

Home stay and training on Homeland Demonstration Farm, Uganda.

Julius Tumwebaze, wife and family invite you to stay on his family farm in Mubende District, central Uganda, between Kampala and Fort Portal. You can work on the organic farm, sharing skills and experiences, or just enjoy the quiet, rural location.

Julius and his wife have 3 plots of land: 2 acres beside their home, 1.5 acres nearby in Kazinga and 5 acres in the village where pineapples, mangoes, jackfruit, avocado and eucalyptus trees are growing, beside the apiary. They decided to purchase the land in Kazinga because it has a stream running through it, so giving them access to water for year round production.



The land is very productive and Julius grows: vegetables; staple food crops (matoke bananas, potatoes, cassava, maize, beans; herbal plants). He also has fruit trees (mangoes, avocados, guavas, jackfruit, pawpaw, sweet bananas, Kei apples) and a very large plantation of pineapples. He has planted tree (a wood lot), to provide fuel for cooking and herbal medicines (eucalyptus, griveria). In front of the house, there is a beautiful area of flowers and grass. The family also own animals: cows, goats, bees, chickens, sheep and a dog.

Accommodation is in the family home.

Julius has 2 rooms available, so can

accommodate 2 people or more if they share. The latrine and bathroom are outside of the main house. In the kitchen, there is a fuel-saving cooking stove, and the 6000 litre rain water harvesting tank provides water at the home.

Homelands Farm is also a Demonstration and Training Centre for Integrated Sustainable Organic Agriculture for local farmers, registered at District level as a Community Based Organisation. The Mission of the Centre is to improve the standards of living of the community, in a clean, productive and sustainable environment.



There are many activities going on at the farm. You would be welcome to join in e.g. working in the garden, (digging, planting, weeding, harvesting); attending a training session in a local with farmers or a Young Farmers group; visiting the neighbouring farms or the local market; visiting local schools (to work in their gardens, talk or teach pupils); help with domestic tasks in the home (preparing food, cooking, washing up); or just read and relax.

The cost is £10 per day, for food, accommodation and activities.

Julius trained as a Key Farmer Trainer with Kulika Uganda

(www.kulika.org.) and now co-ordinates 26 primary schools in the Food For Thought School Linking Programme (www.globalcentredeven.org.uk/food-for-thought). He works with local farmer groups, promoting good farming practices and represents his Sub County in the District Council as a Councillor. .

The farm's address is Kazo Village, Kasaana Parish, Kibalinga Sub County, Mubende District, Central Uganda. It is about 30 minutes drive from Mubende Town, which is 3 hours from Kampala.

Julius and his wife called Beatrice, have 3 children, Marvin aged 11, Davis aged 7 and Annabel aged 7.

Julius says: I like farming and staying up country, looking after plants and animals. Organic farming has transformed me into a more useful and exposed person living happily with people.



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