

# Horace and Beth Update from Uganda

December 2025

Dear friends,

As we look back over another year we give thanks that 840 children and young people (504 girls and 136 boys) have progressed through another level of education. The end of year national exams are almost complete, only those studying early childhood development at the college are yet to finish. 26 pupils have completed their primary leaving exams, 87 students sat their O level exams, 33 recently finished A level exams and 80 will be graduating from the college.

Highlights this year include the completion of the first room of a girls' dormitory at the college; participation of the secondary school's football team in the Ankole (south west Uganda) zone of the national schools football competition, and two Senior 6 (A level) graduates securing government sponsored places for further studies. We mentioned one of these (Rita) in the last newsletter, we then heard that another student had also secured a government place, this time to study for a diploma in engineering from one of the government-run Uganda Technical Colleges. These places are not easy to secure, only 8 university places were granted under the "district quota" for students from Bushenyi district.

We also **give thanks** for

- Generous donations which enabled us to finish the new classroom at the secondary school (flooring, pointing on the walls and also some external plastering of the administration block). This was accomplished by secondary students supervised by a recent A level graduate.
- The purchase of a new laptop for the secondary school. A level students can now practice their computer skills in the library, although practical lessons will still be held at the college.
- A gas stove for the catering department at college—we have enjoyed sampling some cakes! Until now, students used a single-use homemade "local" oven, using sand and a large saucepan.



*The new classroom: Preparing and levelling the floor and afterwards—ready for students!*



*A level students in the second science lab*

- Provision to furnish a second science laboratory at the secondary school with high tables and stools and to purchase more bunk beds for college and secondary students. (More beds are still needed @£75 per bunk).
- Monthly support received through Hand in Hand (as "Changemakers") which helps towards salaries, enabling us to provide more places for the particularly needy at reduced or no fees.
- The employment of college students in various fields, and the progression of many from each institution into further

*Aerial view of the secondary school*



studies. In a follow up of college graduates, we received feedback about their employment status as shown in the table.

In a watsap comment, one student testifies that she is building her own house and improving her mother's home having found employment: ***"...If it wasn't JJ I wouldn't have continued with studies in 2021 but am great [grateful] that I made it though money wasn't there but u pple [you people] showed me that even the poor can get education, I really appreciate...Let me even take this opportunity to show you how my place looks like by now [see photo]...I even managed to change my mother's place though am not yet done ."***

JJ Excel College graduates destination	
Nursery Teaching	37
Building Construction	32
Office work	16
Hotel/hospitality	12
Own business	8
Police or Army	2
Other employment	26
Further studies	9
Married (not looking for work)	16
Died	1
Not yet/not currently employed	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>



*Clockwise from above:  
The new home built by a college graduate now employed in Kampala;  
Electrical installation students;  
Beth with a team at the college inter-house sports competition, with mixed staff and student teams competing;  
And left: An early childhood development graduate enjoying her work as Head of Infant Section in a primary school.*



Pray with us for this year's national exam candidates to be able to progress into further studies or into employment, as is best for each individual. We are also praying for provision (£8743) to construct the second room in the girls' dormitory at the college, ideally in time for enrolling more students in February—the first room was bulging with students last year!

We will spend Christmas and the New Year in Bushenyi with David, Daniel (in photo below) and Rita, while Hazel, (she arrived back from the UK via Israel yesterday), and Gilbert (briefly on leave from work), Yvonne and Olivia (relatives in their early twenties, for whom we are guardians), will be in Namagoma (near Kampala).



*Thank you very much for your interest and support,  
Happy Christmas! Horace & Bethan*

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