



# FUM

*Helping with the development of the people of the Tabora Region of Tanzania*

Newsletter

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## A Message from the Honorary Secretary

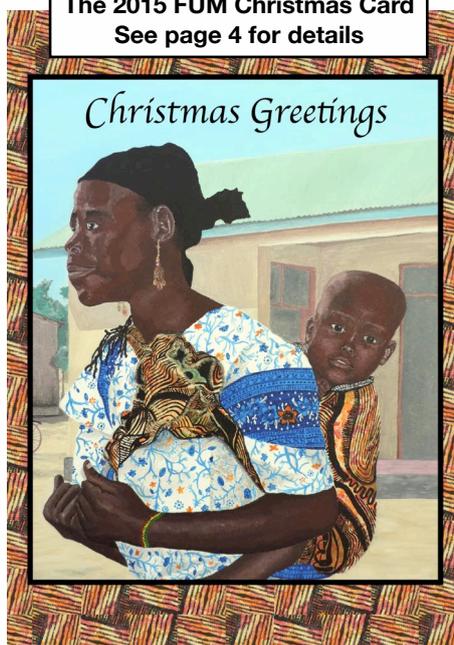
Dear Friends and Supporters of FUM

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. There is so much to tell you about this time that I will keep my remarks as short as possible, but there are one or two things I feel I must mention.

In this newsletter you will read about two walks made by members in Devon and in Sussex. These walks were arranged by Isabel Heycock as the first event in our water appeal, the fund-raising drive we are launching to celebrate our 50 years of development support in the Tabora Region. Many thanks to those of you who sponsored our intrepid walkers; even more thanks go to the walkers themselves, but above all, thanks to Isabel for

setting up the walks. I am ashamed to say that I was unable to join in but perhaps we can make these walks regular events, in which case I will certainly don my walking boots in future.

**The 2015 FUM Christmas Card  
See page 4 for details**



You will also see advertised on page 4 an FUM Christmas card. It is many years since we have offered a card at Christmas, but for 2015 Sophie Kenway produced one for us. A mother and child in Isegenhe village, Nzega District; a painting from photographs I took in 2013. I know that Sophie put in hours of work on our behalf so very many thanks to her and best wishes on her new adventure - starting her medical degree at Birmingham University.

You will know by now that FUM has a new website. Nick Vinall has put in endless work on this together with Ben Wills (son of Jenny) and brought our website up to date. It is far easier to use and has a much more modern feel to it. Great thanks and praise to Mark Horsfield who first dragged us

into the modern age when he set up our first website, hosting it himself, but it was in need of a redesign. So thanks to Nick for all the work put into the new site. Please visit it; I am sure you will find it excellent.

dormitory building and on the facelift for the village clinic. Our thanks to Jo Taylor who led the group, giving up her summer holiday to the cause.



A facelift for Semebele Clinic



Painting the girls' dormitory in Semembele

While in Mwanhala, Jo was able to see the village borehole in action, and use the water from it too. The borehole is fitted with an electric pump filling two large storage tanks which then feed the FDC kitchen and stand pipes for college and village use. The scheme is definitely a great asset for the village and will become increasingly important as the dry season progresses. I am pleased to report too that The Friends of Nzego have been successful in their sponsoring of a borehole at Shigamba village. This is fitted with a hand pump and will supply the village, primary school and clinic.

2015 saw another Tanzania visit by a Cranbrook School team, this time based in Mwanhala where Cranbrook has started a British Council sponsored link with the new secondary school in the village. The team also spent time in Semembele village working on the completion of the girls'

Top of Jo's duties while in Mwanhala was to host a farewell party for Mama Malyeli who has been a friend of ours for over 20 years, but was soon to retire. Neema started her FUM association as a domestic science teacher at Urambo FDC; her husband, Mr Kabhaya, was the head teacher at Urambo Secondary School, but it was not too long before the Ministry recognised her ability and so, on the retirement of Mr Tengia, made her principal of Mwanhala FDC which she has run with great determination and skill since 2003, somehow keeping it afloat and successful despite the many difficulties of climate and finance. Mama Malyeli has been a stalwart supporter of all FUM's efforts, acting as host to hundreds of visitors who always find a warm welcome at the FDC. We were pleased that Jo was able to arrange a big retirement party for her and was able to hand over gifts, not just from FUM, but also from the governors, staff and pupils of Cranbrook School who were happy to thank her for all her efforts on behalf of Cranbrook School pupils. Mama Malyeli retired at the end of October 2015 and



Finishing the dining hall in Mwanhala



**Neema Malyeli's reception attracts much attention**

has moved to her home in Mwanza. Neema is a truly lovely lady who has captured the hearts of all who have met her. I hope we can persuade her to visit England in the spring and attend our AGM. If she does, I would urge every member who can to attend and take the chance to speak to this remarkable lady. I know everyone will wish Neema a long and happy retirement.

