



A look back at 2015

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## Alison's ramblings and reflections on 2015



As 2015 comes to a very blustery end, it is time for a self-indulgent look back at the last 12 months and think ahead to next year. It has been an interesting year with more ups than downs. More than 400 farmers received seeds and 152 children are learning in our mud-hut nursery school! The coffee is growing well and we are selling lots of Happy Coffee Beans to raise funds, but we had a big upset in the summer when Malaria hit our farmers hard. You can read about all of these projects inside! Don't worry – most of the words are on this page and I have included as many pictures as possible!

Our website says that we listen to and learn from the farmers and help them with what they need, not what we think they should have. This has become our mantra over the last year and something that resonates with almost everyone who reads the website and makes us stand out from the crowd – or so I am told.

Over the last couple of years we have put this into practice and the people of Lamogi sub-county have spoken!

Their priorities remain:

- 1) Children's education
- 2) Income generation activities
- 3) Adult literacy and learning new skills.

This year, whilst advancing seeds remains very important to achieving the three priorities, we have also placed more emphasis on the Development in Seeds for Development. To address the children's education we have forged ahead with our school. To support the farmers income we have advanced seeds and worked on the coffee project and other income generating ideas. The third priority is more difficult to achieve and we will look more closely at this next year.

It is hard to believe that two years ago our Vision Hope school was just a drawing in the dirt. Now we have 152 children attending our nursery, eating meals every day. In February there will be the second intake of another 152, bringing our total to over 300...

Over the last couple of years we have listened to some loud voices with big ideas on how to build a school for the future. We have learned that our way to progress is to go at our own pace and take tiny steps. The loud voices have since disappeared, leaving behind quiet whispers in the air. These whispers are powerful and come from the people themselves. We are proud to support them and have learned a big lesson along the way. The loud voices and big ideas are great for dreaming about the future. However, to get things done today, it is the quiet voices and steely determination of the people of Lamogi sub-county that drive the change the people want to see.

I hope you find our updates interesting. There is so much to share that we couldn't include it all in here, but I think I have covered the key areas.

This year we said goodbye to Sally Varley, who stepped down as a trustee. Sally leaves a big hole and I am so grateful to her for everything she has done for us. Penny Peters became a trustee and is the queen of fundraising, organisation and can do anything. Penny is definitely coming to Uganda next year! We are only two trustees, so losing one and gaining one makes a massive difference! Our voluntary team in Uganda has cemented itself this year and there are eight fabulous people driving the projects forward and making huge advancements in the alleviation of poverty in northern Uganda. You will meet them on the next page!

One hundred percent of donations go to the projects on the ground in Uganda. Our main fundraising activities are selling beautiful paper beads, made by the women and child mothers, and selling our Happy Coffee Beans. This money goes to covering essential expenses to make the projects run. I work full time as a Marketing Manager and cover all of my travel expenses. Sally is a book-keeper and kept all of our finances in perfect order! Penny is the most organised person on the planet and I'm sure between us we will do a nearly as good job! Penny and I look after the website, Facebook and all other communications – so our expenses are minimal.

Of course none of this is possible without the generosity and kindness of our friends, supporters – YOU! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and you can see what you mean to the farmers in James's thank you letter at the end of this document.

I wish you a wonderful 2016 and hope that you will keep an eye on what we are up to!

## There are so many people involved in Seeds - here is the core team



**Devon Onen** is an outstanding farmer and business man. He is one of the founding farmers in our projects. Devon was abducted during the war and forced to be a rebel soldier. Now he is determined to make his life a success and put the war firmly behind him and the rest of his community. He works tirelessly on our behalf, travelling from farm to farm, educating and supporting the farmers. He is very knowledgeable and is always happy to share his expertise with others less fortunate than him. I met Devon in 2008 and am so proud that he calls me his sister. Devon has one of the dirtiest laughs in the world!



**Elly Nkalubo** takes great care of us during our visits. He is, in my opinion, the best driver on mud roads in the whole world! This is probably because he used to be one of the top drivers for the US Embassy in Kampala! Elly is also the Local Village Councillor in Mukono, making him the most important person in his community and also a wonderful source of knowledge and expertise on community relations. I met Elly in 2012 and since then we have spent days, if not weeks, together on long journeys and adventures. The farmers have come to respect and admire Elly and are so grateful that he returns from the south of the country to visit and support them – even when I'm not in town.



