

## WERTE der KINDER / CVOVS

Visit to CVOVS-Partner in Kasuganyanja, Saturday, 5. January 2025

### Introduction

I went with a rented car (with driver) from Bushenyi to visit our partner organisation CVOVS in Kasuganyanja about 30 km before Fort Portal on the road from Kasese. We arrived at about 11.30 hrs. and were very warmly welcomed by David Kagezi and the woman board members at the office of CVOVS.

As a sign of welcoming in the middle of the community and to become a member of them I was given a pearl chain putting it around my neck.

We entered the office where I was placed at the office desk. The room was filled with the woman board members. The chairman opened the gathering with a word of prayer and then presented the agenda of the meeting and gave me a typed copy together with the report for the year 2024. It was followed by introducing the board members to me. The chairman read the agenda and the report for the year 2024 (see attachment).

After that I was given the floor. I expressed my thanks and happiness for the welcome and to be with them. I introduced myself and my relationship to Werte der Kinder and gave some short information about the history of our NGO.

Finally I presented the gifts and items from Werte der Kinder as a donation for the school children. I handed over a small solar lamp to the board as a personal gift.

Then we took to the road walking to some homes of sponsored children. It was a kind of procession uphill and finally off-road to the homes through banana plantations and other agriculture fields. At the first home the school girl was handing over a bunch of "Matooke" (Green Cooking Bananas) to me in the presence of the mother (grandmother?). We proceeded to the next children's home and finally went back to Keti's mother home where the main function of the day took place.

The function started with a prayer followed by my introduction to the audience by the chairman of the board, Mr. David Kagezi. Then I met Keti's mother whereby Christine Kabahuma (Keti's niece) was translating.

I was giving a speech in which I thanked for the warm welcome and explained my relationship to Uganda in general and my involvement in the German NGO Werte der Kinder in particular. My speech was followed by singing and dancing by some groups of girls. Finally the Chairmen, another man, Moses Magezi and my driver had lunch at the home of Keti's mother.

We continued with the programme in which I was handed over a picture in a well made frame showing elephants. After a smaller group of girls were singing and dancing for us.

This followed by a small group of women who presented their request that their children will be also supported by CVOVS / Werte der Kinder. I got to know that some of the women have up to six children but without a father living with them for different reasons. I reacted to their request by telling them that I will take their request to Werte der Kinder but also mentioned that the decision who and how many kids will be sponsored is a decision of the Board of CVOVS.

At the end of the event I got a bunch of sweet bananas and giving a speech thanking everybody for the wonderful event and the warm welcome. With a word of prayer for time with them and a safe journey by my driver we said good bye at 15:00 hrs. to drive to Mbarara via Hima, Equator Point, Kasese, and Bushenyi.

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