I write this having just completed our Charity Commission return. If you have never visited the Charity

Commission website I recommend it to you as it holds information about all UK registered charities. On the FUM entry you can look up, if you have not seen a copy, our annual accounts. In 2012 and 2013 we did not submit our accounts as our income was below the £25,000 threshold, but 2014 saw us just creep above this. I like seeing our accounts published as they highlight just how little of our money is spent on administration - mainly postage and bank charges.

newsletter. I urge you all to consider how you can help.

My very best wishes to you all

Rod



**Three new FUM funded bicycles at Mwanhala Clinic, for use by outreach workers**

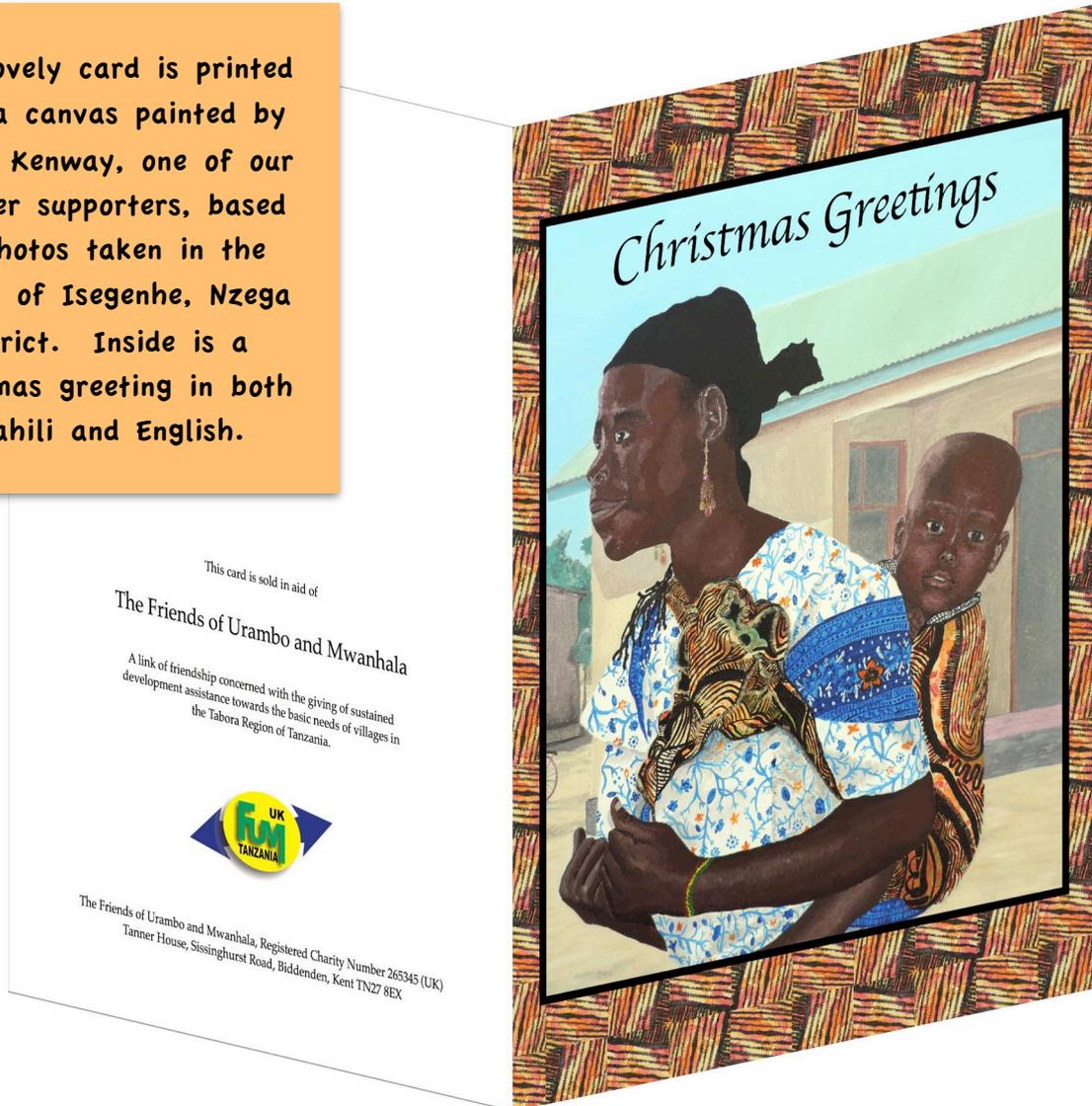
We are in need of more funds, particularly as we are launching an appeal this year to raise money to provide a safe water supply at all our clinics, as well as Urambo and Sikonge FDCs. You will see more about this later in this



**Neema received gifts from FUM and Cranbrook School to thank her for her tireless work**

Send our new **FUM CHRISTMAS CARD** this year and help to spread the FUM message

This lovely card is printed from a canvas painted by Sophie Kenway, one of our younger supporters, based on photos taken in the village of Isegenhe, Nzega District. Inside is a Christmas greeting in both Swahili and English.



