

and then met with James Leslie who hosted me during my stay in London.

Thursday, 24th: Attended a lunch with Assoc of Chief Execs of Voluntary Organisations . Returned to Oxford.

Vehicle Fund



Thank you to all those who contributed to the 4x4 vehicle which AICM so desperately needed. We were able to hand over £5500 to Timothy to take back for this important purchase. Unfortunately, a recent devaluation of the exchange rate, plus an increase in the price of the preferred vehicle means that an alternative type will have to be bought, but this will still be a brilliant help and so very useful.

Lambeth Conference

The Lambeth Conference is one of the global Anglican Communion's Instruments of Communion.

It takes place every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is the one occasion when all bishops can meet for worship, study and conversation. Archbishops, diocesan, assistant and suffragan bishops are invited.

Also invited are bishops from other churches 'in communion' with the Anglican Communion, bishops from United Churches and a number of ecumenical guests.

Spouses of the 800+ bishops who attend are invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife to a parallel, independent gathering: the Spouses' Conference.

The current Archbishop of Canterbury - Rowan Williams - has called the next Lambeth Conference for July 2008. His wife, Jane, will convene the Spouses' Conference.

Bishop Enoch Kayeeye and his wife Phoebe will be part of the group representing the Congolese African Bishops and will be arriving in the UK on 11th June. They hope to visit many of their friends and a number of important organisations prior to the Conference



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TIMOTHY IN THE UK



Arrival, then Witney, Oxfordshire

Timothy landed at Heathrow on 5th April and was picked up by Colin Townsend, and taken back to Witney where he stayed with Colin and his wife Sue, both Trustees of the Friends of AICM, for a couple of days. He was to revisit them again later in the month.

We were privileged to have Timothy to stay with us a couple of times on his recent visit. It was great to get to know him better and introduce him to others in our family. We had many fascinating chats about life in Uganda, the staff of AICM with whom he works in Kabale, the state of the government and the state of the church. He is a very able, knowledgeable young man, and with a humble commitment to serve God by leading the work of AICM.



On his second visit we took Timothy to speak to the congregation at the village church of St. James in South Leigh, near Witney. It was a morning family communion service. We were warmly welcomed by the small and very mixed age congregation and its pastor. God richly blessed our time together. Timothy spoke clearly about the work of AICM in Kabale, and then challenged us with the call of Jeremiah and Moses. Both men were doubtful of their ability to obey God's call, but God enabled them in their weaknesses—they were simply asked to obey. A challenge is put to all of us to support Timothy in prayer, giving and action as he and the others in Kabale seek to put God's love into action amongst the poor and needy communities in South west Uganda. Our prayer is that God will raise up more to respond to this call.

On the third week end of his visit several of the trustees spent a day with Timothy in Oxford looking at the work of AICM in detail. There are many challenges, but we thank God for encouragements also. The number of students at the Vocational Training College is now around 400---great news as these students are all being given the chance of obtaining skills that can equip them to earn and support a family. Fees for these students can cause problems---hence the trustees are currently

Extracts from Timothy's Journal

Friday, 11th: Had lunch at Trinity College, Oxford, courtesy of Trevor Williams where I met some of the academic and admin staff, including John Kneeling who expressed interest in the work of AICM. That evening, after returning to Trevor's home, we had dinner with Richard Barrett.

Sunday, 13th: After preaching at St Dunstan's, Cranbrook, John Tapper drove me to Folkestone where I preached at St. George's Church in two services attended by over 40 people who support AICM and others who developed keen interest. I met the new Vicar, Mark, who attended the second service and we had a discussion about the work of AICM. Stayed in Etchinghill, Folkestone hosted by Lawrance and Monica Titterton and their family.

Wednesday, 16th: Monica Titterton arranged a visit to Westbrook House, the school which arranged funds and clothing towards supporting Batwa children's education. Met with pupils, students and staff. Later met with the Headmaster, Mr. Washington-Jones who offered two cheques, one on his own behalf and one on behalf of Westbrook House towards the orphans programme (especially children affected by the HIV/ AIDS scourge).

Thursday, 17th: Taken to London by John and Liz Tapper and family where we saw a host of famous places including Buckingham Palace, Westminster Cathedral, 10 Downing St and the London Eye. Later that evening, visited Katie Galpin, who hosted me for the night.

Saturday, 19th: Attended the AGM of the Friends of AICM at Trinity College, Oxford.

Sunday, 20th: After services in Oxford and Abingdon, I travelled to Oswestry with Phil and Anne Simpson where, over the next few days, I spent some time being shown around Phil's school and meeting staff and pupils. We discussed the possibility of Class 11 visiting AICM in 2009 and what could best be done. During this visit, I was taken sailing in the Irish Sea, which I found thrilling.



Wednesday, 23rd: Travelled to London for a meeting with the Minority Rights group and afterwards, the Methodist Relief Development Fund

We then took him to visit Miss Eunice Martin, who is a very frail old lady, and she was delighted to see him. She sends money for youngsters, students, orphans, she doesn't seem to mind which. She is very frail, but all there, and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



We had a ride round Folkestone after that, and from the top of a hill Timothy saw the Channel Tunnel workings and some carriages moving around etc., which he found impressive. Then we saw the sea at Sandgate, up the East Cliff, walked to Folkestone Sands (Tom drove the car) and the fish market, and up the hill to home. Monica collected him when he left work. I think he enjoyed his stay.

