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Just a quick update to let everyone know I am back home safe and sound. I am always as happy to be home and I am to be in Uganda. It is just two back to back 8 hour flights getting there and back that are murder.

The last couple of days were very routine. I met with a number of friends to make plans for the next trip which will most likely be in December or January. Nothing final just yet.

Several years ago, I met with the USAID Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kampala for lunch. One of the points he made in our meeting was there are over 800 wells (boreholes) that no longer work. Most of these could be restored with some as simple as a \$0.39 O ring, but there is no one to take the initiative to make it happen. I found that the well at Kyamagemule (installed by Mercy Uganda several years ago) had recently stopped working. Imagine how pleased I was when I learned the folks there had taken the initiative to raise the 300,000 shillings (about \$80) necessary to have it repaired.

I am also very please with the progress being made a the elementary school at Kyamagemule. Much of the progress being made by the folks there. A few photos below.



The original building (church) I found on my first visit in 2007



First school building built with \$1,000 from USA and the work of the folks there in 2009



Panoramic view today. Church building is the extreme left. The style of roof on the original school building and the new ones has been changed to handle the extreme wind loads in this part of Uganda. We are seeking to raise funds for the next round of building which we plan to be in December. It will provide more housing for faculty and finish the doors and windows in all the existing buildings