

The Kellermann Foundation Newsletter

Nursing school nears completion

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Grand Hall and classroom buildings — Uganda Nursing School, Bwindi

Construction of the new Uganda Nursing School, Bwindi (UNSB), an affiliate of Uganda Christian University, is nearly complete. The school is being developed under the leadership of **Dr. Scott Kellermann** with generous support from major donors **Stephen Wolf** and **James D. Jameson**.



Dr. Scott Kellermann

The school will be closely associated with Bwindi Community Hospital. The hospital's management team, particularly **Charles Byarugaba**, Principal Hospital Administrator, has been instrumental in planning and construction oversight. BCH staff will also assist with clinical instruction and supervising student rotations.

Jane Anyango, former Head of Nursing at BCH, is the Head of UNSB. Jane recently obtained a Master's of nursing education at Queen Margaret University of

Edinburgh, Scotland, and returned to Bwindi to lead the new school.

The school's three-year program will lead to a diploma in nursing from Uganda Christian University. It will be the only RN-level nursing school for a population of approximately one million. Nurses trained here will be able to work independently in villages throughout this remote region, greatly improving healthcare to a large, underserved population in one of the poorest corners of Africa.

The **Reno Rotary Club** has agreed to serve as an international grant sponsor and will soon submit a Rotary International Foundation Global Grant to purchase classroom and lab equipment and furnishings. Six other Rotary clubs have signed on as co-sponsors for this generous grant.

Volunteer instructors are needed, as are scholarship sponsors and donations for operations. To learn more, contact the Kellermann Foundation office.

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Did you know?

- The US has 919 nurses per 100,000 population.
- Uganda has 130 nurses per 100,000 population.
- Most villages in Kanungu District have no medical care.
- The Uganda Nursing School, Bwindi will be the only RN-level nursing school in the region.

New Coordinator of the BDP

In January, **Rev. Canon Bernard Bagaba** retired from his role as Coordinator of the Batwa Development Program (BDP). Canon Bernard received recognition for his outstanding service. We are glad he is remaining on in his role as the Chaplain of Bwindi Community Hospital.



Rev. Canon Enos Komunda

Rev. Canon Enos Komunda was selected as the new Coordinator of the BDP. He is a welcome addition to the team. Canon Enos served as a teacher, lay minister, and

pastor prior to joining the staff at the Diocese of Kinkiizi (Anglican Church of Uganda). There he served as Agriculture Officer, Sub-Dean and then Dean of St. Peter's Cathedral Nyakatare, and finally Diocesan Health Coordinator prior to his appointment to the BDP.

Dr. Scott Kellermann and his wife **Carol** worked with Canon Enos when they were medical missionaries to the Batwa from 2001 to 2010. Dr. Scott stated, "Canon Enos was assigned by Bishop John to work with us the first year we were in Uganda. He was of inestimable assistance to us. He knew the birds, had a heart for Jesus, and was an inspiration to us. He had been involved in the Community Rest Camp from its inception and was a guide in the Bwindi forest. He even



Canon Enos with a Batwa family

helped habituate the mountain gorillas. Enos is a close friend to us and to the Batwa."

If you visit Bwindi, seek out Canon Enos and the other BDP staff members to thank them for their service to the Batwa.

Volunteer Corner: Youth Outreach to Bwindi

Contributed by Lisa Anderson

Discovering Bwindi

In 2011, I visited Uganda for the first time and, like many others, was amazed by the beauty of the land and people. I was also amazed at the happiness of the Bwindi community even while lacking so many essential things—a bed, a solid roof, accessible, clean running water in an unlimited supply, hot meals, plumbing, electricity, and more.



Children at play in Bwindi

I visited the Batwa pygmies at the top of the hill and took a tour of the medical clinic, where the maternity ward definitely opened my eyes. Having recently had a child, I was surprised to learn how many mothers and children die each year. I saw the incubator which was essentially a few pieces of wood pieced together with some other elements. They had clearly done the best they could with the materials they had. I did not know the impact the hospital would continue to have on me.

