

website from Alan Jesson, and which he has only recently handed on. Many other visits followed, including AICM's 20th anniversary in 2003, when the self-drive vehicles they had gave some independent control over the itinerary. Matthew always thought that nothing could compare with the joy of returning a vehicle, undamaged, after driving 1000 miles on poor roads and in dangerous traffic!

This is a flavour of those 16 years, which also include visits from Uganda by Enoch and others and much enthusiastic energy in trying to expand the Friends support base. Matthew is standing down now as a Trustee, because of other commitments, but feels he has been privileged in knowing Enoch. In his own words, "I have seen Uganda as few tourists can claim to have done – a wonderfully welcoming people in a beautiful country – and my own world view has developed vastly as a result, together with a concern and compassion for the needs of our brothers and sisters in far off countries"

We, for our part, are deeply grateful for Matthew's energy and commitment in helping to establish AICM as a true witness to Christ.

Trevor Williams, Chairman, Friends of AICM

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).....

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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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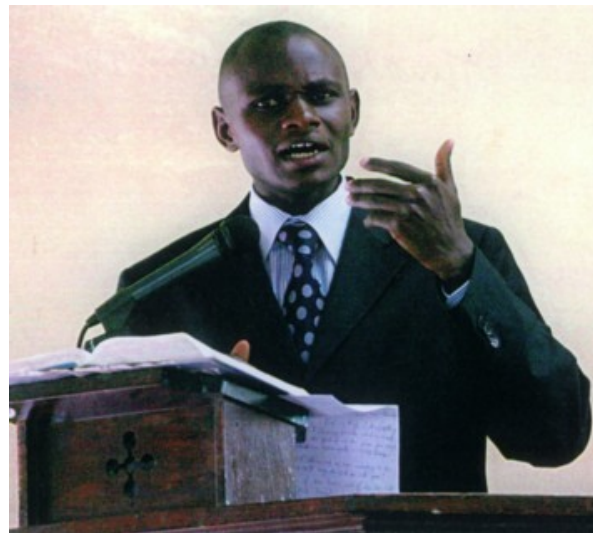
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Friends of AICM Newsletter

March 2008

Timothy Twikrize to visit UK

Timothy Twikrize, son of the founder of AICM, Bishop Enoch Kayeyee, is the current Director of AICM in Uganda, and will be arriving in the UK on 5th April for a month long visit. Part of his email follows.



*Warm regards from AICM!
I have not made any concrete plans apart from those of meeting with the Trustees of the Friends of AICM, members and well wishers. In addition, I would wish to visit Churches, schools and organizations as suggested by the Friends of AICM, where I would be able to preach and/ or share information about AICM's vision, mission,*

programmes, activities and plans. This, I suggest, will be done through the distribution of copies of printed brochures and video documentaries (which I hope to bring over) and could also give a brief talk about AICM, as and when the opportunity arises. In addition, through the Trustees, I would propose to meet the AICM worldwide patron, Dr. John Sentamu, firstly to develop contact with him, to update him on the progress of AICM and to explore avenues of his possible role in working with the Friends of AICM to mobilize support for AICM.

Timothy

Itinerary

Plans are incomplete at the moment, but are provisionally as follows:

5th – 7th April - Timothy will be in Witney and Oxford,

8th – 10th April, Cambridgeshire, based around Huntingdon

12th – 13th April (and possibly longer) in Sissinghurst, Kent,

(Dates unknown) Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone,

(Dates unknown) Possibly N Wales with Phil Simpson

18th – 20th April, back in Oxford,

Possibly to Scotland and,

27th April in South Leigh, Oxfordshire.

Whilst in Oxford on 19th, there will be an opportunity for the Friends to meet with Timothy in Trinity College. He will be in the Danson Room at the College between 2 and 5pm on that Saturday and will be more than happy to have a chat with anyone.

Visit Uganda



**Kabale
District**

An area of natural
beauty



The children (and their mothers) came up with some very original ideas and it was very hard to choose the winners! Each participant donated £1 and the money raised was given to Friends of AICM. Westbrook House also donated money raised at their Carol Service to AICM.



Your AICM Trustees – 6



Matthew Clements's association with AICM began in 1991 whilst at a bible study in Brampton, when Dawn Howitt, one of Enoch's supporters, announced that Anne Fletcher intended visiting Uganda and wanted a companion. Having some leave booked with little to do, Matthew agreed to go. So began an interesting and rewarding relationship.

That first visit was a step onto the unknown for both of them with no internet or mobile phones and the legacy of Idi Amin. Six weeks later they found themselves on a crowded minibus to Kabale trying not to catch the eye of armed teenagers in uniform. Matthew recalls their time there was marked by a complete lack of personal time. Visits to villages were numerous, ambitious and amazing. The welcome was always astonishing and Matthew estimated that he spoke to almost ten thousand people during the visit with the climax possibly being in the old cathedral in Kabale when about 800 people crammed in. This visit was fruitful in many ways since no-one had visited since 1985 and many there were greatly encouraged by it and in particular, Matthew's analytical skills and qualifications. In 1997, he joined Janet Pratt and Ian Sanderson for two weeks, travelling this time by a marginally safer large coach and managing during that trip to visit the Batwa at Kacereere. It involved a long trip, but was a wonderful day. In 1999, Matthew became Treasurer of the Friends of AICM, a role that he continued until 2006. This was more complicated than expected, as it involved ensuring that money was correctly accounted for in Uganda, which was not always an easy task. Then in 2002, Matthew took over the F/AICM

A Prayer

Please join with us in prayer for the work of AICM

Let us learn from the example of Paul who in his many letters exhorted his fellow workers to pray with him and for him as he preached the gospel.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now---- " Romans ch.1 v3-5.

