

Letter from Peter Lunn (chair of trustees)

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the new Friends of Kagando website and new Logo! We hope you like them.

As we look forward in anticipation to the year ahead, we also look back with gratitude for God's faithfulness and for all the support which has kept this amazing hospital going, growing and developing for almost 60 years, including through the recent Covid years; it is still in a position to keep moving forwards. God has provided for the needs of the hospital and also for Friends of Kagando in wonderful ways so that we have been able to maintain regular support for the hospital wage bills as well as supplying some essential equipment, subsidising children's treatment costs (C100) and also supporting community projects such as Palliative care.



1 Big Challenge

The hospital still inevitably has a very difficult task meeting the overhead costs of running such a large, relatively high-tech unit in the midst of a rural community. Our aim is to work closely with Canon Uzziah and the hospital management team to reduce some of these costs to enable the hospital to move towards sustainability; the Solar project aims to reduce costs and the Farm 'revival' project to try and generate some funds.

2 Projects

The electricity project is now focussed on the installation of a Solar photovoltaic system which will provide for extremely cheap daytime electricity (the bulk of electricity usage) whilst continuing with grid power or the new generator for night-time electricity for the time being. The donations for the electricity project have given us enough funding for this system so we hope the hospital will begin to benefit from this later this year. Consideration will then be given to provision of nighttime electricity which is likely to be through batteries or a small, scaled down hydro scheme.



The revival of the farm is very much in its infancy and is still on the 'drawing board'. We are hoping that we can confirm the involvement of a local agriculturalist as consultant/manager to oversee the restoration of the pasture land and buildings initially.

3 People

This last year has seen Dr Keith Waddell retire after 62 years of wonderful eye-surgery, starting at Kagando and then extending throughout Uganda from his teaching of surgical assistants. His work on retinoblastoma has become probably the largest study in the world and he is rightly acknowledged as a world expert in this condition. We pray God will bless him greatly in his retirement.





We also acknowledge the role of Dr Rob & Jen Morris who have been so committed to the work and ministry at Kagando and the community for over 40years. Initially they worked at Kagando during the Idi Amin years, when Rob was Medical Director and Jen was involved with the beginnings of the Primary School and the Orphanage. Since they returned to the UK in 1986 they have continued to be involved by helping to develop Friends of Kagando as a charity to support the work of the hospital, and they have also spent time working voluntarily at Kagando. Rob and Jen had to stand down as trustees in November 2022 due to ill health and we ask you to pray for them having to deal with this.

Many Partners in a vital ministry

We thank God for you all for your prayers and your generous giving which has enabled the hospital to develop in this way. We also value your prayers for Canon Uzziah, the management team and the trustees, that together we will follow God's will in progressing the electricity project and the farm in particular, but also all the other activities in which Friends of Kagando are involved in the hospital, the nursing and laboratory training schools, the primary school and the chapel as well as the community projects.

We wish you God's blessing as you bless Kagando with your support,

Peter (on behalf of the trustees)

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.