

Website

Does your church have a website? A recent addition to the AICM website (www.aicm.org.uk) is a list of supporter churches.

One of the main methods that search engines use to rank websites is to score them by the number of other sites that link to them. Hence we can do each other a favour here. If you get your church to add a link to the AICM website and tell me your URL so that I can do the same for your church, then it improves the score of both sites. This makes it more likely that they will appear higher up the list on Google etc and so increase their visibility. I can also send you a few descriptive words to use on your website to amplify the link to AICM. Matthew Clements (treasurer@aicm.org).

Deaths

We are sorry to announce the death of George Howitt some weeks ago who had long been a supporter of AICM and a former treasurer. We hope to provide a brief obituary in our next issue.

INCOME TAX REPAYMENT?

Each year, some people are fortunate enough to benefit from a repayment of income tax from the Inland Revenue. Often this sort of sum is only a few pounds and they may send a cheque or adjust the person's tax code. This year they have introduced a scheme whereby this can be paid directly to a charity of the tax-payer's choice, provided the charity has registered.

The Friends of AICM have registered for this scheme - all you have to do is to enter our specific code "WAB46MG" on your self-assessment form and any rebate will come straight to us. More details are available of the Inland Revenue website.

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, Matthew Clements
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Friends of AICM Newsletter

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Prestigious Award Granted to AICM by Federation of Uganda Employers

On Thursday February 24th 2005, AICM Founder and Director Rev. Enoch Kayeeye collected the "Best Small Business" award at the fourth annual award ceremony at the newly refurbished Rwenzori Suite at Kampala's Sheraton Hotel.

To celebrate this award and to mark yet further developments at the Vocational Training College in Kabale, a grand ceremony was organised at the VTC in Kabale on the 11th March. Tom and Brenda Broderick, visiting at the time, received the following:

Invitation as Chief Guests at the Employers Award Ceremony and the Inauguration of Departments of AICM/VTC on 11th March 2005

African International Christian Ministry, AICM, was founded in 1983 with a challenge to reach the remote communities, those that are marginalized, those who are in the periphery and are still in a state of despair and hopelessness. It is because of the above that AICM came out critically to take the challenge of evangelism, literacy and community development.

Following the survey and interview conducted by Ernst and Young on behalf of the Federation of Uganda Employers, AICM has been recognised as the best employer among the private organisations in the whole of the Western region and Christian ministry in Uganda. In regard to this, an award has been given to AICM which will be officially received by AICM staff, members and well wishers on 11th March 2005 at 3.30pm in the college main hall at Rushambya Kirigime Kabale municipality. African International Christian Ministry / Vocational Training College is also undergoing restructuring by transforming it into five departments which are Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Agriculture, Business Studies and Electrical Engineering. These will be administered by individual heads who will constitute the College Academic Board. The new structure will be inaugurated on the same day. We therefore invite you to come and attend this function and your presence will be of great honour.

The Friends of AICM in the UK all wish to congratulate Enoch and his staff on this much deserved award and on the exciting progress at the VTC.

In future newsletters, we will introduce you to members of the AICM Board and VTC Staff.

News: We are so pleased to hear that Rt Rev John Sentamu, Bishop of Birmingham and Patron of AICM has been nominated Archbishop of York. Our congratulations go to him. The next newsletter will expand on this.

Tom and Brenda return to Kabale – for the third time

Tom and Brenda Broderick, from Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone, have recently returned from their third trip to Kabale. They arrived there on 16th January and stayed until 21st March 2005 and their trip is best summarised in Brenda's report for us.



Your AICM Trustees

In the next few issues of the newsletter, we will be including resumes of the AICM trustees for your interest, as space permits. Here is the first:

Trevor Williams



Trevor Williams is currently Chairman of the Friends of AICM and has been for thirteen years. His links with Uganda go back a long way. His parents were CMS missionaries and he was born there, attending his first school in Kabale! After graduating in Theology at Jesus College, Oxford, he returned to Uganda in 1963 for a two year MA course in African Studies. It was a wonderful time to be there, just after Independence, when the country was brimming with hope and confidence. We know now how tragically soon that was to be destroyed by Obote and Amin.

It wasn't until 1984 that Trevor was able to visit Uganda again. Meanwhile he had been ordained in Bristol and after a curacy there, was appointed Chaplain and Tutor in Theology at Trinity College, Oxford. While there, he met an African priest studying at Wycliffe Hall called Enoch Kayeeye. Enoch returned to Uganda determined to put into effect his vision of a charitable organisation to meet the spiritual and material needs of the people, AICM. In 1998 Trevor led a team of six undergraduates to help fund and build a large, rural health centre under AICM's auspices at Kyobugombe, near Kabale. In a rather desperate move to raise money, he resorted to a sponsored tandem sky dive from 12500 feet! In 2001 he went with another team of ten students to help fund and build a children's home. Trevor is still at Trinity, although retirement looms near.

Notices

Robert Young

We were most grateful recently to receive donations totalling £425 following the funeral of the late Robert Young of Folkestone and would like to pass on our condolences to Margaret. Some of these donations were gift aided so will boost the above amount to over £450.