Basketball Team Mission Project

I have coached girls' basketball (ages 10-12) at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC, for more than 10 years. Each year we have a team project that encourages the girls to do something over and beyond their norm and exposes them to volunteering at an early age so that they are more likely to repeat these actions as an adult. This year, our 9-girl team embraced a mission project to support the Kellermann Foundation. After speaking with Sally Stillings, the Foundation's Executive Director, and deciding the best areas to focus our efforts to align with our missions, we moved forward. I showed the girls lots of pictures from Bwindi and they left with eager excitement.

Phase 1 included collecting sports jerseys and hats, which netted 772 pieces—494 shirts and 278 hats. Phase 2 shifted to fundraising for



Mountains of donated shirts and hats

purchasing Bibles in the local language for children in Bwindi. The team sold baskets made by the Batwa and raised \$3600, enough to purchase 300 Bibles.

Maybe some of my players will end up traveling to Bwindi some day – they did ask if they won the championship if we could all travel there together.

Just Do It

This project took some effort and coordination, but it reaped big benefits, measured by financial contributions, goods received and to be given, life experiences, opportunities to know Christ, and mass exposure to a congregation of over 3,000. We planted lots of seeds that will hopefully turn into some big, stable trees later down the road.



Team members selling BatwaBaskets

Bwindi Community Hospital: The Best in Uganda

During the 2011-2012 reporting year, Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) remained focused on increasing access to good quality health care, especially to vulnerable members of the community. The hospital is steadily gaining ground in raising health awareness, in community participation, and in healthcare planning and financing.

This hard work is paying off and has resulted in special national recognition. We are proud to announce that Bwindi Community Hospital has been ranked the best performing hospital in Uganda in the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB) supervision rankings. This is the fourth year running that



Dr. Birungi, BCH Executive Director, presents the UPMB certificate to the hospital staff

they have received this honor. UPMB is the coordinating body for Protestant health services in Uganda. It is a network of over 256 faith-based health care institutions in Uganda.

The Kellermann Foundation is proud to be associated with this center of excellence in Uganda. BCH provides outstanding care in a remote, impoverished region of the country, providing much-needed health care to an underserved population.

Congratulations to the management and staff at Bwindi Community Hospital for this wonderful achievement.

Mayo Medical: A Summer in Bwindi

Contributed by Ashley Cobb

I knew from the minute I began medical school in 2011 that I wanted to go back to Uganda. Last summer, two of my fellow classmates from Mayo Medical School and I traveled over 7,800 miles from the cornfields of Rochester, Minnesota, to spend a month on the outskirts of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. We quickly found ourselves at home among the Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) staff and the surrounding community. This trip was my third to southern Uganda; the first two were to do water quality research at a children's hospital in the town of Mbarara.

Before this trip, we came to hear about BCH and Dr. Scott Kellermann, who put us in contact with Dr. Richard at BCH, who later became our research mentor. Together, we laid out a project that aimed to assess safe male circumcision (SMC), a program which began at BCH in October 2011. Specifically, we wanted to learn how the community felt about male circumcision and the barriers to receiving the operation. This is of particular importance to BCH because the World Health Organization goal for health centers in the developing world is to have 85% of men aged 18-49 circumcised by 2015. This is a lofty goal for BCH with a catchment area of around 100,000, because fewer than 100 men have received the operation since the program's implementation.

Our methods included numerous community focus groups—with community members, Bataka elders, and hospital staff—along with individual interviews. Our research yielded over 20 hours of transcripts, which we recently analyzed. It was an exciting and engaging



L to R: Student volunteer Suny Gil, Mayo Medical students Andrew Tseng, Swathi Damodaran, and Ashley Cobb, and translator Phiona Twinomugisha

We hiked 3 hours to reach the tiny village of Kyogo, a small isolated community in the mountains. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is just over the border behind us.

project and we hope the results will help the program reach more of the community.

