

Treasurer's Report on 2003

Details of our accounts (as yet unexamined) are as follows:

	2003	2002
	£	£
INCOME	17963	26408
EXPENDITURE	25341	24755
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(7378)	1653
BALANCE B/F 1/1/03	10978	9325 (1/1/02)
BALANCE C/F 31/12/03	3600	10978 (31/12/02)

As you can see, we have eaten into our previously high reserves, which are now as low as I would like to see them go! The income for the year was again almost exactly equally split between restricted and unrestricted giving.

I am pleased to say that only £649 (just 2.5% of expenditure) has been spent on administration, and even most of that was actually the cost of transferring money to AICM in Uganda. Everything else (97.5%) has gone directly to support the purposes of AICM - very few charities can boast a percentage as high as this!

As ever, we are always delighted to receive any donations. Gifts can either be made "Restricted" for any purpose you specify, or can go to General Funds, which is what we use to help pay the salaries and other running costs of AICM. Gifts can be in any form - standing order, charity cheques or just one-off donations - for any amount. Gift Aid and Standing Order Forms are available on the website or else from the Treasurer at the address below:

**Matthew Clements**  
97 New Caledonian Wharf, Odessa St , London SE16 7TW  
Telephone 020 7231 6213

**If you would like to make a donation to the work of AICM, please complete and send the following:**

✂ .....

"I enclose a cheque/charity cheque for  £100  £50  £25  Other (specify) **for general funds/specific purpose (specify).....**

**Name**  
**Address (etc)**

Supporting African International Christian Ministry in south-west Uganda

# Friends of AICM Newsletter

JANUARY 2004

**Warm greetings in the name of Jesus for 2004 from the Kayeeye family and staff of AICM in Kabale and from the committee of Friends of AICM here in the UK.**

**“From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another”  
John 1 v.16**



*July 31<sup>st</sup> 2003, AICM Anniversary Service, All Saints Church, Kabale*

## Prayer Requests

### UK News

- 3 new members have been voted on to the AICM **Executive Committee**: Brenda Broderick, Alice Alesi and Sue Townsend.
- **Welcome** to Sue Matthew, a retired head teacher from Oxford, and friend of Rev. Trevor Williams, who has kindly agreed to become our new secretary to take the place of Anne Fletcher, our secretary of many years, to whom much thanks.
- **Thanks to:**
  - Ian Sanderson for all his hard work as our Co-ordinator. Ian has now left us to run his own charity Afrinspire, and as part of this work will keep contact with AICM and in particular will help in the transport of goods to AICM.
  - Trevor Williams and Matthew Clements for their hard work as chairman and treasurer respectively.
  - Mick and Gill Henderson who maintain our database and distribute information
  - Sue and Colin Townsend for producing the two superb calendars for 2004. All of these have now gone.

### AICM Web Site

By the time you read this, the revised AICM website should be up and running at its new, easy-to-remember URL: [www.aicm.org.uk](http://www.aicm.org.uk). The website contains downloadable Gift Aid and Standing Order Forms as well as lots of information about AICM and the Friends, including the 2002 Friends Annual Report.

If there are things that you would like to see mentioned on the website, please e-mail the webmaster.

Please note the Treasurer's change of Address to:

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### AICM needs your prayers:

- *For the Vocational Training Centre, for tools and equipment.*
- *For the right decisions of the Director, Trustees and staff.*
- *Adequate remuneration to retain good workers.*
- *To be able to pay for training, and higher salaries to managers.*
- *Help for transport for community workers.*
- *Steady support for the Batwa to draw aid from other charities.*
- ***Trustees and Committee of Friends of AICM need your prayers and help:***
  - ***To set an Agenda to meet the future needs and challenges.***
  - ***For ideas to increase financial giving to support above needs."***

### **AICM personalised clothing**

Details will be published shortly of a range of polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces embroidered with the AICM logo. Specimen garments look superb. Orders will be taken via Colin and Sue Townsend. Not only will they promote AICM but sales will also generate profit for AICM.

**We are about to produce new, updated publicity material and will circulate this when available.**

### **Publicity and Information:**

For any information please contact:  
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**Oxford. OX2 6RF.**  
**Telephone: (01865) 557959**

To make a **financial response** or for information concerning donations please contact:  
**Matthew Clements**  
**97 Caledonian Wharf, Odessa Street, London. SE16 7TW.**

### **Obituary**

We give thanks for the life and support of Marjorie Reeves, a faithful friend of AICM, who sadly died in Oxford on 27<sup>th</sup> November, aged 98.

### From Verity Smith:

*“I had worked in Africa before, so was absolutely delighted to return. I had also been a close student colleague of Rev Enoch Kayaye when he did his Masters degree in Rural Social Development at the University of Reading in 1989/90. It was impressive to see what he and Phoebe and their staff and the Board of Governors had managed to create in the AICM in Kabale and the surrounding area. Coming from an academic background myself, it was thrilling to see the rows of students graduating from the Vocational Training Centre in such worthwhile subjects. We were privileged to see their displays and the demonstrations of their work during the 20 Anniversary celebrations.*

*We went out to the remote villages where AICM is working. The enthusiasm of the school staff and pupils of all ages will always stay with me. Carpentry classes were being held with eager young men, in a currently roofless unused classroom, with one example of each of the few main carpentry tools – and the lessons included both theory and practice. Each student’s notebook was his precious possession. Very humbling.*

*We also visited Batwa villages. We were greeted with undeserved enthusiasm. It is obvious that these local people, traditionally of the forests, are slowly getting extra resources for their communities, with them participating as far as their more traditional skills allow. Their children are going, albeit spasmodically at first, to the tiny school which has recently been finished, and mixing with non Batwa local children. So barriers and prejudice can be reduced.”*

### Personal News from Enoch and Phoebe

Sadly one of Phoebe’s sisters and her husband have now both died, leaving their 8 children in the care of Enoch and Phoebe in addition to their own five. Please remember this extra burden on them in your prayers.

