

NAZIGO COMMUNITY

PROJECT PROFILE 2011-2012-2013

Just Cause began working in the rural community of Nazigo, Uganda in 2012. We were introduced to several instrumental facilities in the town such as the clinic and the local primary and secondary schools.

The clinic is run by a woman named Rose, who we think is a real life angel. With the help of just one other person, she serves a community of approximately 1500 people. With an incredibly high birth rate this means that a baby is delivered almost every day. Her facility is very sparse with minimal supplies. There is no power or running water and the meager equipment she does have is outdated and lacking.

In 2012, Just Cause delivered medical supplies that had been donated by generous Canadians to this clinic. Upon visiting with Rose and asking a lot of questions we were able to generate a very specific list of the needs of her clinic. Using that information we were able to be very specific in collecting donated supplies back in Canada. As a result, upon returning in 2013, were able to support the clinic in a substantial way.

One of our teams of volunteers spent a day assisting Rose in thoroughly scrubbing the clinic top to bottom. She was grateful for the help as she said that she never has time to focus on cleaning with so many medical emergencies to attend to. Once the clinic had been sterilized, the volunteers unloaded and helped to sort and stock the supplies that were delivered. Donated items from Canada included blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, sterilization equipment, IV kits, gauze, bandages, formula and diapers. In addition, medical supplies were sourced and purchased in Uganda that included surgical instruments,



suture kits, equipment for delivering babies, malaria testing and treatment kits, as well as an array of common antibiotics and medicines to stock the clinic for the year. In addition to the clinic in the community of Nazigo, Just Cause has been working with St. Joseph's primary school and St. Kalembe Secondary School. In keeping with our focus on education, we promote the value of learning by speaking with staff and students and engaging in discussions and activities. We meet with the teaching staff of both of these schools to facilitate dialogue about teaching practices and to work towards improving their profession.

In 2013, we brought team football jerseys and soccer balls to the St. Joseph's Primary School that were donated to us by a school in St. Thomas, Ontario, of the same name! Building relationships with staff and students is a continuous process and is marked by activities such as singing and dancing, playing games and sports and this year included the inaugural Canada vs. Uganda volleyball match (won by the Canadians!).

If you are interested in supporting the work at Nazigo clinic please contact us!



OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

....a picture is worth 1,000 words!