Please pray for the friends here in UK---that we will prepare well for Timothy`s approaching visit---so that we make him warmly welcome and make the most of the opportunity to introduce both him and the work he is doing in the name of the Lord in Kabale. Please pray that we can encourage others to support AICM. .Pray for the vehicle fund appeal--it would be so wonderful to hand Timothy that £5000.

Please pray for Timothy as he prepares for his visit and pray for safety in travelling.

Please pray for Edfson, the head of the VTC in Kabale-----pray that he and his wife Mercy may be encouraged ---especially pray that Edfson has great wisdom in his oversight of both staff and students. Many students at the VTC struggle to meet fees and complete courses. Pray that the Friends in the UK can work out a system of sponsorship that can help some of these students.

Pray for all the staff in Kabale as they often have to travel long distances visiting the rural communities, and that God will protect them at all times. Please also remember Bishop Enoch and Phoebe Kayeyee as they serve the Lord in North Kivu, Congo.

Wacky Westbrook raises money for AICM



Pupils of Westbrook House Prep School, Folkestone, recently had a fundraising event to raise money for charity. Children were encouraged to do their hair in the weirdest possible styles for the usual Friday assembly. Each class paraded in front of the parents and a winner from each class was chosen.



In early July 2009, Colin and Sue Townsend and John and Liz Tapper are planning to lead a trip to Uganda.

It will include:

A visit to AICM in Kabale including meeting students and orphans

Bird Watching (Uganda has over 1500 varieties)

Special points of interest (Game Parks etc)

Travel will be by 4x4 vehicles, staying in local hostelries, so there will be a "safari" feel to the trip, but the basic purpose is to support the Christians at AICM in their outreach.

If you are interested, put the dates in your diary(4th to 18th July 2009) and contact one of the leaders.

Alternative Giving at Christmas

The scheme raised £1464 to send to Uganda this year, broken down as follows:

Seeds for Survival (31 packs)	£155
Dress for Learning (23)	£345
Sweet as Honey (50 hives)	£375
Wheels of Mercy (9 bicycles)	£405
Goats (a small flock!)	£184

Thank you to everyone and remember that the scheme remains open all year round.



MRDF Visits AICM



Guests and AICM Staff

From 19th to 22nd February this year AICM was privileged with a visit from a group of Friends from the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF), led by Phil Simpson, a long-time member and supporter of Friends of AICM in the UK. Accompanying Phil were Mr Chris Rolls, MRDF World AIMS Officer, Mr Bob Barnes, Headmaster of Shebbear College, Devon and Mrs Fran Lovett, a

teacher at the college. They toured the VTC and also paid a visit to Rwamahano Batwa Centre and Primary School

Whilst the group was visiting Uganda to view MRDF projects, Phil had suggested a possible visit to AICM with a hope that a link could be forged for possible future support and partnership. We hope and pray that much may come from this visit and thank Phil for his initiative.



Batwa Centre

The 4 x 4 Appeal

A big thank you for the response to our recent appeal, reference a gift for Timothy and AICM when he visits the UK in April. As of the 18th February, the Treasurer had received 17 gifts totalling £1125, which together with the £1400 raised last year on the sponsored walk by the Tappers comes to £2525.

Any other gifts would be more than appreciated and can be sent to the Treasurer, John Tapper, whose address is on the last page.

Graeme Naish



The people carrier took the Ugandan roads at high but safe speeds. The passengers, the bystanders and the occasional animals showed no alarm. The driver remarked on how well engineered the roads were. This was Graeme Naish in action on AICM business in August 2003, well into his 70s but keeping up with and often leading the rest of us on our visit to celebrate the 20th Anniversary.

Graeme died on 12 December last and some of us were able to attend a Thanksgiving Service at Greyfriars Church, Reading where he had been a member for 30 years. It was there that he met Enoch Kayeeye, when Enoch returned to the UK in 1987 for further studies in Rural Development at Reading University and Graeme and his late wife Elspet, a Scottish daughter of the manse, welcomed him as their lodger and honorary family member.

From there on, Graeme sustained a quiet and faithful interest in and support for AICM. Never one to thrust himself forward, though he had reached the rank of Lt Commander in the Royal Navy, he beavered away for AICM as for many other causes, serving on our Friends' Committee while declining to be a Trustee. He often hosted our committee meetings at his Denmark Road home.

The son of a farmer, Graeme appreciated God's creation and travelled to other places than Uganda. His high-speed driving reflected his passion for motoring, especially racing - he had owned several interesting vehicles. Trained in physics, after his naval days he worked in management consultancy and cost engineering. From these skills and experiences, he would bring a kind but clear realism into our AICM discussions about possible projects and funding. His name is, after all, an anagram of "he is manager".

We are glad that Graeme was able to be with us for our residential meeting near Oxford just six weeks before his death. Matter of fact and uncomplaining about his physical limitations, he was for the rest of us a wonderful "elder" – in the sense of that word which conveys much depth and significance, both in biblical and in African understanding.