**James Okumu** is the force behind the school (and the head teacher) and leads the way in bringing everyone together and moving the projects forwards. I don't think James actually sleeps as he is always on the move; encouraging, inspiring and motivating the local community to get up and build the community they want to be. I met James in 2010 and he works tirelessly to make things better. He suffered badly during the war – being abducted, being arrested by the army when he escaped (they thought he was a rebel) and witnessing terrible acts of murder within his community. All he wants is for the children to grow up in a peaceful world and firmly believes that education is the way to make this happen.



**Penny Peters** has supported Seeds since its birth in 2007! We are so lucky that she is now a trustee. Penny works at Guildford Cathedral where she manages concerts and huge events such as the Queen visiting! Most people say that Penny runs the whole cathedral and how she finds time to support us with fundraising, updating the website, posting on social media I don't know. Penny is one of the kindest most patient people on the planet – so important when working with me! I have known Penny for decades and when she offered to become a trustee, I was so excited as I knew that it would mean a big step forwards for us – and so far this is definitely the case.



**Susan Wamala** is an outstanding head teacher! Voted as one of the top 40 influential people in primary education in Uganda we are so grateful and proud that she supports us with all of the Ugandan administration and accounts for our projects – ensuring that we are totally transparent and all the money is traceable. Susan built her school – Mukono Boarding Primary School from a run down shell with one light-bulb to the best performing state school in the district! She is a wonderful support to James in the development, building and running of the school. I met Susan in 2009 and since then I have benefitted from her wisdom and the experience she brings to all of our school ideas and projects.



**Timothy Njakasi** has just been voted one of the top 50 farmers in Uganda! He runs an organic agricultural training centre where he trains farmers from all over Uganda and neighbouring countries as well as volunteers from the UK and USA. His work for Send a Cow Uganda means he brings a vast extent of knowledge on community development, sustainable and organic agriculture and all the farmers adore him! Timothy was the first person I met when I first went to Uganda in 2008. As well as being my great friend, Timothy is my conscience and chief advisor in Uganda! The great thing about Timothy is he doesn't hold back when he thinks what you are doing is not going to work – and he is nearly always right!

# Vision Hope School and Farmers Education Centre

## *"Building the community we want to be"*



It is hard to believe that two years ago our school was this scratched drawing in the dirt. Now we have a nursery school and Education Centre! At the beginning of the year, the dads came together and made bricks to start building our little mud-hut nursery school. Vision Hope was ready to open its door to the first 74 young learners in February 2015.



In August the school became much more than a mud-hut. The farmers are using it as an Education Centre and the whole community now feels as though it is their school and have taken ownership of it. This is brilliant as one of our worries was that they would just wait for us to turn up with some money and do it for them. This is not the case and now the parents are all actively involved in making it happen.



When the number of children had increased to 152 we insisted that they stop taking them in - our little hut is just too small!

We are building another hut - twice the size of this - to accommodate the new intake of 150 more children in February, bringing the total to over 300! We are also looking to take on another 2 teachers to join Edward and Mercy, pictured here on the left. The children now have these smart uniforms.



*Thanks to your support, we have bought the materials to keep building our school. We pay our teachers, head teacher and the cook a monthly salary. This is quite unique in northern Uganda where people work for months waiting to be paid. It also means the children can eat a proper meal every day and have porridge in the morning. They also have this wonderful school uniform! THANK YOU SO MUCH.*



In June our first toilets were finished. This is a triumph as they had to dig at least 40 feet down into the ground for the pit (can you see the man at the bottom?!). Our next major goal is to have water on the school site so the children and women don't have to walk nearly a mile to fetch water at least twice a day. We have tip-taps outside the toilets so the children get used to always washing their hands.



The latest achievement is building a new school kitchen. The old kitchen on the left is as about as basic as it gets but the wonderful Jennifer managed to produce porridge (a very liquid corn flour and water mix) and cook posho and beans for the children here. The new kitchen will have fuel efficient stoves and a proper chimney!



# Income generation and moving to farming as a business

At the end of last year we made the decision to focus our efforts on fewer farmers with the hope to make a greater impact and also get more involved with the wider community.

In May, 474 farmers in 11 groups received 5 kilos of maize seed each - enough for one acre. So a total of 2,370 kilos of seed were planted. It was a bit late in the season but because last year the crops planted early were destroyed by storms, we decided to wait a bit longer.

