Bishop Allison College, Arua Uganda.

Returning from Exile

Revd Dr Oliver Duku, the principle is disappointed that the college is still in it's Ugandan exile. The foundations were laid in Yei sixteen years ago by the late Bishop Seme but the war forced the staff and students to take refuge in Uganda.

The intention was to return by now but three serious obstacles, still unresolved, have caused the delay. The contactors have failed to complete the building in Yei, returnees have moved into the unfurnished premises as "squatters" and the college finances have been so depleted that the costs of the move have become prohibitive.

The financial crisis has not only prevented the move, the college closure has seemed likely and has only been averted by staff working without pay for several months. Donors have been reducing their funding or sending it to the Provincial Office which has debts of it's own to meet.

Funds raised privately in Edinburgh by two former members of staff Adrian and Fiona Lough have kept the place open but uncertainty surrounds ongoing tuition. It would be a shame if hard working students were deprived of their reward.

There are two courses at the college, one for the "Diploma" which is accredited by St Paul's Limuru (eleven students) and the other (certificate) which is assessed internally (six students). The principle can be contacted at PO Box 1076 Arua or e-mail dr.oliverduku@yahoo.com

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