 to meet the publishing needs of The Anglican Church of North American and Anglicans around the world. Ron and his wife Flo have been members of St. James Anglican in Orange County, California for many years.

We want to thank you very much for your prayers and donations. Bishop Gaddie Akanjuna and Bishop Eric Menees have agreed that we may continue our ministry in the Diocese of Kigezi through June 2027 when Bishop Gaddie retires. We are truly grateful for those of you who have been able to support us for the past three years. We kindly ask that you keep us in prayer. May God bless you for what you have enabled us to do here. For those of you who are able to continue to partner with us for one more year, may God bless you and continue to provide for your needs.

Here is record giving to our ministry for the past four months:

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
2026	\$ 4,512	\$ 24,906	\$ 4,956	\$ 10,545
2025	\$ 6,534	\$ 9,108	\$ 8,819	\$ 7,059

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We kindly ask your prayers for ...

- An appointment with Immigration in Kampala for the renewal of our Work Permits through June 2027.
- Visas for Bishop Gaddie, Mama Charity and Canon Dannel to enable them to travel to the United States for The Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin in October.



- Doors to open for our ministry associate, Shakirah Katushabe, to start a new life in Dubai. Shakirah is pursuing a four-month Work Seeker's Visa. She hopes to get a good job and someday relocate to another country and ultimately to have a home of her own.

- A safe and productive trip to Bwindi Community Hospital (founded by Dr. Scott Kellerman) for a carload of us in need

of dental work, an optical evaluation, the removal of a thorn and the resetting of a poorly mended tibia.

Yours in Christ,

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