Cost per pack of five A6 cards, £1.75 plus p&p as shown below:

Packs	P&P	Total inc P&P
1	£0.75	£2.50
2	£1.25	£4.75
3	£1.25	£6.50
4	£2.40	£9.40
5	£2.40	£11.15
6	£2.40	£12.90

Please support us by buying at least one pack of cards this Christmas. Your generosity will directly help the mothers and children in Isegenhe and elsewhere in the Tabora Region of Tanzania.

The cards with envelopes are available in packs of 5.

Please send your order to:

FUM, Tanner House, Sissinghurst Road, Biddenden, Kent. TN27 8EX

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala'

# Walking For Water

Julie Overnell and Isabel Heycock

As a start to our appeal, seeking funds to provide reliable safe water supplies to all our clinics, two sponsored walks took place this summer, one in Devon and the other in Sussex. At the time of writing, the walks have raised well over £3000 in sponsorship with more coming in. A huge thank you to our fundraising secretary, Isabel Heycock who, as well as setting up the walks, walked both. Here are accounts of the two walks, presented to tempt you to join in next year should, as Julie and Isabel suggest, we make the walk an annual event.

## The Templer Way, 11 July 2015

(15 miles, but probably more due to inland diversion)

After much preparation in the form of emails up and down the country, advertising, gaining sponsorship, organising transport and then nearer the day, packed lunches, maps, and clothing for all weather types (well it is Devon in the summer, so it is bound to rain), we all met at Haytor car park on a beautiful Saturday morning. We walked up to Haytor rock to see the breathtaking view reaching all the way to the coast, including the Teign Estuary where we would complete the walk. After climbing the steep slope up to Haytor and walking around it, we discovered the

starting point of the Templer Way was near the car park! Not a good start, but it did not dampen our enthusiasm.

The Templer Way is a historic route linking Dartmoor with Teignmouth. The route follows the granite tramway built in 1820 which linked Haytor quarry with Stover Canal and was used to transport granite. The canal, built in 1792, was originally built to carry clay for export via Teignmouth Docks.

Once on the granite tramway, it was easy to follow our route and was an enjoyable downhill walk off the moors, through fields and ancient woods until reaching the outskirts of Bovey Tracey where we stopped for a snack at Pottery Pond and watched the ducks.

Then onward through the Great Plantation and suddenly coming out

onto the busy slip-road onto the A38 - not the most enjoyable part of the walk but an experience to go from the tranquillity of the plantation to the sudden noise and busyness of Saturday traffic on the biggest road into Devon and Cornwall.

We had a well-earned rest for lunch at Stover Park where we saw many families out walking and enjoying the lovely weather. We looked a bit bedraggled in comparison, but a sit-down at a picnic bench and an ice-cream from the mobile van soon had us on our way again. At this point Ruby and Jonathan completed their part of the walk: Ruby aged eight, along with Dad, completed approximately seven miles.

From then our slightly smaller group walked around Stover Lake, through some beautiful countryside, watching the fascinating sand martins flitting in and out of their





**'with joy we realised, as we traipsed through a hilly field, that we could see the river again'**

we would have to take the inland route. We all felt a little disappointed as the estuary looked beautiful and flat! The inland route proved to be exceptionally hilly with lovely deep Devon hedges that impaired our view of the River. Don't get

good before or since!

We thoroughly enjoyed the walk; it was beautiful, historic and varied. We were blessed with great weather and fantastic company, and it was all for a great cause. We are amazed how many sponsored us and we are extremely grateful. Maybe this can be the start of an annual sponsored walk for FUM - but next time perhaps we will look at the tide times a bit more closely!

*Julie Overnell*

riverbank nests. We found Stover Canal - very dried up and overgrown and followed this all the way to Newton Abbot. Then, through industrial parks, we suddenly came out to the Town Quay which was very tranquil with kayakers and picnickers. It was then we noticed how high the tide still was. Would we be able to walk along the estuary edge or would the tide be too high, making it unsafe?

me wrong, the area was beautiful, but my legs and feet were saying no more please!! Steep inclines at this stage of the walk were not appreciated!

