

28 terms' fees for students at £20 - £560
 6 sets of pigs at £45! - £270
 This totals £1445 from only 19 people, although ten more people have used the scheme since that date.
 Please contact Sue Townsend on 01993 703463 or me if you wish to join these programmes, and remember that they can be used for anything and everything, including birthdays.

This specific giving is great, but it does not address the commitments by the Friends of AICM to pay the regular salaries of those who work in Kabale, and now in the DRC, in particular, Bishop Enoch, his son Timothy and six key personnel who make everything tick. As we hope you know, there are virtually no administrative costs in the UK as we all give our time free, but we do need to support our Ugandan friends who are working full-time to carry out the various projects.
 To this end, if you felt able to give a regular monthly, or annual amount of any size, it would be much appreciated.
 I myself am about to retire as a Vicar in Folkestone, so please contact me at my new address below or on 01580 713836.

John Tapper

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

**The Treasurer, Friends of AICM, Canon John Tapper,
 Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Sissinghurst, Kent, TN17 2HX.**

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

Name
Address

I am a UK taxpayer and under the Gift Aid scheme, I would like AICM to claim back tax on all donations until further notice
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AICM Founder Consecrated as Assistant Bishop



The Rev Canon Enoch Kayeeye, Director-General and founder of AICM was consecrated as Assistant Bishop of North Kivu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Sunday, October 22nd, 2006.

Having had the original consecration delayed because of DRC elections, it eventually took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Kitulu, Butembo in the DRC, where Enoch became Bishop of the Anglican Communion in front of many visitors. These included government representatives, regional leaders and hundreds of local residents. The ceremony was blessed with a shower of rain and bright sun simultaneously and also included various choirs and an excellent sermon by the Right Reverend Doctor William Rukirande, former Bishop of Kigezi Diocese.



The occasion was presided over by His Grace the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Congo and Congo Brazzaville, Doctor Dirokpa Balafuga Fidele.

Already, Enoch has visited four parishes and confirmed one hundred people into the Christian faith, identified nine locations for new churches and inaugurated five others. One of these, All Saints Church, is in the middle of Butembo, a city of one million, and was due to be launched before Christmas, with others opening in January. As a result of this development, voluntary teaching at the Cathedral has been started by some of the pastors, in addition to their normal, parish roles.

Transport is a problem, with the Diocese equal to three-quarters of the size of Uganda having seven Archdeaconries, forty-eight parishes, two hundred schools and one hundred thousand students, and accessing them on a regular basis is difficult. To aid his ministry, Enoch urgently requires bicycles, motorbikes, IT equipment and materials for office renovation.

Most of the Trustees can give you advice, and the rest of Uganda is beautiful and well worth a visit, so please think seriously about it. You will also have noticed a recurring theme – there is never enough funding to meet the needs. Please pass on what AICM seeks to do in God's name in Uganda to your friends: we need to widen our support base, and do please consider whether you can support the work more. Regular, covenanted, unrestricted giving is the most useful, but schemes for orphan sponsorship (updated information on this coming soon) and our alternative-giving scheme is also a very useful source of income.

Sue Townsend



Oddbits

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who bought cards. Including local sales, £250 was raised for AICM.

AICM Clothing

Remember that sweatshirts, polo shirts and fleece are still available from Sue and Colin Townsend. The AICM logos can be left off for those who would prefer it.

Alternative Giving (An appeal by John Tapper)

We've had a fantastic response both to Alternative Giving and for the Sponsorship of Orphans, with twenty-four orphans fully sponsored at Ihunga School for the next twelve months at £20 per term, with many of the sponsors committing themselves to a three-year program. A big THANK YOU comes from the children.

For the Alternative Giving, the results as of early January are:

69 packs of seeds at £5	- £345
18 dresses and uniforms for the children at £15	- £270



No trip to Kabale would be complete without visiting a school or the Batwa people. We went to Ihunga Secondary School where several folk currently support students, and we visited the Batwa tribe who live on land purchased for them by AICM at Rwamahano. On both occasions we were

overwhelmed by the welcome – singing and dancing to welcome visitors is such a wonderful part of African culture. We have several memories of various AICM staff members and visitors enthusiastically joining in some of the dancing.

