



## NEWSLETTER November 2010

*Uganda Concern UK was established at the end of last year with the aim of preventing & relieving poverty in Uganda, in particular by supporting Uganda Women Concern Ministry, a Christian charity working in communities around Mbale in the east of the country.*

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TEAMS

UWCM increases the effectiveness of its work through the recruitment and training of volunteers who live and work in rural communities. There are currently 15 teams, with approximately 27 members per team, who strive to support the neediest families living within their area through the sharing of their time and personal resources.



Volunteers wearing their red 'UWCM' T-shirts

A few of the groups lack focus and struggle with leadership issues but others achieve great results.

For example, Bupoto team now supports 160 vulnerable children and 13 PLWAs (people living with AIDS). The team raises money through cattle rearing and cultivating tomatoes. The children are assisted to buy essential school uniform and exercise books. The PLWAs are given money to pay for transport to access their antiretroviral treatment and are offered emotional & spiritual support. This team also collected and distributed 300kg maize and 100kg beans to needy families as both food and seeds for planting.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS



We have a great range of individual Christmas cards for sale at 75p each (or 10 for £6). The prints are taken from traditional African batik or banana fibre nativity scenes. To view the different designs and for further information on how to order, visit [www.ugandaconcern.com](http://www.ugandaconcern.com).

All proceeds will be given to Uganda Women Concern Ministry.

*We would like to wish all our supporters a happy & peaceful Christmas and New Year!*



### ££ UCUK FUNDS ££

Most of the funds raised through Uganda Concern UK are divided between the support of community volunteers and UWCM's administration/staffing costs. For example, this year 105 grateful volunteers received raincoats that enables them to continue their work during the rainy season, 2 families had new shelters built and 4 families were assisted to set up income generation projects to promote their future independence. A child-headed family started a poultry project and the eldest child was supported with senior school fees; the other children will have to wait for further funding before they can continue with their schooling.

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### CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE JAN 2011

The annual conference for orphaned and vulnerable teenagers is being planned once again to take place in January. However, UWCM staff have concerns about potential unrest in Mbale in the run up to the Ugandan Presidential Elections due to be held in February. Please pray that the conference will go ahead without any disturbance and that it will be a great blessing to all the children.

Pray too for a free, fair and peaceful election.



A small group including Terry, Terry & Bridget are planning to travel to Mbale in January to help support the UWCM staff during the conference.

### SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

*If you live within a reasonable travelling distance from Clevedon (North Somerset), Preston (Lancashire) or Maidstone (Kent) and are looking for someone to come to your group/church to speak about the work of Uganda Women Concern Ministry then please contact us and we would be delighted to come and talk to your group.*

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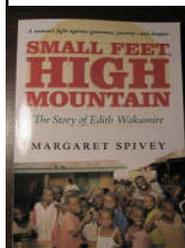
### EDITH VISITS THE UK

Tear Fund's 'Connected Church' project has linked a number of churches in the Mbale area to St James' Church, Gerrard's Cross. Through this link, Edith Wakumire was enabled to travel to the UK in September to give talks about the work of UWCM, especially in relation to supporting people living with HIV. Lois Wamutu, UWCM's current Executive Director, was also invited but unfortunately, was not granted a UK visa on this occasion. It is becoming increasingly difficult for foreign nationals to obtain UK visas.

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### EDITH'S BIOGRAPHY

Edith Wakumire is the founder of Uganda Women Concern Ministry and her life story promises an amazing read. The book, entitled 'Small Feet, High Mountain' is on sale at £9.99 with all profits split between UWCM and Edith.



*To order a copy, please contact Margaret at*

[ugandaconcernuk@live.co.uk](mailto:ugandaconcernuk@live.co.uk)

or 01275 876836

*Uganda Concern UK trustees would like to express sincere thanks to all our supporters for their support, prayers and gifts.*

*Any donation is gratefully received and passed on without deduction to the charity in Uganda. Cheques should be made payable to 'Uganda Concern UK' and gift aid forms can be obtained from one of the contacts/trustees below.*

*For regular donations, please request a standing order/gift aid form.*

*We have registered Uganda Concern UK with Everyclick.com which allows people to donate online by credit/debit card and is also useful for sponsorship events. **NOTE: Every time you search the web, trade on Ebay or shop on-line you will raise funds for Uganda Concern UK – please check out [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com) and enter 'Uganda Concern UK' as your chosen charity.** You can also sign up and keep track of your giving – you will be amazed at how quickly it all adds up.*

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