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## Note from the Editor:

Dear KACCAD friends,

We have decided to re-format our newsletter. The idea is to make it shorter and easier to read. We welcome all constructive criticism and would be happy to revert back to the old format if preferred.

## Volunteer Centre

We have started building the volunteer centre. Phase 2 is complete and Phase 3 is in progress. Unfortunately the world economic crisis is affecting all of us, funding has dried up, and construction to date may be damaged by the coming rains.

Until the roof is on (Phase 4) the centre will be at risk. We are all working hard to try and raise more funds.

We need to raise US\$8,000 to complete the roofing phase of the project.

## Home Visits

Our home visit program continues with volunteers visiting particularly poor families affected by HIV/AIDS. We have had very limited resources this quarter for food donations, but we have been able to provide homes with Tippy Taps and continue with the educational aspect of the program.

Our main focuses have been malaria prevention, safe food and water treatment, balanced diet and covering pit latrines.

## School Programs

The schools where we teach have limited resources in terms of materials and teachers. The quality of teaching varies greatly with many teachers having very limited training. Often the teachers are required to teach a greater number of students and classes than they can handle.

Several of our schools were very excited to find that our volunteer, Mia had experience tutoring Math. She was quickly given several Math classes to teach. The students loved her and the teachers were very impressed by student progress.

Mia also taught several classes on nutrition and Sophie, Lisa and Karen have continued our programs on HIV/AIDS and Life Skills.

Joanna hopes to start teaching business skills again next term

## Child Sponsorship

We have 48 children presently receiving sponsorship and a waiting list of 60 more children we are trying to find sponsors for.

Derrick is in the process of updating all our sponsor information. If you would like to sponsor a child please email us as soon as possible so we can get more children to school next term.

## Piggery Farm

In partnership with Equitop Farm, Gerrit & Ute Brinkmann of Canada KACCAD is getting our

farming education centre back up and running. Equitop Farm is doing a great job fundraising but it is inevitably tough in the current economic climate. We hope to have the farm up and running again in 6 months, stocking both chickens and pigs, and offering a training centre as well as a source of revenue. Additionally, a portion of the animals bred will be distributed to at risk members of our community on a rotation scheme.

## Water Projects

Wakiso District government assigned the sub-counties of Nsangi and Namayumba to KACCAD for water project development. We have prioritized 42 communities within those sub-counties and at present we are working on finalizing needs assessments and working with the LC1s (grassroots local government officials) toward community mobilization.

When we talk about community mobilization we refer to getting the community ready to contribute resources toward building and maintaining the wells.

To mobilize the community, members must believe in the benefits of a project. If people are presently getting sick as result of contaminated water, we must ensure the community connects the sickness to the water.

Different communities will be able to contribute different levels toward each well. We need land,

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labour and financial resources to build the wells. All communities will contribute land and labour resources, and 20-50% of the financial resources.

## Lake Victoria Triathlon

Karen and Joanna represented KACCAD as part of a mixed team with Stephen (local Ugandan we found to replace Caleb at the last minute) in the Lake Victoria Triathlon. Karen swam 1km, Stephen biked 30 km and Joanna ran 10km. Our team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mixed team category.

Karen, Joanna and Caleb also plan to run the Gorilla Half Marathon in May.

## Sky Blue Music Video

Sophie, Lisa and Joanna were given the incredible opportunity to “dance” in the latest music video of Uganda’s up and coming band, Sky Blue. They had a fantastic time and you can see the video on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3JOvREvCkQ>

## Our Volunteers

### *Caleb Fader*

Peace Corps

**Here:** Oct 2008 – April 2009

**From:** US citizen brought up in Kenya

**Focus:** Water projects

**Comments:** Working on mobilising the community of Nsangi to help them tackle their water needs.

### *Joanna Williamson*

**Here:** 6 Feb – Dec 2009

**From:** Scottish New Zealander

**Focus:** Accounts, fundraising, administration, teaching - small business skills

**Comments:** Joanna is currently working on project proposals fundraising, and improving the organisation of KACCAD’s accounts. Joanna hopes to get back to teaching business skills next term.

### *Karen Graaff*

Global Volunteer Network

**Here:** 1 Mar – 1 Jun 2009

**From:** South Africa

**Focus:** Administration, teaching - life skills

**Comments:** Along with teaching life skills Karen has been helping Joanna, proof reading fundraising proposals and data entry for the accounts.

### *Kristin Sidoryk*

A Broader view

**Here:** 22 Mar – 3 Apr 2009

**From:** Winnipeg, Canada

**Focus:** Home visits, tippy taps

**Comments:** Kristin is only with us for 2 weeks, but she jumped straight in doing several home visits on her first day.

### *Lisa Siedel*

A Broader View

**Here:** 2 weeks in February

**From:** New York

**Focus:** Teaching - understanding cultural beliefs, life skills

**Comments:** Lisa had students gripped discussing why we believe the strange things we believe. Breaking down culturally

created myths are important to teach life skills and help students understand the power they have to determine their futures through the choices they make.

### *Mia Witte*

Global Volunteer Network

**Here:** Mid Feb – Mid Mar 2009

**From:** New York (Half Kiwi)

**Focus:** Teaching - maths & nutrition

**Comments:** Several of the schools were very excited to hear Mia had experience tutoring maths. Initially Mia thought she would be tutoring maths here, but soon discovered she would be teaching several full size classes. Teachers and students wished she could stay longer.

### *Sophie Davidson*

Global Volunteer Network

**Here:** Mid Jan – Mid Apr 2009

**From:** USA

**Focus:** Home visits, teaching - life skills

**Comments:** Sophie originally planned to be with us for 2 months but changed her tickets to stay an extra month. She has fantastic energy and enthusiasm and has kept Kikaaya village well entertained. We will be sad to see her go.

## Useful Links

**Photos:**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/kyosigacommunity/>

**Blog:**

<http://kyosiganews.blogspot.com>

**Project & fundraising info:**

<http://KACCADprojects.blogspot.com>