

Volunteering in Gulu

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Some background...

- ▶ Carole
 - ▶ Retired teacher of the deaf
 - ▶ Over 30 years classroom experience
 - ▶ 40 years church membership & service
 - ▶ Grandparent!
- ▶ Richard
 - ▶ Retired senior manager with multi-national
 - ▶ Experience in project management, business finance and IT
 - ▶ 40 years church membership & service
 - ▶ Grandparent!





Call and opportunity...

- ▶ We missed out on gap years!
- ▶ Wanted purposeful retirement
- ▶ Pointed towards Uganda
- ▶ BMS had the opportunity and infrastructure



Supporting BMS
in Gulu...

BMS in Uganda?



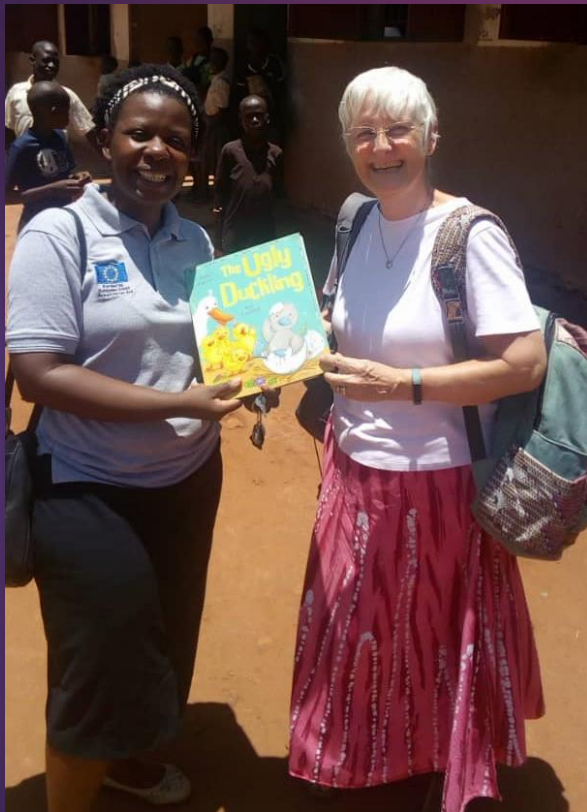
Education...



Down Syndrome support...



Safeguarding training



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Where next
with farming?



GUCC...




Volunteering – things we have learned

- ▶ Find out what God is doing and join in
- ▶ Be flexible
- ▶ Transferable skills matter
- ▶ Take care of yourself
- ▶ Different agendas
- ▶ Follow where God leads





Thank you...



The people of Uganda deal with the lasting effects of past conflicts every day. Please pray that BMS work in Uganda would help heal past wounds.



Uganda

Uganda is a beautiful country, with vibrant, hard-working people. Yet its socio-economic and political history has left the country in need of much. Pray for BMS World Mission work with Baptist associations and churches in the north and west addressing this reality.

Sunday

Praise God that BMS' agri-livelihoods programme has been helping 100 more farming households in Gulu since early 2019. Pray for BMS workers Genesis, Joe and Annet leading this project

Monday

The Gulu legal team, led by BMS worker Linda Darby, has expanded its child protection ministry in local schools. They are now able to represent clients in court, as Jolly, their intern, has qualified as a lawyer. Pray for fair outcomes to trials

Tuesday

In answer to prayer, BMS speech therapist Lois Ovenden met a local Acholi therapist who is now partnering in her work in Gulu. Pray that this will guarantee a long-term service for Acholi people with communication difficulties

Wednesday

Pray for increased capacity among the development committee at our partner the Kasese Baptist Association. Pray that this would encourage effective programmes that benefit many families.

Thursday

Tim Darby, a BMS water engineer, provides communities with deep, cleanwater wells. Pray that this work will enable people to take good care of their personal hygiene, especially in the wake of the Coronavirus crisis

Friday

Gulu Globetrotters is an educational cooperative, with BMS workers playing key roles. Pray for success in providing support to families from diverse NGOs

Saturday

Pray for Benon Kayanja, BMS' Uganda Operations Co-ordinator, serving in Kampala, and for Joe Ovenden, overseeing our work in Gulu. Pray that they would be wise and sensitive in their leadership.