Sadly, this year there was a terrible drought meaning that many farmers lost their entire crop. The farmers that did succeed yielded up to 700 kilos of maize from their acre, which brought them about £175 of income!



*Susan, one of the Kitgum farmers, showing off her maize*

Our Vision Hope School is one of the key customers, buying the maize to make posho – a staple food made from maize, to feed the children. As the farmers are parents of the children, it means that they are earning money, feeding their children and are able to contribute to the children’s education with their income.

This is Alice, we first met her in 2008 during our first visit to the refugee camps. Alice is the Chair Person of Gum pe Loke, one of the original groups we met in 2008. She works tirelessly to support the community and was one of the founding members of our malaria task force – you can see the malaria message painted on her hut!

We are constantly exploring new ideas and finding opportunities for the farmers to farm as a business.



## Our Farmers Groups

The groups we are now working with are mainly connected to the school. Nearly all of them are parents at the school and they are all rebuilding their lives after the 20 year war with the LRA.

We continue to support the child mothers – there is a page for them later! And we have two new child mother groups who are being mentored and supported by the adult groups.

In Kitgum we are supporting three groups who are part of Forgotten Peoples Projects. We also supported them in the malaria crisis.

Group Name	Members	Location
The Nighties	35	Parabongo
Arugudi	46	Parabongo
Mon too pi Lotino	45	Parabongo
Lacan Pe nino	30	Parabongo
Gum pe Loke	45	Parabongo
Nightie Child Mothers	10	Parabongo
Kane Rac	74	Otici
Kica Ber	45	Olwal
Akem Kwene Child Mothers	35	Olwal
Olingo	47	Otici
Koro Child Mothers	55	Koro
Nge Kidi	40	Kitgum
Paibwor	40	Kitgum
Patoke	40	Kitgum
<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>	



# The Child Mothers

We met Annet (here on the right) and the child mothers in 2011. They were a group of 48 teenage mothers, all with tragic stories of abduction, rape and rejection. Annet was rejected by her parents when she finally returned home from the bush, having been abducted and forced to be a sex slave and child soldier. Her grandmother took her in and she continues to live with her today, together with five year old Delphine.

The girls were fending for themselves with no outside support from anyone. They came together when a few of the girls realised they were not alone and through dancing and singing started to raise their spirits and put the past behind them.

Our initial support was to give them seeds to start growing enough crops to feed their families and sell the surplus at the market.



*Delphine, Annet and Granny (who is nearly 90!)*



Today the girls are beautiful young women. They work so hard and are determined to make a better life for their children. They are, in fact quite astonishing and have proved to be the most successful group that we work with. Thanks to a very kind donation of £500, specifically for the girls, we were able to buy 9 sewing machines and now the girls are making clothes, bags, blankets, cushions and have secured 4 contracts with local schools to make school uniforms! They are farming as a business and making a lot of money! Young Delphine has graduated from nursery school and starts Primary School in February. Talking to the girls this year, we realised that their biggest challenge is what would happen if Annet's Granny passed away. She lets them use the building behind Jennifer and the sewing machines and when she dies, which she most certainly will quite soon, they are worried that the family will throw them off the land.

Together we came up with a big and very bold plan. In 2016 the girls will buy a plot of land and build a centre for Child Mothers in northern Uganda. The centre will act as their business HQ and also as a refuge, drop in centre and educational hub for other young girls. It is hugely ambitious and I know that if anyone can make it happen it is the young Child Mothers of Koro.

## Football

There are a couple of child fathers in our group of child mothers. This is Joel and he is married to Milly. They met when, during the war and as an abducted child soldier, he was forced to abduct her from her school and then take her "as his wife". He was twelve and she was just eleven at the time. Now in their twenties, they have three children! Joel is the coach of the girls' football team. We are so grateful to KitAid for the football kits and to The One World Play Project who donated indestructible footballs. Football is key to the girls recovery from the war and they are a winning team! This year they played in an international tournament beating teams from The Netherlands and Sweden! In fact they played against a team that played in The World Cup and only lost because they didn't have football boots, so played barefoot against a "very big and strong team of white women with shoes"! We plan to have a football pitch at the new Child Mothers Centre, so other girls can learn and benefit too!