With joy we realised, as we traipsed through a hilly field, that we could see the river again and our destination was in sight. What a welcome sight it was, as was the fantastic pint of cider that has never tasted so



**'we were blessed with great weather and fantastic company'**

As we followed the River Teign, it became obvious that

## South Downs Sponsored Walk, 1st September 2015

On the morning of September 1st, Richard Pratt, Isabel Heycock and three friends met at the National Trust car park

at Birling Gap near Beachy Head. Our aim was a fifteen mile circular walk on paths forming part of the South Downs Way.

the walk was quite a challenge and it was with relief that we arrived at our first stop, the cafe at Exceat Visitor Centre. After coffee, we followed downland tracks and a gentle path along the bank of the Cuckmere River, until we reached Alfriston where we left the coastal branch of the South Downs Way, picked up the inland branch and were spurred on by the fact that our lunch stop would be just over the next hill.

The sun shone and we booted up and headed off along the Seven Sisters, a stunning cliff walk between Birling Gap and Cuckmere Haven. For some, tackling these seven hills right at the start of



**'Richard Pratt, Isabel Heycock and three friends met at the National Trust car park at Birling Gap'**

'we booted up and headed off along the Seven Sisters'



Now only two miles remained and we set off in good spirits for the last lap. By 5.30 we were back in the car park having walked our fifteen miles. We were home and mostly dry. I think I can say that a good day was had by all.

Many thanks to the walkers and to all our sponsors. Between us on the two walks we have raised over £3000 and we hope to make this an annual event. If you would like to join us on one of our walks next year then please contact Isabel Heycock for details.

*Isabel Heycock*

2.30 saw us arrive at our lunch stop, the pub in Jevington, where we were allowed to eat in the back garden. We were well over half way, so we had a leisurely stop. Meanwhile the cloud gathered and within a few minutes of setting off from the pub it was pouring with rain. What we thought would

be a quick shower lasted for over an hour and we were soon drenched. We plodded on in silence. The rain stopped and everyone felt better, but we were still cold and damp, so it was just lovely to walk into the warm atmosphere of The Tiger in East Dean to dry off and have a hot drink.

## School Uniform for Mwanhala

**Cheltenham Ladies' College were changing their school uniform and kindly collected a large amount of the redundant version which they then offered to us.**

The uniform had been cleaned, sorted and was ready to go. I am pleased to say that a large amount of this was carried out to Mwanhala by the Cranbrook School party and distributed to



the primary and secondary schools in the village. The photo shows some of the secondary students in CLC tops; the pupils seem a bit glum, but that is because they are concentrating on the lesson being given by the visiting Cranbrook biology teacher, although some are clearly more interested by the camera!

**Our thanks go to  
Cheltenham Ladies'  
College  
for their great gift.**

# A Report on our Three FDCs

Di Cooper

It is good to hear from our Principals that there are increasing numbers at each of their colleges. We continue to contribute £1000 twice a year to assist students whose families are unable to cover the cost of their fees and to offer some support for the purchase of their uniform and classroom requirements such as notebooks etc. Each half year the Principals complete a pro-forma report on the number of students receiving bursaries, which courses they are following etc. If there should be any remaining funds, these may be used to cover materials and equipment for the vocational courses and /or be saved in a 'jam pot' for major college projects. It is not intended that the funds are for the day-to-day running of each college.

## Sikonge

Mr Shilinde continues in his role as Acting Principal since the departure of Mr Mguba in mid November 2014. He has reported that he has 77 students in total for this semester, taking courses in electrical installation, masonry and bricklaying, and tailoring. A small number are also following a Computer Application course. A kindergarten has been built at the college in the last two years, with some funding from FUM, and this is now catering for 45 children. Below is a picture of Janeth Mazimba, our co-ordinator in Tabora Region, outside the newly completed building. Mr Shilinde reports that they are in the process of

constructing a new masonry and bricklaying classroom.

Unfortunately the rains were very poor in Sikonge District this year, resulting in low harvests of the crops which the students had planted in the college gardens. This will inevitably mean higher food costs in coming months. Food costs can vary quite a bit from one part of the region to another. It will also mean more has to be spent purchasing water, once again a reminder of the very real need for a secure and reliable supply.

A quantity of the new solar lamps have been sold and the college is continuing to market them through the college shop.



Students in their workshop groups

already on role. Jo had the opportunity to look at the carpentry and mechanics workshops which she said looked well used.



As you will read in Jo's report on the Cranbrook School visit, the students cleaned and painted the big dining room



## Mwanhala

It was great to receive the report from Jo Taylor when she returned from Cranbrook's recent visit. She reported that 43 new students had joined this year, in addition to the 60



Janeth Mazimba outside the newly completed kindergarten

**Borehole and pump at Mwanhala**



and the kitchen during their stay; Neema was of course delighted.

