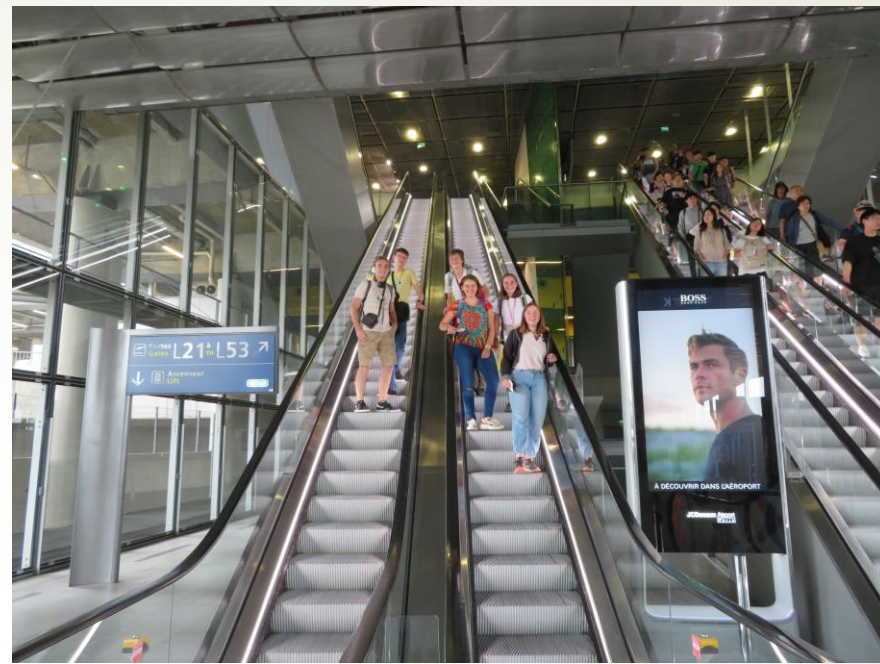


*Water for Abutadi
Trip to Uganda 2019*



Thursday, July 18th

At Paris Charles de Gaulle airport
we waited for the boarding on our
flight to Nairobi.



Friday, July 19th



At Nairobi, we ran to take a second plane, its destination : Entebbe International Airport in Uganda





At the car park we met Charles and Benedict and together we prepared the car for the road trip to Lira. And like a good road trip, the car broke down.

Saturday, July 20th

We met Abutadi's students and teachers.

To welcome us, the students prepared some songs and dances and after we danced together.



We visited Lira. After we saw some men playing a game called owecco and some girls playing football.

Sunday, July 21st





We visited the Lira great market and bought pineapples, avocados and chapatis for lunch.

We walked to the hotel with some children.



We ate and after we played Président (a card game) all afternoon.

Monday, July 22nd



This morning, Cléophee, Léa and me were locked up in our bedroom because the lock was blocked.

We went to the bank to deposit the money for the school's well.

It was the first time Aafke drove in Uganda.

We gave the science equipment to Sir Benard.



Tuesday, July 23rd



We were invited to Doctor Obote College Boroboro near Lira.

We were welcomed by the students who learn French and their teacher, sir Joshua.

We took the breakfast with the teachers of this school in the teachers' room. It was really a king's breakfast.





Aafke gave a french lesson to S6 about « l'accord du participe passé ». After, we gave our exercices we had prepared. We ate with students and drunk sodas. During the afternoon, we organised some discussions about food, school, health, gouvernement, sports and geography with all the students who learn French.





