



This quarter has been another busy and productive months for AEE-U. Our staffs have continued to deliver impactful activities around the country.

We're excited to share our latest updates for you to check out this month, including Soroti Missions, AE Australia visits, upcoming events and many more. Read on for details!



## Thank you!

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us during these times.

Thanks for being a part of the AEE-U community and for your continued interest and engagement in our work! We welcome your feedback and suggestions for our newsletter content.



## Welcome to our Quarter 3 Newsletter

AE Australia CEO pays a visits Uganda

Soroti Mission Updates

AEI Social Action Manager visits Uganda

Board Chair travels to UK

2023 AGM on 1st September

# SOROTI MISSION

## Come, Find Rest in Jesus Christ

Matthew 11:28-29

### Mission Activities

Preparations for the upcoming Soroti mission are underway. As of today, three out of the 14 planned steps have been completed.

1. Mapping the Mission Field: The mission field has been successfully mapped, identifying key areas and communities to focus on.
2. Envisioning the Church on Integral Mission: A clear vision for the church's role in integral mission has been established, ensuring everyone is aligned and working towards the same goal.
3. Forming City Zones & Training Mission Committees: City zones have been established and mission committees trained to lead and coordinate efforts in each zone.
4. Selecting and equipping preservation facilitators.
5. Whole church in prayer and fasting/mobilizing local evangelists.
6. School of evangelism

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Progress is being made, but there is still much work to be done. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Further updates will be provided as preparations continue.

### Partnership Development

The Soroti Mission team is also thrilled to announce that outreach efforts to key partner churches in Kampala have yielded overwhelmingly positive results. To date, over 10 prominent churches have been engaged, and their response to participating in the Soroti Mission has been enthusiastic and encouraging.

### Top News

*Pray for Soroti Mission*

This year, AEE is holding a city-wide mission in Soroti from 21st to 29th Sept 2024. You can participate by donating, volunteering or praying. Check for information



**New Partnerships Formed**

# Explore Program

Area reached	Active	Trained	Examined
Fort portal	14	29	13
All-Saints	8	21	9
West Lango	29	30	
Namugongo	30	2	
Living Word	5	5	
Nakayonyi	30	30	
Ntawo	8	8	
Bugolobi	8	3	3



## What next!



- Travel to Kisoro to meet the Bishop and other Pentecostal church leaders. –Hold multiple meetings as scheduled in the work plan in Bunamwaya, Jinja, MUBS, and Ndejje University.
- Mobilize and establish three new groups in Mukono diocese.
- Train new Coordinator in West Lango diocese due to transfer of previous Coordinator.



## Arivu CCCD Program

38 members (22 Male, 16 Female) from 4 Cluster Led Associations (CLAs) recently participated in a training on child rights advocacy and community mobilization. The Community Development Officer (CDO) of Arivu Sub County led the training session, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for child rights.

The team will continue to work closely with the CDO to monitor the performance of the CLAs and address any child rights advocacy related issues that may arise. This ongoing partnership will ensure that the CLAs receive the support they need to sustain their advocacy efforts and create a lasting impact in promoting child protection in the community.



