

Vuga e.V. Newsletter

Dear Members, Partner and Friends of the Vuga Community,

We are glad to update you about the recent volunteers and projects in Uganda. The letter is meant to inform all of you about our activities and the progress of the work of Vuga in the first three months of 2017.

Thanks to our volunteers, our project coordinator Trina and all of our partner organisations.

New Generation of volunteers

by FEE

2015 Vuga started with two weltwärts volunteers, 2016 we sent four wonderful volunteers to Uganda and for 2017 we have the opportunity to send 8 up to ten volunteers. We welcome our new partner organisations JESE and YAWE in Fort Portal Western Uganda.

You'll find our updated partner organisations at our website:
Einsatzstellen Vuga
Feel free to order some flyer, just send us an email:
news@verein-vuga.org

Project coordination

by JOHANNES

Since March Vuga e.V. has an official project coordination in Germany. Felicitas Soudary who was a volunteer in Uganda 2010/2011 and studied African Studies in Leipzig is supporting Vuga with Accounting, Networking, Coordination within the weltwärts programm in Germany. Namata Triphosa will take care of the new big group of volunteers in Uganda and we invited her as our project coordinator in Uganda to join our Seminar in July in Berlin. Trina and the current partner will also attend a partner network conference from weltwärts in Nairobi Kenya in April.

Craft Project Namuwongo

by JENNY

Soon we will start selling jewellery from the Umoja women's group in Kampala. Jenny our volunteer at Little Lights in Kampala just started her own jewellery project with the women from Umoja women.

Soon you'll find more information about how to buy and support the jewellery and how you can order the necklaces and bracelets in our Dawanda Online Shop!



Onlineshop: de.dawanda.com

Little Light

by JENNY

Children at Little Light came back on 6th February. Instead of 60 children, the number of our children increased to 115 at the centre this year. It is not easy because of the limited capacity of our premises. This is why Little Light had to build another construction to create

space for the 2 new classes. I think it will be finished within some days and I am looking forward to it because it would make the daily routine much easier and also the teachers and everyone would be less stressed.

I started with a new schedule and I try to learn from the experiences of last year. For instance, I am dancing now with the children at the centre instead of dancing with the children in the slum. With the money from VUGA, we could buy new books to introduce a reading project. I could also start to make folders for the students with their report cards, biographies, pictures and so on. This project was also funded by VUGA. It will still take some time to collect all the information, sometimes it is not easy because the Administrator who has the information is not around most of the time.

Furthermore, Felicitas from VUGA e.V. and me are cooperating to organize the selling of the beads of the Little Light Umoja Women Group. We had a Skype meeting with them and I took pictures of them wearing the beads. Felicitas opened a Dawanda Profile for us. We are still working on it.



Early Learning Painting

by JELLY

At the beginning of February a former volunteer from the Early Learning, Rico, came with the aim to finish the kitchen. Throughout his stay we worked together and I helped him a lot with painting the kitchen and some small parts around the school.

I also continued with the designing of posters. This time some teachers came to me and asked for some designs, so that they can put them in their classrooms.

On 19th February the Goals, which we wrote a proposal for, arrived and they were installed. On the following Wednesday, Andrew, Rico and I organized a Sports Day with a football tournament for juniors and seniors. Despite of some rain in the morning we had good matches, fair play and really good cheering fans of the teams. In



the evening we had our first dinner in the new kitchen! Since the new school year began in February we had more students that came to the German Club again. In the last week we had an Introducing Session for the new members, which was really fun. We hope they felt the same and will continue to come.

Garden Project

by WIELAND

Currently Lexi and I are in the preparation for our garden project. The night guard was helping me a lot to dig the garden. We also bought fertilizer and mixed it with the soil. We will buy the seeds this week. When the rain is coming we can start planting. We will do the project with the catering class. They can use their self-planted vegetables and herbs for their practical lessons. I had a meeting with Lexi and all other members who are responsible for the garden. We talked about the division of the garden and which plants and herbs we want to plant. Each team member contributed his ideas and concerns.

I also started to produce chalk. In the coming days, I would like to produce more chalk and sell them later to schools. I thought it would be harder to make chalk. If you know the technique, it goes relatively quickly. It makes a lot of fun.



Sport Project

by LEXI

Teacher Jennifer from the EWA School and me started to implement the Sports Project I had written the proposal for in January. It turned out that quite many prices I had planned with according to the EWA Sports teachers list from March 2016 were not reality and so the day of purchase, Saturday, the 25th of February, was full of spontaneous, new and satisfactorily successful calculations with the 3 Million Ugandan Shillings (that I was actually running around with as cash in my bag).

EWAD/The EWA School is now in possession of new sports items ranging from a High Jump facility to new Net- Footballs and jerseys.

Another rewarding anecdote for me is the day Teacher Jennifer and me made our way through the (only for me) secret paths through the village to get from School to Abayita at the main road in order to buy two rims from a local garage there to get the two Netball poles fixed in them and walking with them



the whole way back. The sport training for the kids has already started and I am assisting Teacher Jennifer every Monday and Friday whenever I can. During Term I, the Primary Schools have their competitions in Athletics and the Secondaries in Foot- Netball. Later in Term II, it is the other way round. However, the EWA School is only a Nursery/Primary School so far that is why we now focus on Athletics.

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by ALLE