The regular water supply, using the borehole and pump, are a real boon to the college, with two standpipes, one near the kitchen and one by the animal's shed. The villagers use this one too.

At last the college is connected to the national grid, after extremely lengthy delays; this will mean that students can study in the evening and equipment requiring a supply can run at any time. They still have a generator as a stand-by.

The solar pumps have been selling very well and Neema intends to purchase more when the remaining five have been sold. Jo said she saw them all over the place, outside houses being re-charged for the next evening's use.

### Urambo

The college reported that there are 100 students in total, first and second year. They are studying tailoring, motor vehicle mechanics, domestic electric installation (which now seems to be the most popular course), masonry and bricklaying and carpentry (courses where numbers have severely dropped off). FUM bursaries are supporting 12 tailoring students, 6 carpentry and 3 domestic electric installation students. Eight students are registered for the 3-month short IT course. There are also 30 children attending the kindergarten. The parents pay TShs.3000 a month for

breakfast for the children. A young woman has been hired to supervise the children.

In late February, Mr Nestory reported that 12 acres of maize was being cultivated, and at that time the rains had been reasonable, but unfortunately the weather pattern had affected the germination of beans. The rains subsequently failed at a crucial time and Mr Nestory reports very poor yields and high food costs for the students as a consequence. Water supply and costs will inevitably be affected too.

Mr Nestory has reported that the college has sold all the lowest cost solar lights and he has re-ordered from Dar. The more costly versions are not selling quite so well. Mr Nestory's latest letter is published on page 10 of this newsletter.

## Secondary School Sponsorship

Jenny Wills [imeli@fum.org.uk](mailto:imeli@fum.org.uk)

Many young children in Nzega District find themselves orphaned, or with only one parent, often due to the scourge of AIDS. These children often qualify for entry into secondary school but their families are unable to pay the school fees, even though these are modest, and so, some years ago, FUM in partnership with Nzega District Council set up a bursary scheme which pays the secondary school fees, and gives a little help with school materials. Nzega District Council identifies the most deserving cases and passes the names to Jenny Wills, our officer looking after this scheme.

Jenny links pupils with sponsors in the UK, keeping sponsors informed, as far as this is possible, with their progress in Nzega.

### **Jenny sends this brief note to you all:**

'Thriving since 2009 and a need for bursaries' is the heading on our new website and I urge you to look at it at [www.fum.org.uk/student-sponsorship](http://www.fum.org.uk/student-sponsorship) as all the information is there. I would like to thank all those who have sponsored students since the Imeli Secondary School Sponsorship Project started in 2009. Literally hundreds of needy students have

been enabled to complete their secondary education and quite a few have also gone on to university, giving them a real advantage for their future lives. However, the number of students applying for help has not diminished and I would like to urge you or your friends to sponsor another student. The amount it takes to make a difference is still amazingly small; a standing order of just £5 a month (£60 a year) is all it takes to support a student. If you would like further information or would like to offer support please contact me.

# News of Urambo FDC

Mr H Nestory (Principal)

Dear FUM members,

I hope that you are all well in UK. We at Urambo are all fine, and in fact throughout the whole country the major topic is campaigning for the coming general election on October 25th. The purpose of this email is a response to Madam Di Cooper who asked for some information about the college's development.

About solar lamps, we are still selling the second order and we are left with only 20 lamps; we delayed finishing selling these because of holidays and because tobacco farmers are not to be paid until after selling their harvests. We hope that after finishing, the remaining lamps will be sold and we will then place a third order.

This season we didn't harvest much and the reason is poor rains which affected most of areas in Tabora Region, although we had increased the area of land cultivated, yet we only got eleven bags of maize. This rains challenge doesn't make us despair; this season we are going to try again and according to the metrology department report, much rains are predicted for the coming months.

The day care centre is progressing well and at present we have 26 children, 12 boys and 14 girls. The college is providing breakfast (porridge) for them and paying the salary of a teacher Tsh. 70,000/= per

month. We are expecting to enrol more children next year.

Another good piece of information is that the government has allocated three new employees to our college. These are: an electrical installation teacher, Mr. Veredian Vedasto, a political science teacher, Miss Hadija Ramadhan, and agricultural teacher, Mr. Rashid Issa. All of them are degree holders from different universities in our country. At present our staff has increased from 24 to 27 personnel: 19 men and 8 women.

I would like to inform you also that since July this year we are accommodating 50 children from different villages of Urambo district. These children are a mixture of disabled, orphans, and albinos; they are cared for by the district community development department and their basic needs are supplied by good Samaritans, religious groups and the community in general. For our part, the

college helped them with the buildings nearby the girls' dormitory, for accommodation.