## Sustainable Incomes for households

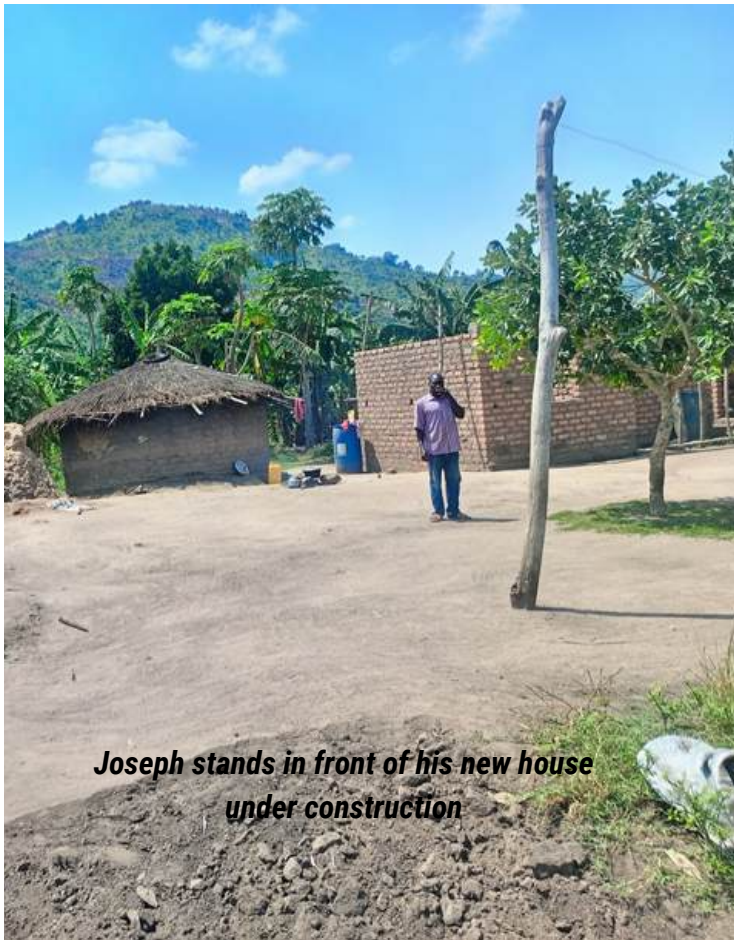
A recent follow-up visit was conducted to 7 community skilling centers to assess their current status and explore strategies for ensuring the continuity of youth skilling programs beyond the Arivu program's phase-out next year. This proactive step aims to guarantee that the valuable skills training provided to the community remains uninterrupted, empowering youth to reach their full potential and contribute to the community's growth and development.



## AEE-H

AEE-H is currently having investment development plans for the existing AEE plots. This will ensure AEE sustains its mission in future.

## **“ATIMAA” concept stirs entrepreneurial mindset in Arivu**



**Joseph stands in front of his new house under construction**

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the Top Men and Women Self Help Group (TSHG) in Uganda adopted the innovative "Atimaa" (Merry Go Round) Concept, learned from an exposure visit to Kisumu, Kenya. This concept embodies the Lugbrati word "Atimaa," meaning "support each other."

Twenty group members, led by Moses, a book writer and visionary, visited Kisumu last year. Upon his return, Moses shared the learnings with the group, and they collectively resolved to contribute Ugandan Shillings 10,500/= bi-weekly, in addition to their weekly savings. This bold move aimed to pool a total of 420,000/= monthly, supporting each member's business ventures.

The group's creative approach involved drawing names from a basket, randomly selecting the first beneficiary. Each member knew when their turn would come, bringing in a sense of anticipation and unity. Upon receiving the funds, members declared their family plans and objectives, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Joseph, who is also a group member, exemplifies the "Atimaa" Concept's impact. With the 420,000/= received, Joseph and his wife ventured into the produce business, capitalizing on the Democratic Republic of Congo's affordable beans. "When I joined the Top men and Women Group, I am realizing that Together, we can move far" Says Joseph. Their persistence paid off, and they opened a thriving produce store at Ullepi Trading Centre at the Congo boarder. The profits enabled Joseph to expand his business and construct his house, now at beam level.

Joseph is one of the 50 group members who are pioneering this concept in Arivu. "I tried to raise money alone but failed. Joining the Top Men and Women Group has shown me that together, we can achieve far more." The "Atimaa" Concept has not only transformed lives but also fostered a sense of community and cooperation, proving that when we support each other, we can overcome even the most daunting challenges

**Joseph shows some of his produce that he trades in**



# TEREGO CCCD PROGRAM

## TEACHERS TRAINED

In partnership with Terego District Probation Office, a total of 69 teachers were trained in Child Protection Management and Safety of children. Participants were also oriented on the revised Terego District Child Protection and Gender Based Violence Referral pathway. The training targeted the Senior Women/men teachers and Head teachers.

## DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

The international day of the African child was commemorated with support from Terego West CCCD. A total of 156 adults (90 males, 66 female) and 116 Pupils (60 Boys, 56 Girls) attended the celebrations. The theme for the year's celebrations was "Education for Children in Africa." The time is now.

## PARENTING REFRESHER TRAINING

Two refresher parenting training were conducted in Bileafe and Katrini Sub Counties with a total of 122 members (60 male, 62 females). The trainings served as reminder to the parents who confessed lost parenting etiquettes. The parents renewed their commitments to help their children and be supportive spouses.