### Celebrations in Kabale

A party of 22 intrepid Friends of AICM left Heathrow together on a Sunday in July last year to attend the AICM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Kabale. In addition, a family of six travelled separately (and *camped* on Enoch’s lawn).

Many of us had been before (some not for a long time!) but we were all again impressed at how they can achieve so much with so little. The welcome of the people is almost overwhelming and their enthusiasm and cheerfulness are always evident. We visited various villages on one day to see the work of AICM at first hand; other days we marched around Kabale, attended celebrations and a church service. In our free time a visit to the beautiful Lake Bunyonyi was essential for those who had not been before. Education is recognised as being so important - new secondary schools are now appearing where there were only primary schools a few years ago - and all the pupils are so clean, tidy and well-behaved!

As far as we are concerned, one of the most remarkable things of the visit was how 22 of us could hire five 4WD LandCruisers/Pajeros etc and return them all safely after a total of about 8,000 kms, all of it self-drive and some of it on genuine off-road conditions. My wife had said that Cairo had the worst traffic she had ever seen, but admitted after I had safely negotiated Kampala’s Monday morning rush-hour that Kampala was definitely worse!

There are lots of photographs available, a small selection of which now appear on the AICM website. Also, a short video is being produced from three (long) professional ones made of our visit and it is hoped that this will be available to order.

We came back as six separate parties on various dates throughout August, with many memories of the food, wildlife, songs of welcome, dusty murrum roads and long speeches. Above all, I think we all had a sense of both achievement and gratitude that we were able to participate in this adventure. We are all grateful to those who organised the trip, both in the UK and in Uganda.

## Finances

We have had some successful promotion and fundraising for AICM during 2003 for which many, many thanks. Regular giving is however down on the previous years as is the total raised for the year. As the Vocational Training College grows and prospers in Kabale, as work amongst the Batwa produces increasing needs for tools, schools and as other possible areas of work open up funding is absolutely crucial, and the UK Friends are an essential element in this. Please be encouraged yourselves and encourage Christian friends and church fellowships to give, and to do so through Friends of AICM through the treasurer, in order that we gain the Gift Aid tax refund. Your giving can be unrestricted or restricted to a particular project.

## Anniversary Trip: July – August 2003

27 UK supporters visited Kabale for the AICM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2003. This memorable trip gave us great insights into various AICM projects and other wider experiences of the life and culture of this part of East Africa. The following extracts from memories of some of the party speak for themselves.

### From Anne Fletcher, our retiring secretary:

*“In 1983, when Enoch received his vision to show Christ’s love to the poor of Uganda, regardless of race, creed or politics it was the time of President Amin, and his rule of terror, persecution and devastation. People, who survived, were bewildered and unmotivated.*

*It was into this situation that Enoch became a catalyst to remote villagers, encouraging them to take responsibility for themselves with outside help to set up education, health care, Aids awareness and the building of clinics. Orphans were helped. In 1990 a Vocational Training Centre was opened for trade courses, recognised by the Government.*

*Enough! you, and many ‘Friends’ in this country have followed the ups and downs of this from previous Newsletters over the years. But for 27 of us travelling out this Summer for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations the amount achieved since then was a revelation. The field visits to see improved conditions for Batwa groups on the hillside, or to remote communities were unbelievable witnesses of having hope and a future out of nothing. The smiling faces and an overwhelming welcome was heartwarming, demonstrating a friendship and a gratitude for what had been done by AICM and with the generosity of Friends. The dancing, the singing, meals together were unforgettable. At the Ceremony, speeches from*

*Government and Local Ministers paid tribute to the work of AICM among the underprivileged.*

*But nearly all Celebrations mark a stage, and then comes the re-planning and thoughts for the years to come, to consolidate and meet new challenges.*

*Uganda is now quite a different country from 20 years ago. Businesses are growing, roads are improving and the Modern age of computers, e-mails and mobile phones, are now quite familiar; but in the remote and beautiful areas there are still the underprivileged and vulnerable: there is still the need to combat poverty, for vocational training, a place and recognition for the Batwa, health care and Aids awareness.*

### From Martyn and Sue Camburn:

- *“Driving in clouds of red dust with all eyes straining to spot pot-holes or the head bumping awful speed bumps & mountains! Dragon flamed local buses that see off all rivals on the road.*
- *Choirs, churches & villages singing with the happiness of faith and the rhythms of Africa. The cheerful singing of the Batwa arriving for the celebrations in the battered truck.*
- *All the multifaceted aspects of the AICM in work & in celebration. The values illustrated by an enthusiastic student who held us enthralled as he talked about all aspects of horticulture from the nutritional value of a wide range of crops, to the current use of the humble watering can.*
- *The Boys' Brigade brass band proudly leading the parade through the town in the heat & dust of the day. A Minister of the Scottish Kirk striding with measured tread, hand in hand with a little girl in her best frilly dress and pantaloons.*
- *The food. The wonderful banquets supplied by Enoch & Phoebe. It must have felt like feeding of the 5000 at times! Groundnut sauce, chicken with Irish potatoes, fresh fruit, all remembered with pleasure, well almost. Just don't ever give us another Ugandan speciality breakfast of Matoke and goat's tripe!!*
- *Above all the memory of the AICM 2003 is of friendship, joy and fellowship.”*