



**BUILDING GOING UP:
BUYOBO, UGANDA
JANUARY 2009**

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Local counselors show WMI board members the property markers designating the land the local council donated for construction of WMI's headquarters and a community meeting hall. The Bulambuli Widow's Ass'n, which runs the microfinance program, will also use the building. Towards Sustainability Foundation provided a grant to WMI to cover the cost of construction.



FEBRUARY 2009

Sam Wesamoyo and workers from his company, SAWE Construction, begin to layout the perimeter of the building.



MARCH 2009

The bricks are delivered to the site to start construction of the walls. The bricks are handmade from local sand, straw and mud.



MARCH 2009

The building begins to take shape.



APRIL 2009
The first wall goes up.



MAY 2009

The four walls are finished and the tin roof is added.



MAY 2009

A dropped ceiling adds necessary insulation from the noise of heavy downfalls during the rainy season.



June 2009

The installation of gutters is the final touch to completing the building.



JUNE 2009

A completed building opens its doors to welcome the village.



June 2009

Denise Kalule (second from the left), a WMI Advisory Board member from Kampala, makes the trip to Buyobo to inspect the finished building. She is joined by Olive Wolimbwa (on the far right), WMI's local director, and other ladies from the BWA.



JUNE 2009

The WMI loan program moves into the building, where loan records are now kept.



JUNE 2009

Women singing at a support group meeting in the community meeting room.
The BWA also uses the building for their activities.



JULY 2009

Local Bethesda, Maryland teens, led by Girl Scout Christina Esposito (far left), collect, sort, and cover 1,100 donated books (which arrived in Buyobo in November) to start a children's lending library in the new building.



JULY 2009

WMI's summer interns in Bethesda also assist with the book project.

(From left: Bryan Norris, Alex Richardson, Robyn Nietert, WMI Pres., Liz Scroggs, Tori Stevenson)



JULY 2009

The first shipment of books arrives in Buyobo. One hundred books packed in a suitcase, along with a laptop computer donated by WMI Board member Jane Erickson, are delivered by Enid Burki, a WMI supporter.



JULY 2009

The children of the village enjoy reading the donated books in the new BWA/WMI headquarters/community center.