## FROM IDLE LAND TO THRIVING ENTERPRISE

Bacia, a 48-year-old member of the Alioatizu Savings Group's life and the lives of her loved ones is being transformed through determination and hard work. After receiving training on Income Generating Activities, Bacia took bold action and started her own commercial maize farming and poultry farming enterprise.

With a loan from BRAC and Finance Trust Bank, combined with her savings and income from her job as a supporting teaching staff at Oguvu Primary School, Bacia raised 7,000,000 Ugandan Shillings to launch her business. She utilized a 6-acre family land, previously lying idle, to plant high-yielding maize seedlings. The land, generously provided by her brother, has become a goldmine, with an expected harvest of 5 tons of maize in August 2024.

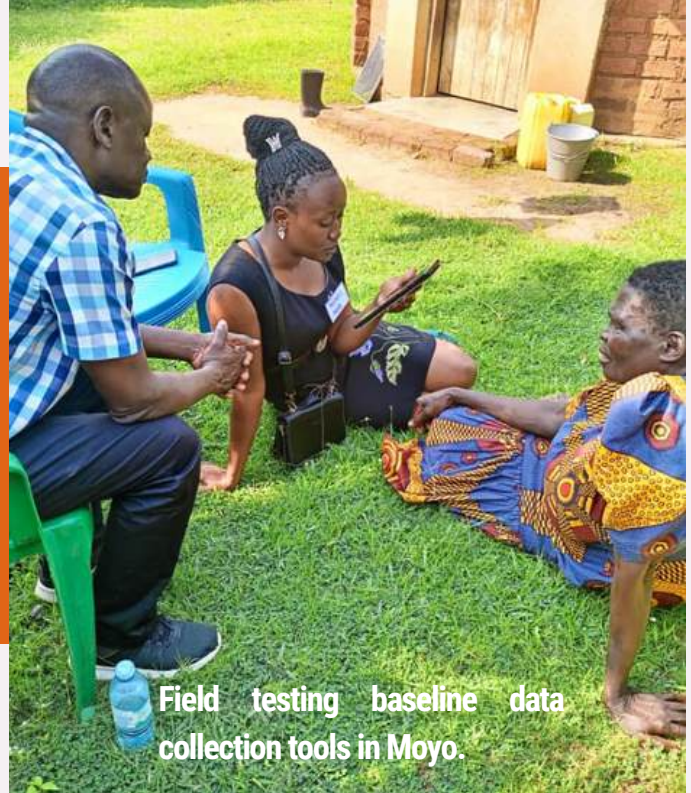
Bacia's entrepreneurial spirit and calculated risk-taking have secured a ready market for her produce, including two secondary schools and a technical institution. This guaranteed income will enable her to pay her child's university tuition fees at Makerere University, support two dependents in primary school, and provide for their basic needs.

Looking ahead, Bacia plans to build a 5-roomed permanent house within five years, solidifying her financial stability and security. Her remarkable journey serves as a testament to the power of knowledge, savings, and collective support. Bacia's story inspires us to embrace our potential, turn idle resources into opportunities, and create a brighter future for ourselves and our loved ones.



Besides commercial maize farming, she has also started up a Poultry Farming enterprise mainly the local improved chicken

# BUSOGA PROGRAM



Field testing baseline data collection tools in Moyo.

A four-day Monitoring & Evaluation training on baseline data collection tools was organized by Stromme Foundation Uganda at Nasera Suites Hotel in Moyo municipality, Moyo district from June 17 - 21, 2024. A total of Nine (9) participants from Busoga program participated.

The training was conducted in preparation for the upcoming baseline data collection, before the beginning of life skill sessions.



## Empowering Children with Disabilities through Athletics in Kitgum District

22 children with disability that are supported by AEE participated in the Primary Schools National Kids Athletics and Special Needs Learners' (SNE) Championship games in Kitgum district. The athletes with different impairments from Mayuge district underwent a special training sessions so they could fully participate in the games. The games ranged from track and field events, adapted to meet the needs of the participants to but not limited to short put.

The children demonstrated remarkable courage and determination. For many, it was their first time competing in such an event. The smiles on their faces as they crossed the finish line, the cheers from the audience, and the sense of accomplishment were profound. It was a celebration of ability, not disability. Many of our participants achieved personal bests, breaking barriers they never thought was possible.

Participating in this event was made possible because of the combined efforts from teachers, parents, Mayuge Education Department and AEE with support from Stromme Foundation.



