

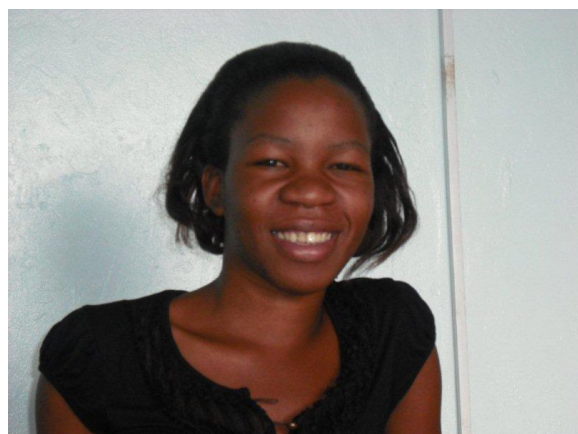


## MARCH 2010

I can hear a collective gasp - another newsletter within 2 months from Marsali! Well, this is more an update: 3 main things, with additional bits and pieces too, I am sure, as I wander through my thoughts.

Firstly, thanks for all the sympathy, concern, thoughts and prayers for my recent dental problems. All is well and much better now, but only in the last week! I continued to have considerable pain through February and the dentist was convinced that it was still the first wound healing, but by the last week of February, I was desperate for some relief. I was in constant pain and unable to sleep, and was still trying to work (in hindsight that was a big mistake!). Eventually they found the neighbouring tooth was also fractured and needed to be removed too, my optimism starting to peak, though only to develop a large abscess and ulcers too. I went for a check up with a Dr here and he gave me a long lecture about risks for chronic fatigue syndrome. I had kept thinking things would get better but I had got overtired and the months of pain and little rest had taken a toll on my general health and I really needed a break. Thankfully Rita and the team are fantastic and very caring and I have been able to have some leave. I am feeling back to normal and it feels great, a friend commented recently that I seem to be taking 'happy pills'!

Secondly, we have been able to recruit a nurse, and she is fantastic! Her name is Mariam, she is a Muganda, the tribal group of this central region, the same as Rita. Mariam is a kind and gentle character, she smiles alot, is very caring with the children and seems to have fitted in with the team as if she has been part of us for years. She is





hard working, keen to learn, enthusiastic – can you tell I like her? I am so pleased with the one God has chosen and thank you for all your prayers. It's been a long year without another nurse and what great timing now, as she is helping me have this time off. Another reason to really like her is that for some unknown reason to me, she thinks I am 28 yrs old!!!

Next is that I mentioned before that I am hoping to be back in the UK this summer for a time of deputation. Well I also hope to have the privilege of attending a World Health Organisation course, studying adolescent health in developing countries, at the London School of Tropical Medicine, in June.

The deputation time is planned for August/September time and I have made a rough draft plan for our time which will be attached, so please see if those dates/plans would suit the places I have mentioned. Previously I have been blessed to do these with Rita Nkemba, our Director, and founder of the ministry of Dwelling places. This time however I am blessed to be



accompanied by Maureen Kitiibwa, our Administrator at Dwelling Places. Maureen has been a friend and a sister since I arrived in Africa 9 years ago and I have been blessed to see her grow into her expanding role as Administrator. She is being hosted by our friend Kathryn MacClean over the summer and we thought it would be beneficial for us to utilise this opportunity to do these talks together. In some ways she is both similar and different to Rita, both ladies love the Lord with a passion, and they love the ministry of Dwelling Places. Maureen is a great singer but not professional like Rita,

so our talks will not have the music-side this time. Maureen has had a very difficult experience of child abuse and witchcraft as a child/youth and is



willing to share about this, her testimony and God's healing. I know and appreciate this is a very sensitive subject but we will handle it as appropriately as possible, but she stands as a great testimony to many children/youth/adults who have experienced this and how someone has not just survived, but is happy and healthy and thankful to God.

The work and ministry continues to grow, and there is so much to be thankful for. I will try and write a 'proper' newsletter sometime soon.

We have been amazed and delighted by all the innovating ways people are partnering with us and raising funds for DP – music events, choirs and cds, community lunches, WFM ladies, 'Helping Hands' ladies in Tain knitting teddies, school children, teenagers, and even some folk are hoping to climb Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa! If you would like to sponsor them - <http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/kilimanjaro>

WITH LOVE AND THANKS

MARSALI

**MARSALI AND MAUREEN – UK DEPUTATION – AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2010**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 23	24	25	26	27 Maureen in N.Ireland Marsali arrives in N.I	28 Possible meetings? Macluskies, Colin Law, Kathryn, Gordon and Grace Mcculloch	29 Possible meetings am and pm?
30 off	31 ?	September 1 ?	2 ?Glasgow ?schools ?churches	3 ? to Glasgow ?meetings ?ICC	4 ?meetings	5 ?Meetings am and pm Glasgow
6 off	7	8 ?meeting	9	10	11 Weekend – ?Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh	12 ?Edinburgh - Buccleuch evening
13 off	14 ?Aberdeen AIM meeting	15 Meetings? Aberdeen ?Bon Accord church	16 ?Elgin	17 ?Tain/north	18 ?meeting	19 Am- Smithton Pm - Portree
20 off	21 ?Skye meeting	22 ?travel to Uist, ?meeting in evening	23 ?travel to Lewis ?heart for Uganda	24 ?meetings	25 ?meetings	26 ?meetings ?South Lochs ?Back ?Stornoway
27 off	28 End of deputation					