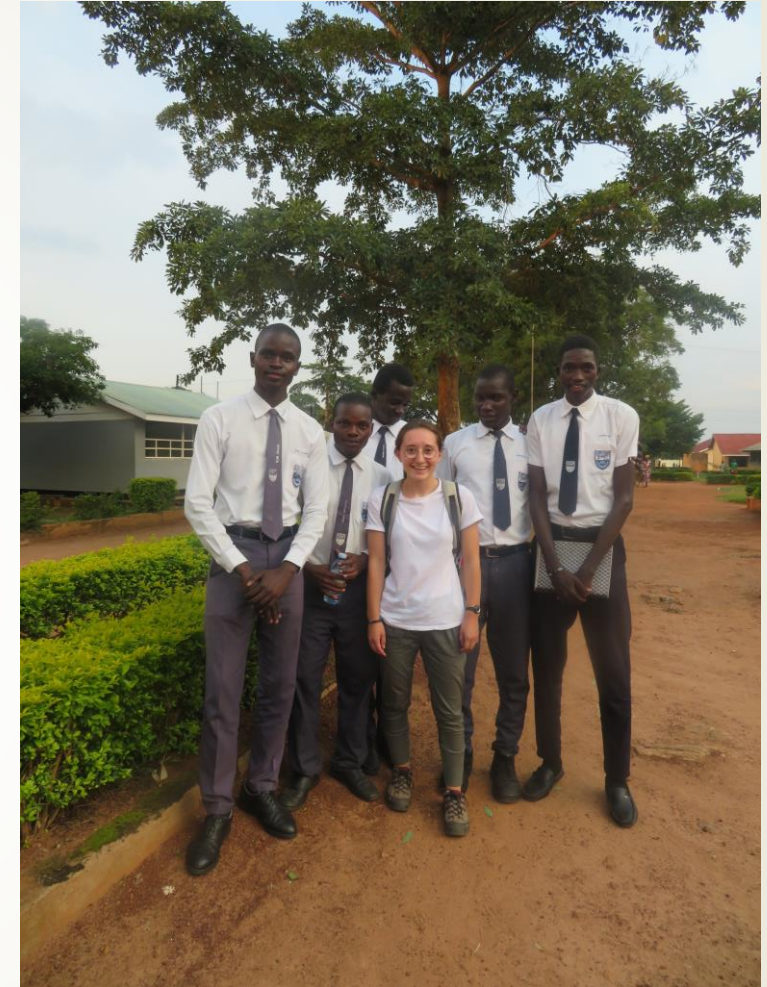
The students prepared for us a traditional dance of Kiri and some French poem.

This took place near a giant tree, it was impressive.

We visited the school with sir Joshua.



Thanks to all the students, the head teacher and sir Joshua for the welcome.



Wednesday, July 24th

We were invited in Midland High School, in Kaberamaido. The road to Kaberamaido was very difficult !!





We talked with all the French students about France and we played Hangman
After, we talked with the students about the lifestyle in France, our hobbies and the music.
The school organized songs, dances and French poems for us. The owner of the school and the director of the regional education were also there !
We ate together at 5 pm.
At the end, there was a very long photograph session.
Thanks a lot to the students and the teachers for their warm welcome !!



Thursday, July 25th

It was the well's construction beginning !!

We played cards (président) with students.

It was Auxence's (18) and Denis' (17) birthday.



Friday, July 26th

This day, we had our first lesson in Uganda. For Cleo and I, it was Physics and for Léa, Gaëtan and Auxence, it was English.

For Paul, it was his first lesson too; a physics lesson for S1 and a chemistry practical for S4.



Saturday, July 27th

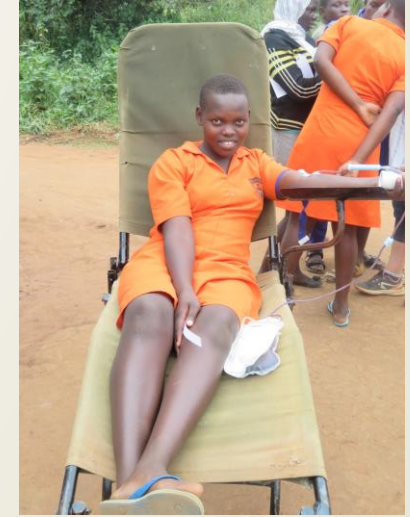
We spent the morning with students and we ate with them.

During the morning Paul watched the building of the well to take photographs.





During the afternoon we attended with all the students a presentation about menstruation, contraception and HIV
After a blood donation was organized, we had quite a few students donating including Denis Mone (head of prefects) but also Dr Benard, Benedict (the headteacher) and Jasper (an old student of the school).



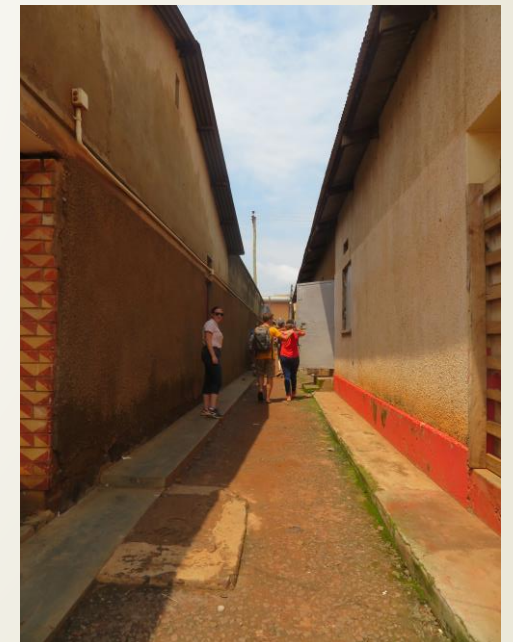


And we had another very long photographs session plus a card game.