Mercy participating in the sprinting heat during the National Kids Athletics and Special Needs Learners' (SNE) Championship games in Kitgum district

# PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

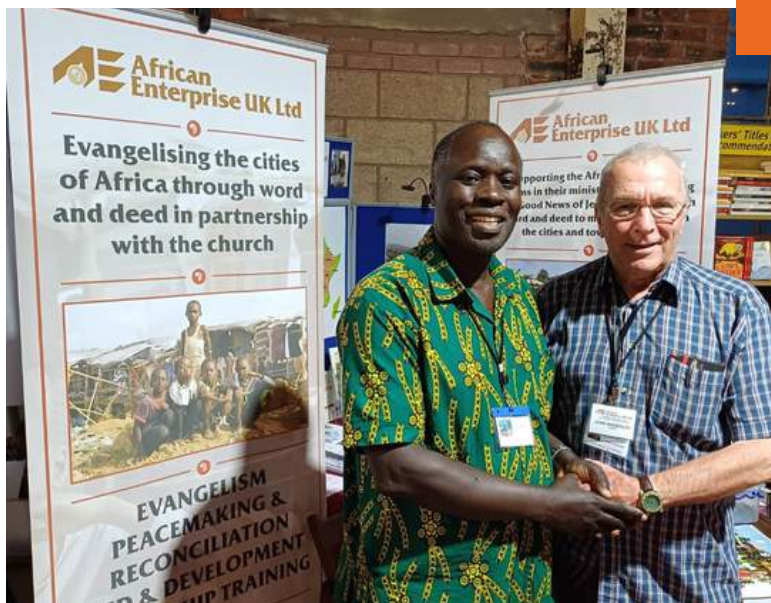
AEE also signed a new partnership agreement with our long term partner Help A Child



## BOARD CHAIR MEETS WITH AE-UK TEAM

In his recent trip to the UK, Board Chairperson Rev. Can. Justus Miwanda met with John Wibberley from AE-UK. Lets keep him in our prayers for a successful trip.

“ Dear team, I had a chance to meet a team from AE UK. Greetings from John Wibberley



## TEAM LEADER ATTENDS LEADERSHIP MEETING IN NAIROBI

National Team Leader Rev. Can. Dr. Benson Baguma and Fred Samanya the Programs Manager participated in the strategic planning meeting and a training on empowered world views for community transformation groups by World Vision. This event was organized by AEI in Nairobi, Kenya.



## AEI SOCIAL ACTION DIRECTOR AND AE AUSTRALIA TEAM VISITS UGANDA

AEI Social Action Director Mrs. Janet Mwendwa visited AEE-u in her annual trip to see the transformative work being done on grounds. Her first stop was the SRAY project, where she engaged with beneficiaries whose lives had been positively impacted by the initiative.

Next, she visited the Milne Medical Centre in Lugala, a hub of hope and healing for the community. As she toured the facilities, she saw firsthand the dedication of the staff and the tangible difference being made in the lives of those served.







Rev. Simba Musvamhiri and Dr. Peter Slay were in Uganda to witness the impact of AE Australia's partnership with AEE-U

They visited Milne Medical Centre where the team took them on a tour of the facility and later interacted with community groups under SRAY Project. In his words, Simba was amazed at what he saw on the grounds.

"My role is helping Christians to engage in God's work in Africa, and it's a privileged to be travelling in Kampala Uganda to see our partnership with AEE-U. The partnership that I'm seeing with the local church is amazing. The testimonies from impacted real people living in their communities. People that are not expecting handouts but people that are empowered. New pathways to their lives and families transformed, communities transformed and really the gospel at the centre of all the social action programs", said Simba.



Simba was also struck by the resilience and hospitality of the Ugandan people. He saw how their faith in the Lord Jesus was central to their lives, and he was challenged to deepen his own faith.

"I'm challenged myself, so I take away the fact that Ugandans are strong people, and that strength is really coming from the Lord Jesus", he added.

Dr. Peter was amazed at how the groups he visited were vibrant and hardworking people who are interested in each other's well-being.

"I've been amazed by the dedication of the groups who start with a seed money to help them, and then have worked diligently to make a life for themselves, to save, to share their savings with the rest of the group, and to help each other get into, realistically, a role where they can hope for a new life. A new future, whereas before it seemed that they didn't have hope for a good future", said Peter.