We have just received two exciting items of news from Kabale.

Brenda's Report

Opening of the Trinity Health Centre



The health centre at Kyobugombe was at last opened on 30th April 2005 and a government nurse has been allocated to it. It is the first of its kind for the parishes of Katenga, Kitohwa and Bugurama. Praise God for this. Please pray for funds for more equipment and furniture for the centre.

Batwa Children Baptised

On 4th May 2005, 44 Batwa children were baptised by the Archdeacon Muko, Church of Uganda. This took place at Muribindi Batwa Centre. "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are afar off – for all whom the Lord will call" Acts 2 v37
We praise God for the faith of these children, and for the work of AICM amongst them and their families that has brought them the good news of the Gospel.

Remember – Keep Saturday, 1st October free for the AGM to be held in Folkestone. More details soon.

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Arriving at the AICM premises for the third time was like coming home. We were greeted by the Kayeeye family and quickly settled into our little house and the way of life.

We accompanied Enoch Kayeeye and some members of staff to a meeting with people from the Congo and Sudan, to discuss the possibility of AICM spreading into these areas.

We also attended a Governors' meeting with Enoch, where we met most of the members. The organisation of AICM / VTC, including the new buildings and staff training, was discussed at length.

Many people whom we had been asked to check up on were contacted to ascertain that they were well and continuing with their employment / training

Tom busied himself with supervision of the various departments, especially Civil Engineering, which includes BCP (Bricklaying and Concrete Practice) and has been able to give advice regarding the running of the department along the lines of Training Colleges in England, where he used to teach. He also gave practical demonstrations of various items they were being taught and had interviews with prospective students for enrolling in Carpentry, Tailoring, BCP and Plumbing courses.

I did my best to teach the typing students to touch-type (or speed typing as they called it). They were impressed by the speed that could be attained and did their best to learn. When we came home, I left them with charts which should help them to continue to improve. We understand that without this skill, their typing is naturally slow and they then fail their exams. We hope they reach the necessary standard.

We both attended interviews with Enoch for the enrolment of Heads of Departments in the Vocational Training College. Tom was able to question them about their capabilities and give advice as to how they should run their department.

Enoch Kayeeye, as Director of African International Christian Ministry, attended a meeting at Kampala and was awarded a plaque for running the Best Small Business in Uganda, of which he is deservedly very proud and now has it hanging in his office.

We were visited by several orphaned children who are being fostered by families in the town, and supported by AICM. Three of these children were living at the old orphanage within the VTC when we first went to Kabale in 1998, so it was nice to meet them again.



Orphans, supported by AICM

An official opening of a clinic in Kyobugombe was taking place to which we were invited. This was started in 1998 by Reverend Trevor Williams together with some students and so held some special interest. We actually saw the start of it and now were lucky enough to be present for its completion. It is a good, spacious building which will be a great asset to the people of the vast area that it serves. We were shown part of this area, and it is amazing how far people are prepared to walk to get treatment at the clinic. It will have a shop nearby, and housing for the staff. We were very impressed with the building and hope that it will soon have the necessary furniture and equipment to get it up and running.

When we left Folkestone, our church, Holy Trinity, had collected from the congregation and from various fund-raising activities which we helped with, enough money to educate twenty Batwa children for a full year. They came to visit us in Kabale, and gave us an entertaining concert of singing which we all enjoyed. This is the second year that Holy Trinity has supported these children, and they have all written to their sponsors. They were accompanied by the Headmaster, a trainee teacher and the secretary of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Tom and Brenda with Philip, the Head of Ihunga School. Friends from Holy Trinity in Folkestone sponsor several pupils at this school



These children were all in a very smart uniform. We sat and talked to everyone and they were given a good meal before they left. Ihunga is many miles away, so we paid for their transport and they obviously enjoyed the ride and the whole day.

We were also visited by three children from Kisoro, who were accompanied by a teacher and an extension worker. We had a talk with them too and they also had their transport provided and left after having a meal. They were in school uniform, but only the biggest boy had shoes on.

One of the classrooms is converted into a chapel on Sundays, and an enjoyable service is held there, with plenty of singing with drums and clapping and lots of enthusiasm. Before the service starts, two boys beat a large drum outside, quite expertly, to summon everyone to church.

While we were there, the number of girl students went up from seventy to about one hundred and we finished up with some living next door to us in our own little area. We enjoyed their company especially in the evening after supper. After finishing their washing and with much chatting and laughing, they would break into song, accompanied of course by much clapping and banging on empty jerry cans and/or one of the doors. They were very entertaining.

The Vocational Training College now has many more students than they have had in the past. The numbers are growing, and the tutors are therefore kept very busy. For this reason, each section now has a Head of Department to supervise and assist, and to keep things running as they should. This means that there are more salaries to be paid of course, but the VTC is becoming self-sufficient owing to the popularity of the establishment. We would like to be able to visit at some time in the future to see what else they have achieved.

Enoch Kayeeye and his wife Phoebe work tirelessly towards expanding the College. We have seen great improvements each time we have been there to work, and will continue to raise funds to support them.