Sunday, July 28th

Sunday morning, it was time to wash clothes. We visited the Lango Heritage Centre and the big market of Lira. We walked in Lira and met Dr Benard's sister. And we wanted to see the Abutadi's students during a boxing competition but it was very late and only Aafke got the chance to see the competition.



Monday, July 29th



We participated in a History class with Benedict.
We taught Benard to play « marelle ».
This day was the first FUP time, « French conversation workshop ».
In the evening, we were invited by Rita (she used to be a student in Abutadi) for a barbecue at her brother's house.



Tuesday, July 30th

That day, Benedict drove us to school, because Aafke was at Sir Benard's village. And on a humpback we lost a wheel !!! We had to finish our trip to school walking several kilometers.





We arrived 3 hours late.

We did another very long photographs session .

We played or chated with students during the break and prepared the FUP time « French card games » : UNO, Président and Pouilleux

There was no class during the afternoon, so we helped students to collect dried geanuts.

In the evening, it was the FUP time and the ugandan students were very happy to play cards with us.

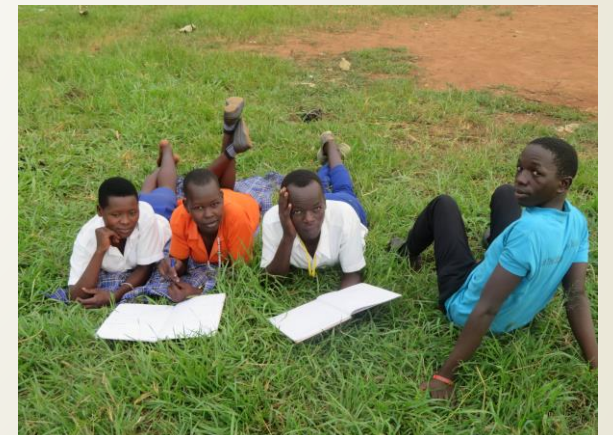


Wednesday, July 31st

We started our personal project, for Auxence it was to draw the school.

We wanted to organize Olympic Games and for that we went to the stadium close to Abutadi Primary School. On the road Cleo and Auxence were interested palm fruits called «tugu », in Lango.

For the FUP time, we decided to have cultural discussions to compare France and Uganda, sports, life style, health, school, food and some others.



Thursday, August 1st



The FUP time of this day was about a famous French game, « la Pétanque ». It was funny and few Ugnadans were better players than us at this game.

It was also another opportunity for a very long session of photographs and an opportunity for Ugandans to discover the French « beaufitude » with Paul and Auxence.



Friday, August 2nd



We separated in two groups, to visit students' families. I was with Aafke and Léa, and we met the families of Denis, Immaculate and Sarah. It was for me an important moment because we saw how students live. We also got the chance to learn what plants Ugandans dig (cultivate).



The other group was made up by Gaëtan, Auxence, Cléopée, Paul and Benedict. They met three other families, the ones of Daniel, Mercy and Gloria. Both groups got some presents from the families and it was weird for us as it isn't in our culture.



Saturday, August 3rd



It was the Olympic Games !!!!
We were divided in four teams:
Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria and
Rwanda (my team).





We organised some French games : le bérêt, la balle au prisonnier (dodgeball), la thèque, le serveur et le tir à la corde (tug of war).



All teachers and students were very happy to participate in the games. It was great moment !

No team won because, in any case it was Africa the winner. The geanuts which were used for « le serveur » were given to the children who were on the stadium and to the students.

During the afternoon, before the Olympic Games, the well had just been finished, so all of the students filled up their buckets and jerricans.

It was a very long day full with emotion; we were all as one team.



Sunday, August 4th



In the morning, we tried to go to church but the car broke down after 10 meters. For lunch, we were invited to Benedict's house. We met two student's (Prisca and Patrick) families, who live in Lira near Benedict.



Cleo changed her hairstyle.

Paul and Auxence tried two local beers.

And it was another session for photographs.



Monday, August 5th

Cléopée and Auxence were ill, so we went to school without them.

This day, the FUP time was about geography. We were separated in two groups: Léa, Gaëtan and some students, and Paul, some students and me. We taught the students a few French cities, regions, seas and countries around. The students taught us the same things about Uganda. After, we organized a little competition between the two teams.

After, Paul tried to hold a jerrican on his head, but it was absolutely impossible for us.

