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I hope to catch up on the updates today and tomorrow.

Main focus on this update is the primary school at Kyamagemule. Brief background. Very poor area with many parents having no education. Therefore the leaders have a difficult time persuading these parents that their children need education. This school was started five years ago. The nearest school is a government school four miles away. They are notorious for not paying their teachers, so quality is often very low. Given the road conditions, it might as well be forty miles. The school year runs from February through the first week of December. When standardized testing was done last December, the students at the Kyamagemule school scored such, that now parents near the government school want to send their kids as boarding students to Kyamagemule. Great result, but putting even more pressure on the need for facilities. The school fees parents pay, plus child sponsorships barely pay the teachers, so additional construction is impossible without outside help. Our goal is to provide the facilities so that the school can operate on its own revenue.

One special need is desks for the new classrooms. In a photo below you will see one of the desks now in use. This is a very typical desk here in Uganda and most woodwork shops have the pattern. We can get these made in Mityanna for $20 each. We need 25. Anyone willing to help with one, the donation address is ACTI, PO Box 15621, Panama City FL 32406-5621. Make sure it is clearly marked "Desks"

We also need to build two additional classrooms which will cost about $4,000

Original classroom block to right, new rooms to the left

Here walls are built first, then clay is packed in and the concrete placed on top

An existing classroom with no desks, just benches borrowed from the church

Headmaster Martin in one of the desks presently in use

Making teaching aids from whatever materials can be found

The daily chore of bringing clean water to the school from the Mercy Uganda well