# Happy Coffee Bean – a project of three halves!

## Growing Robusta in Amuru



These coffee seedlings germinated early in 2012 after being planted at the end of 2011. Our pilot project was to see if it is possible to grow robusta coffee from seed, with no irrigation, on a commercial scale in an area where it has never been done before. The result is an overwhelming YES – as you can see from the huge coffee trees on the right at Vincent's farm. We planted 28,000 seeds and probably lost two thirds of the crop. But the trees that have grown well are amazing and it is hard to believe they came from these tiny seedlings!



The biggest lesson we learned is that you have to have shade. With no shade there are no coffee trees. Simon, here on the left, is the driving force behind the coffee. We have decided that he will be the "Coffee Project Leader" and work with the other farmers to train and encourage them to grow coffee too!



## Growing Arabica in West Nile



There is exciting news from the West Nile farmers. Oxfam is funding a pilot project to help coffee farmers become more productive and own more of the value chain. Three of the five groups we work with there were selected to participate and they now have three washing stations and are producing coffee on a commercial scale. The farmers are building stores and starting to live the dream of being commercial farmers. They were selected because of the professionalism they demonstrated with growing beans and working as a group – yes, our Seeds for Development projects!



Soon they will be exporting the coffee – bringing us a huge step closer to our goal of selling Happy Coffee Beans grown by our farmers! The farmers are very remote and the roads are terrible. Here they are filling pot-holes with big stones so we could get through!



## Selling Happy Coffee Beans around the world!

The third half of our coffee project is selling organic and ethical Bukonzo coffee from the West of Uganda. We know the co-operative that grows the coffee and the farmers from West Nile have visited them. Seeds trustee Penny Peters is the superstar of selling our coffee and we give huge thanks to the many people who buy it from us and then go on to sell it to raise money for other charities. We are still working to the goal of having a social enterprise selling West Nile coffee to raise funds for Seeds for Development and other charities. Our cornerstones are Trust, Transparency and Traceability and these values drive all of our work. Our Happy Coffee Beans have gone to Australia, America and all over Europe making it a wonderful way to raise awareness of our work and the lives of small-holder coffee farmers everywhere.





## Malaria in northern Uganda

The year was torn apart when a horrendous malaria outbreak hit northern Uganda



Everyone was sick, hundreds were hospitalised and many died.

Visiting Kitgum in August was heart breaking as there was nothing they could do to prevent children dying in front of their eyes. This is the grave of the five year old son of Grace who died just a few days after we gave her a mosquito net to protect her children.

We pulled together, launched an appeal and raised £10,000 to buy 2,000 treated mosquito nets, transport them to the worst affected areas and form a task force to go house to house educating people on what to do. It was not enough, but all we could do. The taskforce identified at least 2,500 cases of malaria in the 3 communities where we work. We were told that pregnant women infected with malaria are naturally aborting their babies. Maybe one of the most shocking things was when a woman told me that when she and her 2 children were sick with malaria she went to the hospital. The doctor only had drugs for one of her children.



There were some people who disagreed with us and thought we were doing the wrong thing because it is not what "Seeds for Development does". We respect everyone's opinions but when you are called in the night to be told that people are dying and being begged for help, what do you do? Nobody else was doing anything and so we had to act.

The impact of our actions ran very deep into the hearts of our farmers. They now believe that we are truly there for them.



Our nets protected 10,000 children, meaning the women could work in the fields and take care of the family rather than nursing sick children and babies. It also meant that the money they had so carefully saved from our projects could be used for food, education and what it was meant for – rather than paying for malaria medicine. We are proud of what we did, immensely grateful for your generosity and would do it again.

One of the things that shocked us the most was the lack of response from everyone. I contacted more than twenty charities who said they were not responding. This included Comic Relief who, despite featuring malaria in Uganda during their TV appeal are not funding any malaria projects in northern Uganda – they support one malaria charity in western Uganda. I literally stumbled across this boy with his red nose at a home where we were visiting someone down with malaria. He had no idea what it was – he told me his brother had given it to him after visiting a town far far away.



I also went to the UK parliament to meet with MPs and the malaria outbreak was at the heart of a parliamentary debate. Unfortunately, Grant Shapps who was the Minister in charge of the government's actions was forced to resign – so I can't hold him to his promises to make sure that the issue was addressed... We are working out what to do next to help prevent something like this happening.