At the evening Dr Benard invited us with Sir Benard to a restaurant. It was in a luxurious hotel.



Tuesday, August 6th

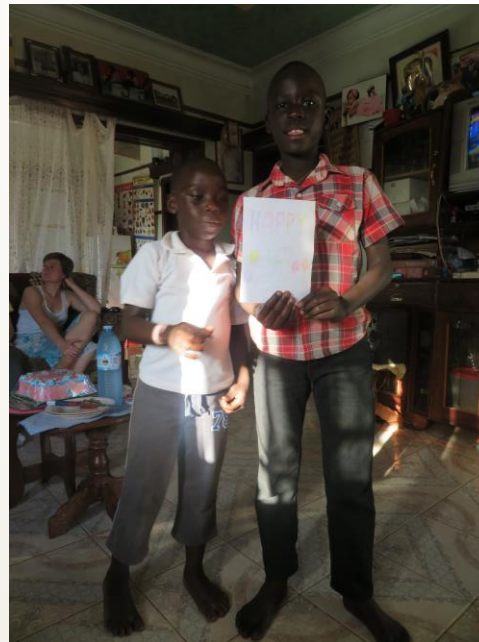
We spend our day at school without Aafke, as she went to visit her « son » David who was sick at another school and then went to visit Sir Bonny's house.

We talked with students about different themes like homosexuality or school.

The FUP time was « French outdoor games »: we played « tomate » and « épervier ».



Wednesday, August 7th



We stayed in Lira, because we were invited to a birthday party! It was Angel's fourth birthday, Charles' daughter.

We ate the cake before the diner, it was unusual for us.

It was an opportunity to sing and dance. We exchanged our national anthems and other things.

We also exchanged dances, in Uganda there is a song called « Make a melody in my heart », this song's dance looks like « Et tic et tac ».



Thursday, August 8th

St Katherine high school invited us to visit the students who learned French. It was a girls school and the head teacher was a woman. It was very difficult to organize something with students because they were so many. We made groups and discussed about the life style in France and Uganda. In Abutadi we played marelle and watched a little goat. We ate the dinner at Mama Jem's restaurant with Juliett and Rita, to say goodbye.



Friday, August 9th



It was already time to say goodbye. At breakfast, the girls had prepared for us a porridge and another thing.

In the afternoon, there was a ceremony to say thank you and goodbye to us. We danced together it was very emotional.

The hotel had prepared a dinner on our last night in Lira.



Saturday, August 10th

Charles drove us to Karuma. We took breakfast with him before saying goodbye. We met with the new driver, Arnold. In his car there was more space than in our Toyota Prado.

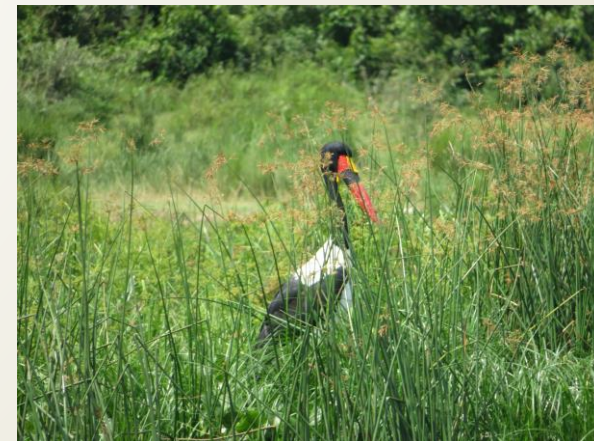
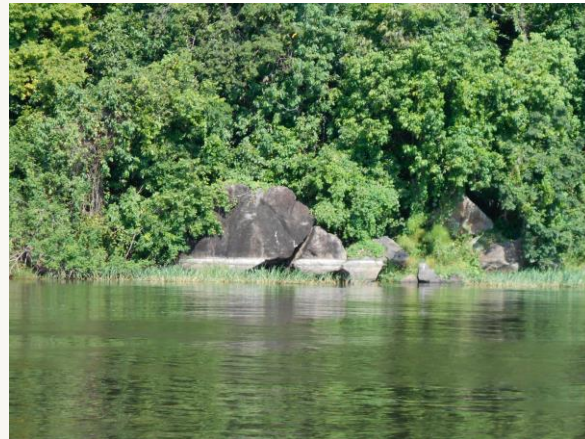


Quickly arrived at the park because Arnold drove at 100 km/h. We crossed the park to join Nile. We got to see our first safari animals, for example : antelopes, elephants, giraffes ...



