

During my life it has been a privilege to meet and work with some remarkable people. One such person is Ken, who arrived on our doorstep a short while ago, having cycled from Egypt, via Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. He is now in Burundi and will eventually reach his final destination in South Africa around August of next year. Ken and his fiend Dan have founded the Better Life Cycle Charity and they are both travelling around Africa helping small projects and raising money through sponsorship. See their website [www.betterlifecycle.com](http://www.betterlifecycle.com) and we will be eventually mentioned in Ken's blog use this link to see it <http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Ft.co%2FyIWwfw2&h=HAQHukZUI>

Ken spent two weeks with us working on some technical things to do with our website, for example you can now find us on Google maps, there is a link on our new 'contact us' page and eventually, when Google have approved it, you will be able to simply type Meg Foundation and it should come up.

He also donated books and materials and has given our re-formed women's group a tremendous boost by donating a supply of fabrics for a re-start to their business. We are hugely grateful for this and we wish him well during his travels. He cycled off, much to the wonder and bewilderment of most of the Rwandans who found it barely credible that anyone should be able to even think of doing such a thing.



Meanwhile, we have come to the end of another school year. On Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> we had our parent's meeting where five children who had performed best in each of the nursery classes were presented with small gifts – they look suitably serious on this special occasion!



We lightened things up a bit by impressing the parents with our action songs in English.





The students from our most recent Literacy class also received their certificates after singing a lovely song for us and reading a poem.



We then had much clearing up and washing of materials to do, all with a lot of laughter and a feeling that we had achieved a lot this year.



Otherwise, thanks to generous donations, we now have staff toilets, a staffroom and secure store and plans are in progress to finish all the infrastructure by early 2012.

Milton has been busy painting more murals for us and we now have our very own Nyungwe Forest around the guards' house to go with our Akagera Park painted last year, plus a story, which the teachers can use for counting, called Handa's Hen, translated into two languages and which the children love.





Staff news – we attended Epiphanie's viva at Kigali University where she was granted her Degree in Social Studies, here she is with her family and later at her home for joyful celebrations



And finally, the wedding of our year .....

Francoise and Oscar were married – first the civil ceremony, along with 28 other couples on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and at church on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, after a 'giving' ceremony in the morning,



photographs in the garden and evening celebrations -





We had a lovely day, with thanks to Ken for the photographs. I feel sure you will join with us in wishing them happiness in their future together

And from Kigali, very best wishes and thanks to all our friends across the world. I leave the children in the good care of another of our remarkable volunteers – Vincent arrived at the end of October after spending some time cycling around palm groves in Egypt. He will spend one month with the Primary children doing holiday school – lots of fun, English lessons, creative and sport activities – we are so very lucky to have such good friends. Many, thanks for your continued support.

On behalf of us all I wish you peace, love and friendship. Meg November 2011