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Dear Canon John,

My brother Canon John and your esteemed community of St. Edward's.

A very happy post Easter and Pentecostal blues to you all.

For many funny reasons, some not very genuine though, I have not been able to write until today. After getting good news from the Natwest of £ 767.41 from you on our account, I rise again from the state of limbo to another state of new life of happiness and hope.

New on behalf of this huge refugees beneficiaries, including the little Isaac in the seminary, and of course myself, I write to express our heart-felt thanks for this continued noble gesture. Thank you for always being close to us.

My last letter was on 2nd April 2010 before Easter and when we were still under a terrible shock of the landslides which killed hundreds of our people in the Eastern and western parts of Uganda.

I hope you received the letter in which I was confirming my desire for a short break in Kettering. Yes your suggestion was very good and we are waiting for nother word from there.

Meanwhile you must be busy preparing for the Pope's visit to Britain. It is a blessing to the world filled with grief and weeping; should be a symbol of 'courage, hope and growth in faith'.

I am also extremely busy at the moment preparing for the first visit of our new Apostolic Administrator. It is a familiarization pastoral visit to the suffering refugees in our camp. He is coming down tomorrow.

I will write again as soon as he gets out of here. As usual, apart from the abundant blessings, nothing much I expect from this new Peter.

Let us keep in touch.. God bless you all. ~~Fix Jo~~

A P P E N D I X

Canon John, in my last letter did I share to you about our March 2010 shocking story of a Massive disaster of mud-land slides in which hundreds of people were buried dead in mud and rubble ! Other 30,000 and over, were left homeless. This horrifying story was in the Eastern and Western (our areas) parts of Uganda.

Further on, I hope I mentioned how I was appointed to a committee called "National NGOs Relief and Rescue Committee ". We are members picked from many different NGOs as well as Govt. officials. The committee is mandated to make plans and to monitor Programmes that are attempting to help the surviving victims come to terms with the predicament. We meet once a week and I help out to lead prayers as well as monitoring the proper utility of the donated items. Surprisingly, apart from myself, the rest are members of other denominations, like Protestants, Pentecostals and muslim league. So far a lot has been put in place especially by many different donors to create new settlement camps and to rehabilitate the victims from the trauma.

THE DONATION OF £ 767.41

It is ⁱⁿ this type of sad situation that welcomed the donation of £ 767.41 from you Canon John and our esteemed friends of St. Edwards.

Being a member of the above mentioned committee, I always felt shy and ashamed of leading the sessions with prayers without any material contribution. So to come to terms with my conscience I decided to make small pledges, on behalf of our church, myself, and of course yours. Mea maxima culpa for this Prodigalism. I am sure that each one of us need such special blessings .

We donated the following from the donation :

- 600 kgs of Rice (to be supplied to displaced people in camps)
- 400 kgs of Corn flour " "
- 6 Dozens of cooking utilities i.e. Pans, plates, cups etc..
- 100 Mosquito nets - to protect them against Malaria fever..

The little remaining funds should be able to get us through in the coming months. Our traditional refuges at Kyangwali St. Patrick's and Isaac do fully understand and do appreciate this emergent humanitarian action.

Thank you once again for the support. God bless you all for being close to us in our human sufferings.

Bye, Fr. Jo.



