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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This is the time of the year we offer thanks and BARHD has a lot to be thankful for. Each of you, in your own way, *"has made a difference"*. Thank you! Of course the highlight of the year was having Sister Ephrance Nuwamanya with us here in Oklahoma, the month of April. Without her dedication we would not be able to continue to help those in need in Uganda. We were also fortunate to have Wyatt Schmitz from Norman, Oklahoma spend seven months in Bushenyi teaching classes and helping to oversee construction projects. It is also a time to reflect on what we have achieved in 2009.

The **Beverly Clinic at Rubengye** is in operation even though some finishing touches remain. It was the first rural health clinic that BARHD adopted during our February 2008 visit. Staff quarters and a latrine are still to be built. The **Laura Clinic at Kitabi** has expanded its clientele. They now take patients from a nearby primary school in cooperation with a micro-insurance firm. The receipts from medicines have increased such that the staff salaries, utilities, and maintenance are paid. Long range plans include a maternity ward. The **Adina Clinic at Iramira** continues operating although it has yet to become self sustaining. A rainwater catchments system and storage tank is needed to see them through dry seasons. The **Dr. B Clinic at Kyeibanga** had its official opening in July with Professor Ephraim Kamuntu, a member of Uganda's Parliament and State Minister of Planning, presiding. Construction of a maternity ward is currently underway.

The **Orphan Program** grew to 263 secondary students who received tuition, room & board, books, and a school uniform for the year. Overall grades showed a marked improvement. **Ryakasinga CHE** has completed the girls' dormitory and will accommodate approximately 40 students beginning the 1st semester of 2010. **Kibingo Girls' School's** 50,000 liter cistern, part of the new water catchments system, was completed and is in operation.

Thanks to many the corpus of the **Permanent Fund** grew so that we are now able to send \$1,200 per month to Sister Ephrance's NGO, BIRD. This is the bare minimum needed for staff, vehicle fuel & maintenance, rent and utilities. Please join us as we look forward to the challenges and rewards of 2010.

Peace,

Tom Wilson, Chairman



Sister Ephrance with her new eyeglasses,
a present from the Eye Institute—
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Canadian visitor, retired Bishop Magambo and
Wyatt Schmitz



Sister Ephrance and the Rev. David
Egbert, one of many close friends
in April 2009