Tom and Brenda Broderick

Somerset

Tim stayed with us from the pm of Mon 28 May until I saw him through security at Heathrow on the evening of Wed 30 May. We saw this as largely a 'personal' visit as I've known Enoch and Phoebe well since the '83 expedition, and in fact had first met Tim then when he was 3!

On the Tuesday Peter and Chris Kempson took Tim out to lunch - I believe they have been supporting the Kayeeye family with school fees etc over the years. That evening Tim met Emma Norris, our vicar's lively daughter who is returning to Uganda in June to work in a school in Kampala. It was lovely to get to know Tim and we're happy to get more involved with AICM after a gap of a few years raising children etc. (our children are now 9, 11 and 14 and are approaching the age when they could cope with a visit to



Africa)!

We asked Tim if there was anything he wanted to take back to Uganda - he was thinking of a digital camera for AICM use as the one he was using was borrowed from a friend - we checked out the prices and found they were cheaper in the UK so we bought him one as a present to AICM from our family. *Peter Pearson.*

trying to put together a new sponsorship scheme which will enable folk to sponsor and support students not only at the VTC, but also at other levels of education. Other good news in Kabale is the arrival after a long wait of machinery for the VTC workshops. Other exciting news here is that we hope soon to launch our new website which we are praying will generate more publicity and support. Timothy has an ongoing concern for the Batwa communities and works tirelessly on their behalf to make people aware of their needs and is successful in raising small amounts of funding, but this is an ongoing big need. In all of these projects the over-riding need is for more funds, so the trustees will continue to pray that God will inspire us to think of new ways in which we can encourage more support, prayer and action. We feel privileged to be a small part of this work.

Colin and Sue Townsend

Cambridgeshire

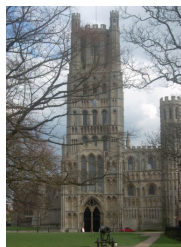


Originally, we had arranged to pick up Timothy from Cambridge in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 8th where he and Trevor Williams had returned to after driving from Oxford to Ipswich for various meetings. The plan, however, was slightly disrupted by Trevor's demented satnav which decided to have a nervous breakdown, so we didn't actually collect him until 9pm to take him back to Hemingford Grey.

We only knew of Timothy, but had never actually met him, and from the outset found him a charming and friendly character who was very easy to get on with. We had a free day with him on the Wednesday until the evening, when we were hosting a dozen Friends who wished to renew old friendships or meet with him for the first time, so we drove to a park & ride and hopped on a double-decker to take us into Cambridge. Besides a general look round, we visited King's College and Trinity College before taking to the car again and driving the twenty miles to Ely where of course we visited the magnificent Cathedral, which I have to say is stunning even to



those of us who have seen it a number of times. We had to rush back after a quick stroll by the river in order to eat before the guests arrived that evening. It turned into a pleasant gathering where Timothy met with old friends and new, but was hopefully productive too, in instilling fresh vibrancy into everyone's enthusiasm



The next morning, after Trevor had arrived, we had arranged for Janet Pratt to pop in, since she had been unable to come the previous evening and was now living fairly locally. She had known Timothy for many years, but hadn't seen him for a long time, so thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have a chat with both him and Trevor, before we all had a short walk before lunch.

Afterwards Janet departed for Royston whilst Trevor and Timothy using trusty old maps returned to Oxford.

Gill and I had a pleasant couple of days with Timothy and thoroughly enjoyed his company, conversation and wit. We hope he enjoyed Cambridgeshire as much.

Gill & Mike Henderson

Kent



"Tilting at Windmills"

When Timothy came to Cranbrook, Kent we took him on a tour of our local town, which includes an old windmill, still in working order, and staffed by volunteers. They were grinding some corn when we arrived and Timothy was fascinated.

On one floor was a demonstration of old types of grinding, including a hand mill with a stone and

stone roller which a woman rolls back and forth; back-breaking work. The guide told us this was the most primitive, used in Egypt by the Pharaohs. Timothy said "but we still use that type in Uganda!". He then went on to question why there has been no development of such a basic concept, while in England we have progressed generation by generation. In his sermon to St Dunstons, Cranbrook, the following morning he said that he and other Ugandans had always assumed that wealth and progress was just the way the West is; he now realises that we have also

come from a primitive past, but have worked hard to develop new ideas and make them work.

His sermon won the hearts of many folk here in Cranbrook, his sincerity and humble approach resonating strongly, and I think we shall have some more supporters from down here in due course, and even a few to come to Uganda next Summer

John Tapper

Folkestone



On Monday 14th April we went to St. George's Church which is one of the churches in our Benefice where we met Timothy. Lawrence and Monica are always busy there. I am very glad of their support now that the Tappers have moved on. It's not the same without them.

Timothy gave a short sermon there and we all enjoyed a good talk. On Tuesday 15th April we went to Operation Sunshine. They have new permanent premises now and they were full of busy ladies and we talked for a long time.

We had lunch out and had a drive to Dover which he really enjoyed. We took him to the top of the cliffs and he was amazed at the sea (all that water!) and ships which he thought were hotels (which they are), and the busy docks area, and Dover Castle. We could just see France, which he could hardly believe.

On Timothy's second day Wednesday 16th April we had arranged for him to have 10 minutes for a quick talk in Holy Trinity Hall. There were no other spaces, and the man (Richard Monk) who had booked it for a slide show was only too pleased to oblige. We told people about it, so there was quite a number there, most of whom sponsor orphans. We had suggested to Timothy that he told people what happens to the money they send, which he did, and it went down well. He seemed at home and spoke with confidence.