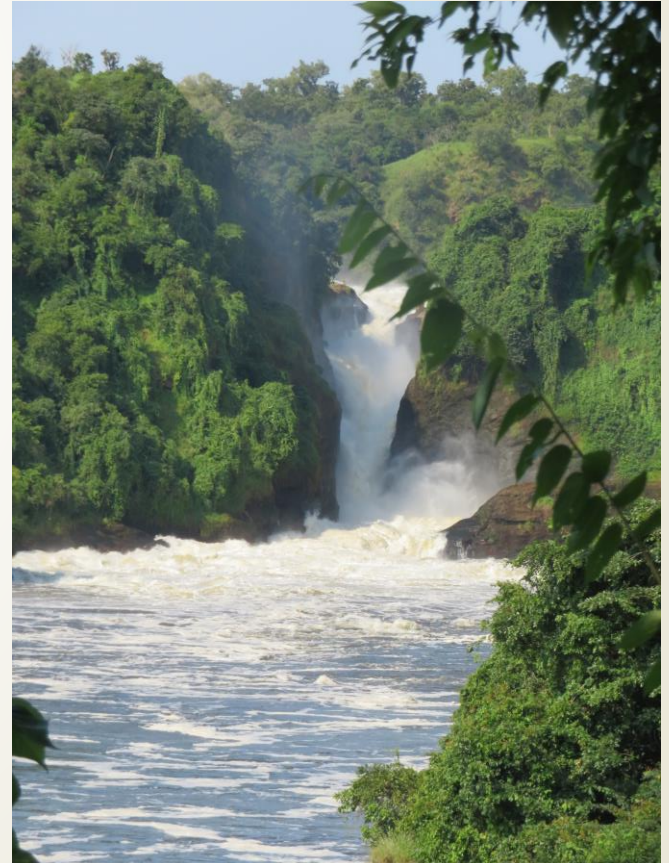


We did a cruise on the Nile, it was the opportunity to see other animals like hippopotamus or crocodiles. Birds are also impressive and beautiful.



Murchinson Falls

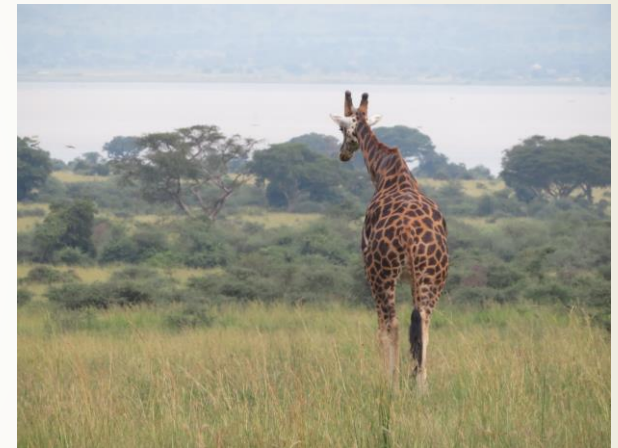
We got out of the boat at the bottom of the falls and hiked up. It was a beautiful and incredible place. For the night, we slept at a campsite.



Sunday, August 11th

In the morning we did another safari, for that we took the boat to cross the Nile. We saw new animals such as the grey crowned crane; the symbol of Uganda.







During the safari, we went on the banks of Lake Albert. We left the Park during the morning and we ate lunch on the road to Kampala. All of us slept during the trip.

Monday, August 11th



For our last day, we played pétanque and swam in the swimming pool. We went to a beach on Lake Victoria. It was a relaxing day before coming back to France.



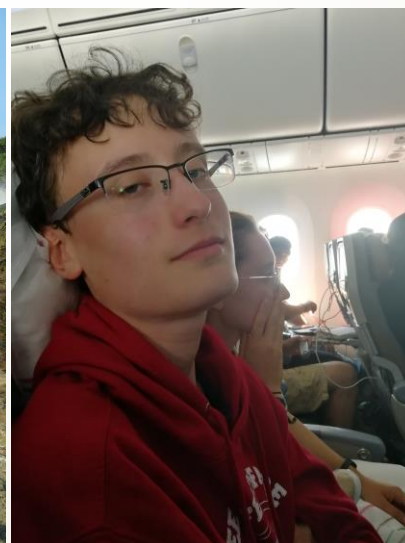
The return: Monday night and Tuesday, August 13th





*Apwoyo matek Aafke to
organized all of this very
good initiative !*

*Apwoyo as well to our
Papa Razzi !*



*Apwoyo to my
adventurous friends !*



Mathilde