Our goats are doing well; during the graduation last year we slaughtered one he-goat for the students. At present we have 24 goats but three baby goats died last year a few days after they were born; according to the veterinary officer's report they died from a pneumonia attack. We have bought some medicines to control the situation.

Water shortage, as you know, is the big challenge here at Urambo. Currently we are spending 35,000/= a week from local water vendors, and our car is helping us daily to fetch water from nearby water holes for students and for cooking food.

I wish you all the best.

With thanks

H. NESTORY  
Principal Urambo FDC

# Cranbrook School Visits Nzega District July 2015

Jo Taylor

**In July, twelve students and three adults travelled to the Nzega District to work on projects which had been recommended by FUM.**

The first project they worked on was in the village of Semembela, a very isolated village within a forest reserve. The District, FUM, The Tanzania Development Trust, along with the students of Durham University and Cranbrook School, had together provided the funds to build the dormitory, and the Cranbrook School 2015 team spent a few days painting it. They hope to have sufficient funds to buy the beds for 48 girls. This dormitory will enable more girls from the satellite villages around Semembela to gain their secondary education.

While in Semembela, the team also spent two days cleaning and painting the veranda and two of the rooms in the village clinic. The nurse, Johari Hassan, was overwhelmed by the improvements achieved in such a short time. It was very good to see the new delivery building at the clinic funded by World Vision. This building is fantastic, tiled throughout so it

will be easy to keep clean. It has a delivery room, a room for mums to rest and recuperate after giving birth, a reception and even toilets for patients and another for staff. Of

have guaranteed the projects will both soon be completed.

While in Semembela, the team slept in one of the new science labs in the school and used one

of their classrooms as their dining room. They returned to Mwanhala for a day to attend the visit of the National Torch; a most prestigious event. Neema Malyeli wore the official tracksuit for the event and once the Torch left Mwanhala she fed more than 100 people who had been at

the ceremony. The message presented with the Torch this year was:

- Today's youth and AIDS parents, let us be responsible
- Let us care for future lives; get rid of malaria
- Drunkenness and drug use is preventable and healable; take action
- Break the bribery and corruption chain; elect a good leader

These messages were given across the country and were



**Mr Ndeme and Neema Malyeli attending the visit of the Uhuru Torch**

course the sinks and flushes do not work as there is no water supply.

One holdup in these two projects was that the District had not released the money previously sent by Cranbrook School to pay for the contractor to complete the dormitory and to do some much needed plastering at the clinic and to make and fit new windows and doors there. The DED, Mr Mindeme, has promised that this money has now been released, and he and Gomegwa

listened to attentively by all. "Elect good leaders" refers to the national election which takes place this October.

Members of the Cranbrook School 2015 team visited some of the clinics in the Nzega District supported by the FUM. In Mwanhala Clinic they discovered why the FUM funds sent in 2014 still had not been spent; they were "stuck" in the village account. Meetings were arranged between the Village Committee and the Clinic Committee, a resolution was found, the funds were released and the clinic now has three strong new bicycles to be used for their outreach work. In Mwasala Clinic the team saw the problems with the staff house, severe leaks in the roof, and agreed the clinic would benefit from an FUM funded refurbishment. The meeting under "the shady tree" was so successful that villagers decided a gift was needed and the team was presented with a male goat. The students named him "goat Tegile" and after a rather noisy journey back to Mwanhala, he now lives with the other animals at the FDC. The clinic in Malilita was seen to be in good form and the new Medical Officer is young and energetic. The team received a wonderful reception and a very generous meal had been prepared. Again the villagers were so happy to see

their visitors that they gave them a female goat; the students called her "goat Jo" and she too lives at Mwanhala FDC. The Dispensary and Clinic in Isagenhe is staffed by the same Medical Officer and nurse as we saw in 2013 and continues to be very busy. There is a problem with the ceiling in the veranda at the clinic, but the ever resourceful staff there have propped it up with a long pole. The secondary school in Isagenhe, like all the secondary schools in Tanzania, has new laboratories being built: three new labs for each school. These labs have yet to be furnished and equipped and few schools have the science staff they need to lead the lessons, but all the head teachers are excited by this new initiative. In Mbooga another massive reception awaited the team who saw the clinic decorated by past Cranbrook groups; this still looks very good and has the same excellent Medical Officer in post. They also paid a visit to the local primary school where the primary school children sang to them and were rewarded with a song from the Cranbrook team.

The team visited the District Hospital in Nzega. The Assistant DMO, Dr Mbogo and Dr Eric made them very welcome. They had a tour of the whole hospital and saw the

new wing being built to enlarge the Nurse Training Centre. This will enable many more nurses to receive the two year training course. Discussions were held on how FUM can set up sponsorship for trainee nurses and hopefully the RC in Tabora can help us here. One ward is being turned into a premature baby facility and the funds donated by Cranbrook School will enable this to be completed.

