

Link Letter No.2 June 2009

Dear friends,

In April, CMS gave us the go-ahead to go to Uganda after we had reached 75 per cent of our funding target for our 'first tour' in Uganda. This is important since the children's term in Uganda at the international school starts on August 14 and because Nick needed to give three months notice, so that he could resign and then have a month to sort out the house for renting. He resigned from a job that he has been doing for the past four years, to mutual sadness, but with an understanding from his colleagues that this is what he wanted to do.



International Hospital, Kampala

We are very grateful to God who, through so many individuals and churches, has allowed us to reach the target. We are overwhelmed by the generosity we have encountered – the target has been reached with about 80 per cent being pledged as continuous giving and the rest one-off donations. *Thank you very much.*

The past few months have seen us doing a lot of travelling; so far, we have spoken in 20 different churches – travelling to Dorset, London,



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With Ben and Anna**
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International School of Uganda

Hampshire, Jersey and even round the corner to our local parish church in Oxford. We have four more churches to visit. It has been a real encouragement as we have travelled – speaking about what makes us tick, and meeting people who have been praying for us, even since we left CMS the last time in 2004.

Nick has travelled a bit further and went to Uganda at the end of last year to meet with Bishop Zac Niringiye, a Ugandan bishop who we will be working under. This was partly to work out jobs and roles, but also to visit the places where we plan to work.

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Kampala taxi park

Nick will teach at the International Health Science University (IHSU) in Kampala and has been asked to be the Director of Health Education. Ian Clarke, who also started Kiwoko Hospital where we worked before, started IHSU. The hospital is training among others Southern Sudanese health workers who have come to Uganda since it is not possible to do on-going training in some areas of Sudan right now. They are co-sponsored by CMS Ireland. Ian uses Kiwoko Hospital as one of the trainings sites. It will certainly be very different from the six years in rural Uganda as can be seen from the photos.

Kate will be working with the Diocese in a church-based response to HIV/AIDS. Bishop Zac would like the church to be at the centre of care, including giving out antiretroviral drugs for HIV. Kate is very interested in this area since it was part of her research for her MA in Development.

The children will attend the International School (ISU) in Kampala. It will be a big change for Ben – there are 32 acres and 300 students in ISU (the one in Oxford has 1,500!)

The next four months will be spent finishing a course in medical education, getting rid of possessions (Oxfam sold the 90 PG Wodehouse books immediately!), and decorating.

Anna writes: "I am not soooo keen about going to Africa. I will miss my friends at school and I will miss my school. I will also miss my church friends and my church. I am looking forward to swimming in the International School of Uganda's

swimming pool. I am also looking forward to having electric guitar lessons (if I am allowed to) at my new school."

Ben says: "I am really looking forward to going but I will miss England and my friends. I also like going round the different churches because I make new friends and then I can look forward to when we have holidays and I go and visit them. Also Robbie is really nice and she will teach me English." When Ben has helped with the PowerPoint on deputation he says that he likes to think the empty seat in the picture is reserved for him!

We plan to leave the UK on August 11 so the children will have two days to settle in before starting school!

Prayer requests:

- Someone to rent our house.
- Somewhere to live in Kampala.
- A decent car once there.
- For friends and colleagues in Uganda.
- That the children will settle into school quickly.
- That we fulfil the work to which God has called us.

With love from us all

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