

## Welcome to the second Kumi Courier of 2025

This is the second Kumi Courier of 2025. The first Kumi team of the year returned at Easter, following a really successful trip. Work has started at Wiggins Primary School for the first time, and we have rapidly built friendships at the school. Team 2 in July / August is filling up, but we have space for a few more volunteers to build on the foundations. Team 3, the Kumi "Express" team is in September this year, and although the trip is only 10 days, it is packed with most of the activities and experiences of a full team.

This edition is an update following the first team.

## Work starts at Wiggins Primary School

Wiggins is a Government Primary School near to Kumi Centre but serving a mainly rural community to the South of Kumi. It has just over one thousand students. The school has twenty teachers but only thirteen homes, some of which are in a very dilapidated condition. This means that six classrooms, are being used to house teachers. The consequence of this is, that some of the students are being taught in dilapidated classrooms from 1940's, in which lessons are disrupted by poor weather.

Our project is to build eight new teachers' homes over three years and if possible, to undertake some repairs and refurbishment, to improve the condition for the other homes. This will release six classrooms back for teaching, enabling the school to stream each year group and reduce class sizes.

Team 1 have made a great start laying the foundations for the building.



As usual Joseph and his team are good teachers. All the volunteers were quickly adept at bricklaying and shouting for more "mortar, mortar, mortar." It is the guys who do the mixing and barrowing, who do the really heavy work, including pumping and fetching water.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/wigginsprimarykumi](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wigginsprimarykumi)

As usual friendships are made and porridge shared. An essential part of the morning and a taste of what the porridge fund provides. Also, we share a rare photograph of two strong African women at work.



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## Welcome to Wiggins Primary School

The team were welcomed on Day 1 with incredible enthusiasm, before we have even laid one brick. The words were short; the songs were great and the dancing energetic.



So, our time at the school is not all building. For those who wish to, there is the opportunity to attend lessons, even teach. Diana had a break time button ministry, sewing buttons and other repairs to school uniforms. Also, we were able to join the school Scripture Union, which is a new activity for 2025. My first introduction to Flannelgraphs, given to us by a friend in UK and expertly used by Jon who remembers them from his youth!



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## Kumi Mothers Union

Kumi Mother's Union, like MU in the UK, is full of unsung heroes, who quietly reach out to those disadvantaged in the community. This is all the more important in Uganda, as there is no State safety net. In previous years, we have mainly supported the elderly with food aid. However, this year we wished to change approach slightly, to a more sustainable intervention, not just to elderly but to single parent and child headed families too.

As well as some food, we have also supplied chickens and seeds, to help the families become a little more self-sufficient.



The visits are also an opportunity to learn about the life situations of the families and to provide encouragement. There is the opportunity to pray and as always when there are children around, to play as well.



There are only a limited number we can reach on each trip, but we hope our intervention will at least make a difference to these few. One thing important to recognise is that this is the Ministry of Kumi Mothers Union, who do what they can with the resources they have. So just a few times a year, we are privileged to join them in that ministry and help them in their mission.

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## Team Dates for 2025

What we need more than anything is, for volunteers to come to Kumi for the adventure of a lifetime. It is a friendly place, to show your love for others and receive blessing you cannot imagine.

Find out what this means and contact Jackie Johnston 01582720056

<https://missiondirect.org/apply-for-your-mission-trip/>

<https://missiondirect.wetravel.com/.../uganda-kumi-2025...>

2025

Team 2 Saturday 26 July to Saturday 9 August

Team 3 Monday 22 September to Wednesday 1 October Kumi Express

## Please Pray For

- For our new Project in 2025 at Wiggins Primary School
- For the continuation of the Porridge feeding programme now expanded to Wiggins and Ngora School for Deaf Children as well as at Kumi Primary and Kumi Bazaar
- For the continued success of the St Albans Chicken Project
- For volunteers to help continue the mission
- For the mission of all our partners in Kumi.
- For the Elderly and forgotten, that their families will remember them.
- For the welfare of Prisoners and for the new OC at Kumi Prison
- For the Climate Change initiatives at Ngora and Oningo

## Hope for Life, Katanga

Due to the flight times for Team One, were able to visit the Katanga slum area in Kampala and see the work of Hope for Life.



Thank you Francis for facilitating the visit.

[www.hopeforlifekatanga.com/](http://www.hopeforlifekatanga.com/)



## Watch this space.

In the next Kumi Courier – well I have missed a lot from Team 1, so perhaps I will try for another before July.

Keep up to date is on the Kumi Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/MDugandaKumi/>

Or you can contact Jan or me, we would love to hear from you.

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