**VISION HOPE EDUCATION/FARMERS PROJECT:**  
*(Building the Community we want to be)*

16/12/2015

Dear Alison Hall,

**RE: END OF YEAR REPORT 2015**

We are grateful to send our sincere thanks to all who supported us to complete the year 2015 successfully. The thanks goes to the followings; Seeds for development (The director Alison) for the financial support that made all the programmes drawn ran successfully. And also Her regular visits to the project that made all the activities designed ran smoothly.

Also we thank Susan Wamala and Elly Enkulabo for the devotion of giving all their time to be committed with the project. This also empowered the activities of the project. Their commitment also had a very strong social impact to the project. One more person that we shall never forget in the project is, none other than Timothy Nakasi for his technical advice to run the project.

We shall always not forget Uncle James for giving his land for the project. His good heart is giving to build the community we want to be.

The local leaders also stood firm with us. We want to thank them in their various capacity right from LC 1 to LC III of the sub-county Lamogi.

We shall never also forget our teachers who worked tirelessly to bring the children from nothing to atleast a level where they can speak simple single English and at the same time understand the language which is an official language in our country. This is a very big achievement.

The parents are on the line of the people we should not forget for sending their children and giving them wholly to us to educate them. Despite all the challenges they were facing, they managed to maintain the population of the children at 152 in K1 up to the end of the year. This is a very big achievement. We encourage them to continue that way so that we bring the change we want in the community.

There were also some support staff that work voluntarily to make the Centre run well. We shall also never forget them.

Lastly, we want to thank our friends who are within the locality and those in the Diaspora for the heart they showed to us.

This report will greatly talk on the following areas:-

- The school.
- Farmers groups.
- Work plan.

**The School:**

We are grateful that our school is developing very fast. And is attracting very many people because of the great work we the teachers and the general community are doing in the centre. This year, we have 152 young children age 3 – 6 who were happily learning in Vision Hope. Out of these pupils, we have sorted 20 of them to go for P.1 next year. And two were weak enough not to go for the next level. This means that we shall have 130 to go for K-2, 20 in P.1 and the school is planning to recruit another 150 Kids next year.

### **School feeding:**

This year, the weather was not good for the farmers to have good harvest from their production. It made it very difficult for them to contribute toward the feeding of their children in the school. But we would like to thank seed for development for the great deal that they performed in feeding the whole school for two terms. We wish them the best in their work of developing the community. This was so costly if it was to be on the parents (farmers).

Feeding in the school made the children liked schooling and they were actively participating in the learning process. Even the teachers had enough energy to do their work.

### **School health and sanitation:**

The malaria epidemic which conquered the whole community made the schooling process a deterioration in the middle of second term. But nevertheless, Seeds for development is with us. When the outbreak was to the peak, seeds for development came out. They sponsored 2000 mosquito treated nets to save the children and their family from mosquito bites. Not only that, they also sponsored Health education in the community where some health workers were brought to educate the community on home hygiene. This deed brought down the rate of the disease from 90% to 30% which was a great improvement as far as the disease is concern. This has built a very strong bond between seeds, Vision Hope and the general Community. We wish the spirit to continue.

We have only one block of latrine which the population of the school is overpowering because it has only two stances. And the school should emphasize on sanitation if it is to be model.

There is no good water point which is specifically for the school. The school is sharing a borehole with the community. The borehole has even broken down. This means that water is a problem in the school. Therefore there is need for getting one.

### **School building:**

Through the help of seeds for development, we already have the school Kitchen, temporary building that can accommodate atleast 3 classes. This is a very good progress for the school although there is need for one more classroom for us to be ready to receive children for next year. And in our last meeting, the parents agreed for 4 classes to be operational next years.

### **Teacher:**

This year we managed the school with three teachers. They were hardworking teachers and know what they are doing. But the population of the children was overpowering them up. This means that if we are to get quality education, we should make sure that we increase the number of teachers. As it is stipulated in the school plan, one teacher should handle atleast 50 children. This means that we should recruit some four (4) more teachers for next year programme

### **1. Skill training:**

This part of the school is being handled by Uncle James. We have seen a lot of weakness in that but still we should not give up. He doesn't have the knowledge and skills of running the institution. We see that this part of the school is dealing with the most disadvantage group of the community. They are the youth who missed their chance of going straight with their study academically because of the war which was in the north here. Therefore it is their opportunity to get the training so that they become self-reliance.