My personal belief in working overseas is that the impact you make cannot end in one summer. To ensure the collaboration between Mayo and BCH was sustained, we took a few steps following our trip. In December, Dr. Kellermann spoke at Mayo—both as part of a global health lecture series and within the medical school. He connected with various leaders at Mayo in hopes to make BCH a designated site for the **Mayo International Health Program**. Recently, this designation was made official. Consultants, fellows, residents and medical students can teach, practice, and conduct

research at BCH for years to come with funding from the institution. I am thrilled to see this collaboration come to fruition and know that others will learn from the fantastic people in Bwindi.

As anyone who works in Africa knows, flexibility is essential. We hit a few roadblocks during this summer, but for the most part, it was nearly flawless because of the immense support we received from the staff at BCH. From the physicians to the administration to the extreme wisdom of those in the community health program, we couldn't have done this without you. Our gratitude is great and we are so thankful to you for making us feel at home and part of the BCH family. We hope to see you all again soon!



L to R: Ashley Cobb, Nahamya Alex (BCH Clinical Officer), Swathi Damodaran, and Alex's wife

Alex, a clinical officer at BCH, is one of the first providers to be trained in the male circumcision program.

Partnership with Kangu

We are very pleased to announce our partnership with the new maternal health funding website Kangu (www.kangu.org). The site is now live -- please go take a look!

Kangu is a crowd-funding site devoted to saving the lives of mothers and babies around the world. They accomplish this by providing safe birth services to women who otherwise could not afford them. These "Mamas" receive services at health care centers that have been carefully selected for their high standards of care.

It has been shown that 80% of maternal mortality can be avoided if a woman has access to basic healthcare services. A

donation of as little as \$10 can help a mother and child have a better chance in life. Donors can give individually or join together in groups to fund the Mamas they choose. Donors receive updates on the Mama they funded and her baby, and they can connect with others who have funded the same Mama.

The Kellermann Foundation (on behalf of Bwindi Community Hospital) was honored to be selected as one of Kangu's first four partners. This partnership has the potential to provide funding for hundreds of safe births at the hospital annually.

Please share the good news!



Irene, one of the Kangu "Mamas," at Bwindi Community Hospital prior to her safe delivery



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Construction of the Nursing School is well on its way!



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Tidbits

- **Janet Soo Maxwell** is the new Executive Assistant at the Kellermann Foundation. We are glad to have her join the team. Welcome aboard, Janet!
- The Kellermann Foundation is grateful to attorney **Sherrie Abney** for her tremendous support. Sherrie is donating office space to the foundation for a year, giving us the necessary room to grow.
- Many thanks to **Marv DeMoss** at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Richardson, Texas. Marv is the new Coordinator of the parish's **BatwaBaskets** ministry, which sells baskets handmade by Batwa artisans to help fund the Kellermann Foundation's Batwa programs.
- Dozens of volunteers are scheduled to assist in Bwindi at our partner programs this spring and summer. New volunteers who hope to spend time at the hospital, nursing school, or Batwa Development Program are always welcome. Contact Volunteer Coordinator **Rachel Medina** at volunteer@kellermannfoundation.org for more information.
- Volunteer nursing instructors are needed at the new nursing school. Are **you** being called to serve? Contact our office to learn more.

In-Home Events

Looking for a fun way to support the work of the Kellermann Foundation? Consider putting on an in-home event. Volunteer **Cheryl Kiddoo** has put together an easy step-by-step plan outlining everything required. These events are a wonderful way to spread the word about our work in Uganda to a larger audience in the U.S.

In-home events usually consist of a gathering of 10 to 30 people. They provide a chance to enjoy time together, to share information (usually in the form of a PowerPoint presentation), perhaps to sell BatwaBaskets, and to solicit financial support for the work of the Kellermann Foundation. Events can also be held at your church, school, or civic organization.

Frequently, a KF staff member, board member, or volunteer—or occasionally even Dr. Scott or Carol Kellermann themselves—will be available to give the PowerPoint presentation and discuss the organization. Every event is unique.

If you are interested in putting on an event, contact our office to obtain a copy of the **Event Planning Guide** and to discuss your ideas with a staff member. You can reach us by email at info@kellermannfoundation.org or by phone at (214) 519-9279.