Another project the team worked on was in the village of Mwanhala. Here the team refurbished the dining room and the kitchen. This was a total success and Mama Malyeli is delighted with the new doors, very smart paintwork and new murals painted by the Cranbrook students. The farewell reception for the Cranbrook team was held there and was attended by officials from Tabora and Nzega, including the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Janeth Mazimba from Tabora and the DED, Mr Ndeme, from Nzega. The Assistant RC officially opened the dining hall by cutting ribbon before anyone else could enter the room.

Cranbrook School staff and students also taught lessons at Mwanhala Secondary School, using some of the science equipment and text books they

had taken with them from England. This was part of the Connecting Classrooms link they have set up, a British Council funded initiative.

Towards the end of their stay in Mwanhala, the Cranbrook team, helped by Agatha Mwaliwale from the secondary school and FUM's team of cooks, held a retirement reception for Neema Malyeli. Neema has been the Principal at Mwanhala FDC for many years and is a true friend of FUM. She has cared for many teams of students from Cranbrook, all of whom are

proud to call her "Mama". Mr Mjbele, husband of Agatha Mwaliwale and a teacher at the secondary school, was MC and led a wonderful event. The room used was beautifully decorated; Jo Taylor gave a speech on behalf of FUM and Cranbrook School to which Mama Malyeli replied. There was music, singing, dancing and even a beautifully iced cake to mark Neema's retirement. FUM gave her a smartphone which she was delighted to receive. During the reception, students from Cranbrook School took many photos on this phone so

Malyeli has a record of the evening. Cranbrook School gave her a framed print of the school, a clock made for her in the school's DT department, and a school pennant. Mama Malyeli loved her evening which was also attended by her grandson William and her good friend Mary Duffa. Malyeli will be a great loss to the FDC and to FUM and Cranbrook School, but she does deserve her retirement and she is looking forward to living at her house in Mwanza with her husband Kabaya and grandson William.

## Mama Malyeli Retires

**Always a staunch supporter and friend of FUM**

Mama Malyeli will retire in December this year. Throughout her time, working first as Domestic Science teacher at Urambo FDC, then as Principal of Mwanhala FDC, she has always been a staunch supporter and friend of FUM; indeed it is fair to say that without her support we could not have operated as we have in Nzega District.

Anyone who was lucky enough to visit Mwanhala FDC found the warmest of welcomes awaiting them and many of us have enjoyed superb hospitality while staying at the FDC.

She has endless energy and managed her college with great skill and determination, coping with acute shortage of

funds and sometimes of staff, yet always managing to improve the facilities of the FDC. It is an irony that it is now, with tarmac on the road to Nzega, with the FDC at last connected to the National Grid and with a safe and reliable water supply, she reaches retirement. Her successor will have a much easier time. Mama Malyeli leaves the FDC in a far better state than she first found it.

In December

Mama Malyeli retires and returns to her home in Mwanza. We wish her a very happy retirement.



# The Need for Safe Water

## Are you able to help with our Water Appeal?

The shift in weather patterns due to climate change is beginning to have a dramatic effect on water supplies in the Tabora Region of Tanzania. The problem is not so much that total rainfall is decreasing, but that its distribution throughout the year is changing. One result is that shallow wells, the main source of safe water in villages, can no longer be relied upon throughout the year. The situation is particularly critical for some of the Mother and Child Health Clinics, built and maintained by FUM, and in two of our sponsored Folk Development Colleges. Over the years we have paid for new shallow wells and water-harvesting schemes, but have come to the conclusion that these do not really address the problem adequately and that the only real solution is to equip the villages with deep boreholes connected to either a hand pump or an electrical pump and storage tanks.

FUM has paid for boreholes at Nzega Hospital, Mwanhala FDC and Urambo Town. Uhindi Clinic has been provided with

a borehole linked to a village water scheme, paid for by another donor (unknown), and

**“shallow wells, the main source of safe water in villages, can no longer be relied upon throughout the year”**

Shigamba Clinic and village have been supplied by a borehole and pump paid for by The Friends of Nzega. All these schemes have proved

