

Subject: FW: Visit to Kabale. - posting
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Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 4:02 AM
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Subject: RE: Visit to Kabale.

Hi Julius,

Thank you very much for your message. We are looking forward to coming to Kabale. We can offer assistance in health information outreach, using a variety of methods and media, including IT.

At this writing, the colleagues who will be coming with me are Harriet Kisakye, an experienced nurse in clinical work and research who is a community outreach expert with the AIDS vaccine clinical trial here in counseling and testing, and Sara Mbagwa, medical librarian who was a pioneer with HealthNet at the Albert Cook library where we set up the first Internet connection in Uganda. Also, my son Owen, who is off school for CHOGM, will be joining us. If you have any IT work he can help with, he would be glad to pitch in.

We are happy to discuss the process by which we made our tutorial on malaria – this involved a collaboration between rural communities, the Faculty of Medicine at MU, and the U.S. National Library of Medicine. We can also brainstorm with you about how to address specific health issues that you mentioned, such as addiction.

All of NLM's products and software are free to everyone. If you are interested in expensive Microsoft products, I would suggest you consider open software (son Owen can point you in the right direction here) that is free and not susceptible to viruses.

During my Fulbright year here, I want to propose two residencies:

1. November 16 – 24 – focus on health information outreach. Meeting people and visiting sites that may be involved with your outreach (health centers, hospital, schools, etc) and discussion of specific health issues.
2. March or April – a week to be determined – more focus on IT as it relates to outreach. Fred Kakaire, medical librarian and IT specialist of the Faculty of Medicine will be with us.

For your reference: In addition to the MedlinePlus African Tutorial on Malaria, you might want to look at our website on malaria: www.nlm.nih.gov/mimcom. In the "About MIMCom" section, you will find two papers on the malaria research network we created at 19 research sites in 13 countries.

I believe I have organized the details of our visit. I will be providing our transport. Ruhakana Rugunda has graciously offered his home to us, and I have engaged a cook for our meals. We plan to arrive this Saturday (November 16.)

All best,

Julia

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Subject: RE: Visit to Kabale.

Dear Julia,

Thanks for the reply. From the link you gave me, i have been able to look at your work. Surely, there are some diseases which are soon going to be a thing of the past.

From the link you gave me, your work has been centered in the health field.

We would be very glad if you could help us by letting us know other things we can do with rural communities, especially how to cause meaningful and beneficial outreach programs to them.

Some of the most important questions to be answered in that regard are : "How did you do it?" "What would the result of a comprehensive SWOT analysis, in this regard, be?"

The reason that these questions are important to us is because we plan to run a diploma course in handling addiction cases (which are prevalent in this community), along

with other new programs like forestry and environmental management. Since our objective is to impact the community, we would really like to know how you did it, so that we can avoid the mistakes that could come with a first time undertaking.

Speaking from the ICT angle though, some of the software used on your sites is good. It would do our Department of ICT very well, if we attained it.

Best Regards,

Julius

"Royall, Julia (NIH/NLM) [E]" <jroyall@nlm.nih.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Julius, for your message. We are looking forward to the visit. For this first consultancy in November, I will be joined by Harriet Kisakye, nurse with the AIDS vaccine trial here who specializes in outreach and counseling. I also hope that Fred Kakaire of the Faculty of Medicine who spearheaded the handheld computer project in Rakai can be with us.

If you look at this link: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/africa/malaria.html> you will have a good idea of the outreach we are doing. Please view the tutorial (we also have a version in Rukiga) and the short video on the work of the medical students.

I look forward to hearing more about your interests.

Best,
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Subject: Visit to Kabale.

Dear Julia,

Greetings from Kabale.

My name is Julius Kimuli and i am in charge of the ICT Department of Kabale University.

Our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joy Kwesiga, asked me to get in touch with you regarding your mid-month visit (november).

Since she (the V.C) will be away, i will be charged with showing you around and discussing some of the plans that we (the University) would like to implement (both short and long term).

I would, however, highly appreciate it if you gave me a summary of what you are doing in eastern Uganda so that i can get an idea of what to expect.

Your mail was also very promising about a possible collaboration between Kabale University and George Washington University and Stellenbosch.

I believe this would be a safe turf to explore.

Best regards,

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