



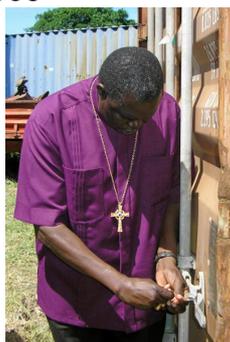
Friends of Teso (Uganda)

Newsletter Winter 2009/Spring 2010

We extend our warmest welcome to Bishop George Erwau, Bishop of Soroti, who was enthroned on 6th September 2009 following the retirement of our inspiration and friend Bishop Charles

Hallelujah!!

Our 7th 40ft container, despatched on 18th July 2009, arrived safely in Soroti, North East Uganda, at the end of October 2009



Letter from the Rev. Boniface

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the photos [some above] you will see the reception of the container and the various people who represented the institutions and communities for which the items were destined.

Our love and greetings to your family and all the members and well wishers of the Charity.

God bless you.

Rev. Boniface.

Ways to donate:

You can support us online – via our website, by standing order or by a one-off donation.

If you are a UK taxpayer, arrangements can be made for us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donation via "Gift Aid".

Can you help by:

Providing materials or equipment for shipment?

Assisting us with fundraising or other essential tasks?

Joining forces with us to combine shipments to Uganda?

Running Friends of Teso (Uganda) as a business

Purpose: To aid deprived people in Uganda.

How: By sending goods which will be of value to people who would not otherwise be able to access them. In practice this means sending 40ft containers of donated goods and raising money to pay for their transportation.

Funding: Money is raised by events, sponsorship and donations. We also facilitate goods being sent by other charities and individuals. We ask for pro rata contributions on the basis of the cost of container space to *Friends of Teso (Uganda)* (approximately £143 per cubic meter).

Expenses: All money raised is used to pay for the costs incurred in sending the goods to Uganda.

Evaluation - The cost and value of things...

The most frequently asked question is still: "Why do you send goods, not money?" By meeting with our friends and partners in Uganda we know how greatly the contents of the container are valued, and we know how much it costs to send each shipment.

However, as Trustees we felt it important to establish the monetary value of the goods we send to Teso. Pat Morris and Linda Nother set out to do exactly that on their last visit to Soroti:

Linda and Pat, accompanied by Rev Justine Okello and Mrs Florence Erwau, went "window shopping" in Soroti Town and to the second hand markets to get a realistic idea of the cost of goods equivalent to those we had sent to Teso in August 2008. They also discussed the purchase cost of medical items with the doctors who had received hospital equipment.

It was great fun and very enlightening. They found that the cost of goods in Soroti was high. In some cases, good second hand items were more expensive than locally produced or imported goods. On return to England the cost of goods sent to Uganda, at local prices, was estimated as follows:

Estimation of cost in Soroti in £s sterling:

72 boxes of bedding	984
59 boxes of children's clothing	2,360
70 boxes of ladies clothing	2,800
58 boxes of men's clothing	1,160
36 boxes of shoes	720
35 boxes of computers / accessories	700
9 bicycles	270
57 boxes of educational materials	285
Total	9,279

Added to this must be an estimated value for 2 sterilizers, 1 autoclave, 1 operating table, a hoist and sling of £10,000. In addition were Zimmer and Delta walking aids; musical organs, wheelchairs, books and tents, the value of which was not estimated because they could not have been purchased locally.

The cost of that container and transportation was £8,620.

There is no doubt that the value of the goods exceeded the cost to Friends of Teso (Uganda) by at least £15,000.

Furthermore there is no other charity which sends goods to Soroti and facilitates delivery of these desperately needed items for other people and organisations.

Letter from
The Rt. Rev. George William Erwau

Love and greetings in Jesus' name.
Thank you very much for the container. It arrived safely,
My regards to all who contributed the relief items.

God bless.

Yours in Christ,
Rt. Rev. George William Erwau
Bishop of Soroti Diocese.

Bishop George has reconfirmed the Container Committee which is responsible, under his guidance, for the distribution of goods in Teso.
Membership of the committee includes Mrs Florence Erwau and the Rev. Boniface Esomu.

The most valuable way that most people can support us is to come to our

Forthcoming events

- 27th February 2010:** Coffee morning at the Patterson Centre, Swanmore
- 13th March 2010:** Quiz Night at Priory Park Bishop's Waltham
- 24th April 2010:** Race Night at Waltham Chase Village Hall
- 27th May 2010:** Fashion Show at the Jubilee Hall Bishop's Waltham

Congratulations and a big "thank you" to Marilyn Curtis for completing the 10 mile Great South Run at Southsea



On 25th October 2009 Marilyn raised over £730 for Friends of Teso (Uganda) towards the cost and transportation of the next container, planned for summer 2010.

Many thanks also to all the people who generously sponsored Marilyn. Marilyn has also reminded us that

SPONSORSHIP

is a brilliant source of income for us.
What could you be sponsored for?

"Donate a Pen to Uganda"



Jenny Rose wanted to do something for the children in Teso.

Jenny, until recently a student at Peter Symonds College in Winchester, together with friends collected several thousand pencils, pens and other educational materials for school children in Teso.

To learn more visit our website: <http://www.friends-of-teso-uganda.org.uk>.

Thank you Jenny!!

Photograph courtesy of the Hampshire Chronicle



Recent events and thanks!!

Quiz Night: This is becoming a regular spring fund raising event and great fun for all concerned. Special thanks to Valentine and John Young and to Gerry and Alan Hansford for sponsoring the event for Friends of Teso. Priory Park is booked for 13th March for the 2010 quiz.

Wine Tasting: Webb's Land Vineyard hosted a wine tasting for Friend of Teso in September, and the Charity greatly appreciates the generosity of their hosts Stuart Pink and Steve Peters.

Charity Golf Tournament: The First Friends of Teso charity Golf Tournament was held in September at East Horton Golf Centre. The weather was brilliant, and the event was enjoyed by all of the players. Thanks especially to John Moore for arranging the tournament for the Charity. The course is already booked for 2010, and we look forward to an even bigger turnout.

Murder Mystery: Fun and Fundraising. David Cope, our friend, and in his own words "a serial murderer", again generously shared his expertise as a writer director and actor of murder mystery plays. This year David presented "Murder at Muplins" both in Bishop's Waltham and Bournemouth. The three act play was fun, the meal was enjoyed by all, and funds were raised.

Silent Auctions, Fetes and Coffee Mornings: These were all held during the year, boosted funds and hasten the date for departure of the next container.

And finally:

We have received very many heart-warming testimonials to the enormous benefits that your generosity has brought to those in desperate need in Uganda.

The following are photographs of those who have benefited from your help, but have yet to pass comment:



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