

To our RBC family,

Very warm greetings from Uganda!

We have been away over a month now and are so delighted at the way the Lord has guided, helped and provided at every step in this project for the widows.

Firstly, we have had to reassess how this project will be carried out due to some complicating factors. The larger scale greenhouse/shade house that we had tentatively planned for, presented the group with an unsustainable model due to a need for a much more complex soil and regulating process. The best way is in fact to build a smaller-than-planned greenhouse/shade house combined with raised garden beds as seen below. This will provide more than enough for the widows and their families and more for them to sell as planned. There is an opportunity now that we are exploring to make use of the rest of the land in order the group to make profit. More on this in the future.

There are a number of widows who are unwell with conditions related to poor diet. Also many of their children have protruding bellies caused by a diet of maize only . Many have no land to grow on, so the gardens are going to be a huge blessing to the woman and their families.

Each day we have been traveling an hour from Ibanda to the village of Kyakabengo where our widows care project is situated. The road is steep and deeply rutted, leaving a number of trucks and motorcycles stuck in ditches. It just so happened that an important government official is soon to travel this way, so the roads are now being leveled, Praise the Lord!

The builders have almost completed the garden beds, and the group have started planting Dodo, arimanth and sukuma (super greens) it just so happened that it rained on the day of planting (it is currently dry season) Thank you Lord!



Garden beds being constructed. Clay bricks are made locally.



Planting first seeds in the garden beds.



Shirah with the kids.



Ambrose training the widows in growing the seedlings.



This week we are beginning the shade house for propagation of seeds, we had a large team of young men levelling the site , plus another guy digging a huge 30 foot hole with a pick axe for the toilet.

We are really enjoying being with the widows and their children at the gardens each day. A little crowd of children are always gathering around Shirah , eager to hold her hands, and play games.

There is much joy, praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the wonderful work going on, even the neighbours are keen to help and see what's happening. (No one has TV or internet here, so the gardens are the source of entertainment!)



Finally, one exciting opportunity has arisen. There is a widow (above) whose house has desperately needed to be rebuilt. We have been able to organise this while we have been here. This little family will benefit from the gardens that the wider RBC has donated towards but will also be blessed to have a brick home due to the generosity of a separate donation. Praise the Lord that God's provision has made a way for this to happen!

The Lord has really protected us and kept all of us well, we are so grateful for your prayers and support.

Yours in Him,

Scott , Angela and Shirah

