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Welcome!

Fiona Sheldon, Andrew Staley and I recently returned from another successful trip, to see the South Sudanese refugees living in Uganda, where we witnessed significant progress made within the projects supported by CRESS.

Whilst visiting the CRESS office in the Diocese of Liwolo, we were greeted with great excitement in response to the gifts we distributed, from necessities such as clothes to items to help the community thrive such as printer cartridges and even iPads!

During our trip, we managed to visit 10 of the 15 CRESS agricultural groups. The funds generously supplied have enabled **200** people to be trained. Each group had impressively managed to provide more varied nutritious food for their families and earn money from the surplus, which will be used in part to reinvest in the purchase of seeds and tools, an important step in the road to self-sufficiency.

At the clinic in Mijale, Edward Mika and his team reported an increase in the output and range of medical care provided. We were delighted to hear that the clinic has treated **5,727** patients this year to date and is making a significant contribution to improving the health of the community in the area.

We then travelled on to Moyo, to meet the team and families of Bishop Emmanuel's Diocese of Kajo Keji. An additional detour to Gobor proved emotional, as Pastor Eli Mawa and his community have created a beautiful church and provided a nursery school for **183** children, aged under five.

Finally, as we left, we were joined by a cacophony of children whooping, running and waving. A joyous end to a wonderful and important trip!

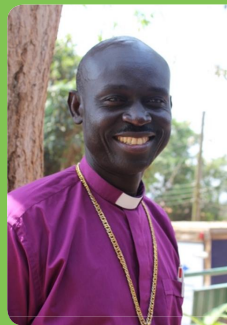
Caroline CEO



Baby Lillian's story



Mrs. Bwenene Stella was the first and only lady to give birth in the Mijale clinic, her daughter 'Lillian' is now 3 months old.



Bishop Joseph Aba heads CRESS projects in Uganda as well as running the new diocese of Liwolo in exile. CRESS also works with Bishop Emmanuel Murye of the Diocese of Kajo Keji, also in exile. Both Bishops have expertly led their dioceses through a difficult time in a new home.

Following size requirements imposed by the Uganda Health Authority the delivery room is now deemed too small to be used, although mums-to-be still continue to attend antenatal clinics.

The mothers usually visit each trimester to have a range of checks for malaria parasites and other screening tests for HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis to ensure they and their babies are safe and healthy.

The delivery of babies in the clinic would reduce the likelihood of mortality due to severe bleeding, infections or other complications.

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Our Impact in 2018

SEEN IN CLINIC

6720

REFUGEES

SUPPORTING

2500

THROUGH AGRICULTURAL GROUPS
IN 8 REFUGEE CAMPS

REUSABLE
MENSTRUAL PADS &
HYGIENE EDUCATION FOR

609

VULNERABLE SCHOOLGIRLS

Wonderbag

The Wonderbag gift received a brilliant reaction; everyone was fascinated. These bags allow a food dish, once it has been brought to the boil, to be placed in the insulated bag to finish cooking. This saves burning charcoal or wood. CRESS is trialling these bags.



Diploma Students

While at Mijale we also met seven of our nine sponsored Diploma students.

Left to right, front then back: **Scopas Kenyi, Andrew Rokani, Ivan Kenyi, Jeska** (CRESS education Co-Ordinator), **Gloria Yangi, Lou Bennet and Isaac Kwaje.**

These students are able to attend colleges in Arua and plan to return to their own country to find a job after graduating.



Esther Taban

Esther Taban, wife of a church leader in Moyo has used her agricultural knowledge gained in South Sudan to lead groups and also successfully grow her own food crops. With her own money she was able to secure a loan on a maize grinder which she has purchased and set up in a shed at her home in Moyo. All this in just the month of October.

Her grinding business has generated turnover of UGX 632,000, with expenses of UGX 261,000 for fuel and engine oil, giving her a profit of UGX 371,000, equivalent to \$106 - far more money than she has ever had before in her life and a fitting testament to her creativity and hard work.

Agricultural Photos