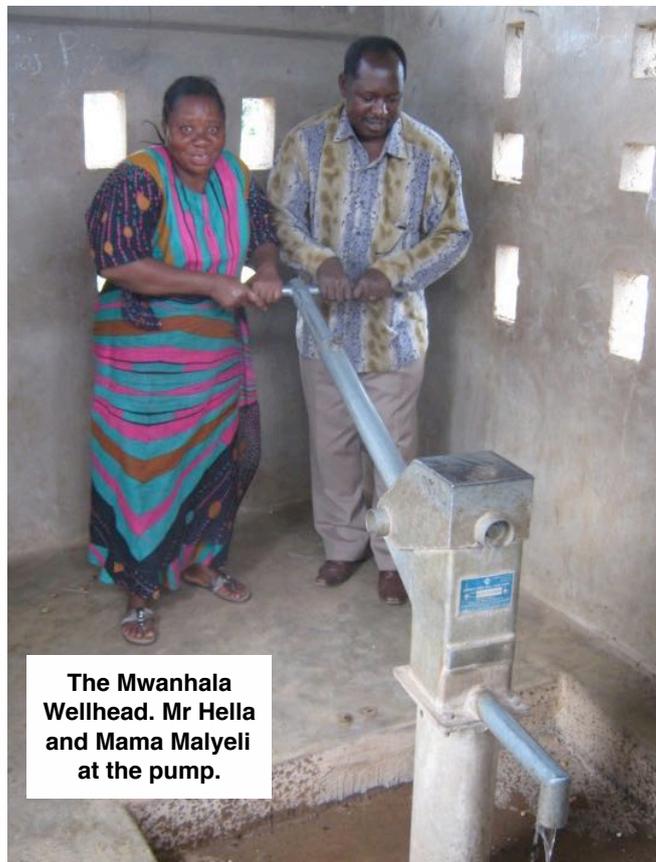
successful and have led us the decision to attempt to raise the funds for boreholes at our other clinics and FDCs, twelve boreholes in all. As each borehole costs around £12,000, we are faced with a huge fundraising task if we are to succeed.

Our first objective is to raise £50,000 to provide the four most needy clinics with a safe water supply, and to seek help from other trusts and charities in order to help raise the rest. Very soon an appeal leaflet will be circulated to prompt you to contribute and, even better, to

use to appeal to friends and families. The Appeal leaflet will be available for anyone who decides to run a coffee morning or such like on our behalf. I am very grateful for the splendid support you have given FUM over the years but this year I would urge you all to do a bit more and help us attain our goal.

*Rod Smith*

Thank You



**The Mwanhala Wellhead. Mr Hella and Mama Malyeti at the pump.**

# Check Out FUM's Attractive New Website

[www.fum.org.uk](http://www.fum.org.uk)

We are very grateful to Mark Horsfield for creating, paying for, and updating our first website ([www.fumuk.org.uk](http://www.fumuk.org.uk)) for many years. Thank you Mark.

But technology moves on and the original web language available to Mark was not suitable for the modern style websites that we all use, nor for the smartphones and tablet computers such as iPads now widely used.

In February 2015 FUM Officers considered what to do: whether to stick with the old technology or to pay for an upgrade. An additional consideration was that our preferred web address, [www.fum.org.uk](http://www.fum.org.uk), not available previously to Mark, had recently become available. The decision was made to create a modern style website using the new web address. While this was being developed the old website would continue to function and could later be tweaked so as to automatically redirect visitors to the new website.

We could not justify spending around £2000 for a full, professionally created website but FUM member Ben Wills, a website and graphic designer, kindly agreed to get us started.

Ben had already created some eye-catching but sympathetically themed leaflets for us in his own

time so we knew the high quality of his work.

Nick Vinall and Rod Smith studied some other familiar charity websites, such as *Tools for*

Tanzania than the cool schemes used in many modern websites. Ben then spent 12 – 15 hours creating the basic structure of the new website and he also imported some of the text and pictures from the old website.

The plan was that Nick would then learn to create and edit new web pages but as he had never done this before Ben kindly (again) gave him a beginner's tutorial session via Skype. It was a steep learning curve

with many errors along the way but gradually, with occasional input from Ben, the site grew and finally went 'live' in August 2015.



*Self Reliance, Workaid* and *Tools with a Mission* and decided which features we liked. We were also keen to have a warmer colour-scheme, more appropriate for

## How does the new website differ from the old site ?

A quick look at [www.fum.org.uk](http://www.fum.org.uk) reveals the clean, modern yet suitably Tanzanian feel created by Ben.

- Links between related pages operate smoothly so that different aspects of FUM's work, for example water provision, can easily be covered from different angles.
- New members can join FUM online from the website.
- Secure online donations can be made and now include PayPal. We still, of course, take cheques !
- New FUM project developments and upcoming events can be brought to viewers' attention more readily.
- The new site can be viewed on smartphones and tablet computers.

# FUM Officers



The new FUM website  
can be found at  
[www.fum.org.uk](http://www.fum.org.uk)



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## *The Final Word*



“We are in need of more funds, particularly as we are launching an appeal this year to raise money to provide a safe water supply at all our clinics, as well as Urambo and Sikonge FDCs. I urge you all to consider how you can help.”

Best wishes  
Rod Smith