At Ihunga, several students were pleased to receive letters or gifts from their sponsors in the UK, which John and Liz Tapper had brought with them. At Rwamahano, we were touched by the warm welcome, but have a picture of the women and children



looking cold as they lack sufficient warm clothing and blankets. On the other hand, we were so impressed by so many of them who were transforming the land around them by planting a fruit plantation and preparing fields for a September sowing. These people have been turned out of their forest homes with nothing, but with the help of organisations like AICM, they are learning of God's love for them and are being helped to settle on the land to a new way of life. They are so grateful, but there remains much to do.



We hope this has conveyed something of our trip to you. More details will doubtless appear in subsequent editions. You are always assured of a really warm welcome in Kabale, so if anyone would like to visit, please ask us how you can.

We ask you all to pray for Enoch as he begins his ministry, both for his success and for his safety; for Phoebe as she will sometimes be with him, but at other times will be in Kabale on her own; and for the Friends of AICM here in the UK as we try to improve our situation so that we can support the work in Congo as well as in Kabale District.

“I think it is the time God has set for me to join the Anglican Episcopal Ministry with numerous challenges facing the Anglican Church. I am committed to my calling especially to pray to God to bring about Renewal and Unity in the Anglican Church worldwide. Nobody else will cry to the Lord for this but me and you.”

Rt. Rev. Enoch & Mrs. Phoebe Kayeeye, Oct 2006

Trustees' Visit to Kabale – Summer, 2006



On 22nd July, Sue and Colin Townsend, Canon John and Mrs Liz Tapper and Canon Trevor Williams spent a week in Kabale. We were warmly welcomed by Timothy Twikerize, the new Director and his team, and the week proved a tremendous blessing for both the visitors and the visited. The visit yielded much useful information, too much for this newsletter for the moment, but there follows a report to give a flavour of events.

One over-riding impression was that of thankfulness to God for producing a



Enoch with Timothy

with his staff and the many people that we visited on the various AICM projects. He heads up a mainly young team, all of whom seem to hold him in high regard. We ask our readers to please pray for him – for wisdom, courage and perseverance in a difficult but important job.

We met other significant staff, some of whom we can introduce to you in future newsletters. We now feel that these folk are all friends and members together of one big family and we would like our readers to feel this too.

Loyce Kemigsha, the deputy director, is already known to many, as she visited the UK with Enoch last year. Loyce coordinates the work amongst orphans, including many needing schooling like the students at Ihunga Secondary School, so she is the person who will direct the funding that comes in from those of you who sponsor orphans



Another important member of staff it would be good to mention at this time is Mr Mirembe Edfson, who is principal of the Vocational Training College. He heads up an ever improving college with increasing numbers of staff and offering many important vocational courses.



We were impressed with progress at the college, but we were also aware that resources are scarce. Funding is always an issue and staff are loyal, but they will not remain so if salaries cannot be sustained. Edfson is a good director - he needs prayer and much wisdom and guidance. He gets another special mention as he was married on 9th



December at St Peter's Cathedral in Kabale, and we would like to assure him and his bride of our love and prayers for their future together.

One thing that struck all of us was the huge range of projects that AICM is now involved in. There are many, many widows and orphan groups throughout the surrounding districts of Kabale who are being supported and encouraged by AICM. We visited many of these, but AICM can offer them only a little, such as spiritual support, encouragement in some income generating projects, tools and seeds to help in land cultivation, health suggestions and general advice. But above all is the basic contact through the wonderfully faithful extension workers who visit regularly. We met several of these and they are hard-working folk who also need our prayers. They also need funds and resources - some of our alternative giving projects target these needs.

The communities need health centres. AICM has been, and still is involved in helping to provide these. They have helped in the building of several like the one at Kyobugombe where members of Trinity College, Oxford were personally involved in the work. These centres require furniture, equipment and staff before they can really meet the needs of the communities. The one we visited had plugs, but no power for the fridges that should have held medicines and vaccines.