For that matter, we sat down with the leaders of the community and resolved that the administration of the Centre should be one in order to make the youth benefit from the school. And next year is going to start on a strong note. We shall continue with the three teachers and we shall only reduce the section to two only so that it becomes manageable. What brought the collapse of the activities was that Uncle James had 7 sections and 10 teachers which made it very difficult for him to manage them.

## **2. The Farmers Groups:**

This project is working with 10 farmers groups within Lamogi sub-county. It was so enjoyable to work with these groups. They all welcomed working with Seeds for development through Vision Hope Project. They are always very happy to meet at the Centre. And they are also so willing to contribute to the development of the Centre (the school). This was seen as they were called for a meeting at the Centre and they all turn up for the meeting and their participation was also positive.

The major activity that all these farmers are doing is farming. And the major aim of this project is to make the farmers do farming as a business. That is why they are to select one seed plan, bulk and sell to get high money. This money is to help them pay their children into good schools, pay for their indication in good hospitals and start some business.

It is none other than Seeds for development which is supplying these groups with Seeds, tools, farming education and other basic farming skills. This year, Seeds for development gave maize seeds worth 6,000,000= to the farmers but unfortunately the weather did not allow. The drought destroyed the crops that made them helpless. This will not discourage them from doing farming any more. Next year we are expecting over 1000 acres of maize and soya beans from the farmers.

These farmers are the ones that the school is relying on for their feeding. This year we had one of the farmers from Gum Pe Lokke group that supplied our school with maize grain that fed the whole school for one term. This is none other than Alal Alice the Chairperson Gum Pe Lokke farmers group.

The main problem for these farmers groups is farming education because on the visit in their farm there was an indication that there is need for education.

These farmers groups are:-

1. The Nighty's groups.
2. Arugudi group.
3. Gum Pe Lokke.
4. Mon too pi Lotino
5. Lacan pe nino.
6. Kica ber
7. Kane Rac.
8. Akem Kwene Child mother
9. The Nighty's child mother.
10. The Twenty's Women's club.

These groups are working with the aims of becoming bigger ones in order to bring development in the society. Some of these groups are old ones while others are new ones.

## **3. Work Plan**

We are drawing a five years development plan to drive the activities of the project so that the real objective of the project is achieved. The plan is being worked on and is about to come out.

Also there is plan to register Vision Hope to become a CBO. This is also under process and we are to make the constitution of the organization and finish other needs before we go for registration. This will be accomplished before the end of January 2016..

**Suggestion**

There should be in place the following at the Centre.

- Borehole
- 4 more teachers for the school.
- One more temporary shade for the learners.
- Seeds for the farmers and school for demonstration garden. This need to be in the month of February so that March planting takes place.

Those are the acres that we could report. Otherwise we are so grateful to complete this year successfully. And we want to send our sincere greeting to Seed for development and all our friends in the UK and the other parts of the world.

Thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

Okumu James  
**HEADTEACHER**  
**VISION HOPE**

**NB:**

Dear Alison,

I have consulted the water engineer Gulu and he is positive to help us and can we go ahead and make arrangement to build the borehole?

We also need to recruit some4 (four) more teachers. Can we go ahead?

Thank you.

**VISION HOPE EDUCATION/ FARMER PROJECT  
("Building the community we want to be")**

**Dear Alison Hall**

**RE: CHRISTMAS GREETING**

Our sister! How are you? And how is the Christmas season taking you? With us here, as usual, the farmers are preparing to celebrate the big day on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

People will buy good food, good dresses and lots of entertainments on that day. I would like to give you this special greeting in recognition to the great devotion you are making for the people of Northern Uganda. We really enjoyed working with you this year that is why I am sending you this special greeting. In deed I have never seen any body who can avenger and get a community with lost of problem and takes the initiatives of making the community come out of their hardships by giving hem a lot alternative.

The community is now seeing green future of good education for their children and the others that had been interrupted educationally by the war because they can be trained with a lot of skills that will make them become self reliance. Also they are seeing some big business firms that will make them have money and settle their own problem that need financial assistances.

For that matter all these farmer's groups you are working with are saying that "Happy Christmas to Alison Hall and seeds for development as a whole "Their wish is that one day you will celebrate with them in Northern Uganda.

Thanks very much

On their behalf.

Merry Christmas Alison,

.....  
**YOURS JAMES OKUMU  
VISION HOPE SCHOOL**