



Switching from burnt bricks to stabilised soil blocks (SSBs) - on site in Mzuzu

### It is extraordinary to realise that it is now ten years since Richard died and we set up the Foundation in his name.

Thanks to everyone's support we have achieved an amazing amount including:

+ Working with PEAS (Promoting Equality in African Schools) to develop the **Onwards & Upwards school** in Kampala, which is one of their most successful new schools

+ Helping to develop the **Forest High School** campus including the Tracy Emin Library also with PEAS

+ Developing the **Lake Bunyonyi Vocational College and Secondary School** on a year by year basis and seeing it grow from 70 children in a single building to more than 300 students with new dormitories, classrooms, kitchen and dining facilities

+ Creating the **Uganda Schools Design Guide** - a compendium of what we have learned about planning and building of schools which is available to everyone

In our tenth anniversary year we are making some changes and have lots of exciting new things to share:

1 We have amalgamated our work on other charitable projects within Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios into the RFF such as a new project for **street children in Burundi**



A single standing facade remains at Bulembia Primary School after floods in Kasese, Uganda

2 We have completed the **second phase of The Richard Feilden HIV/ Aids Clinic in Mzuzu**. Jonathan Clements, one of our senior architects reports on his amazing achievement over the last 6 months

3 We have appointed Freya Cobbin, to look after the **future projects we are planning** after she spent a few months in East Africa **evaluating the work we have done to date and looking for new opportunities**

4 We are starting up a **new project in Kasese**, working with a local Ugandan architecture graduate, Josephine Namukisa, to help **rebuild a school that was destroyed in recent floods**

5 We are looking to link up again with our friend Mike Kironde to help him with the **design of a primary school** as an adjunct to the secondary school he runs in **Bombo, Uganda**

Further details inside!



# RICHARD FEILDEN CLINIC PHASE 2 MZUZU, MALAWI

# UGANDA PROJECTS



10 Years on: first phase of Richard Feilden Clinic looking good as construction of the phase 2 building begins alongside it. Both designs use stabilised soil blocks (SSBs) in place of typical burnt bricks which require large numbers of trees to be deforested for firing.

Phase 1 of the teaching clinic at Mzuzu University was spearheaded by Richard Feilden 10 years ago. Jonathan Clements, senior architect at FCBS London, has spent 6 months on sabbatical in Malawi overseeing the second phase of the Richard Feilden Clinic which has just been completed. He reports;

Architects Roberto Capulto and Joe Williams also volunteered on the project. Roberto reflects on his experience;



Student design reviews at Uganda Martyrs University - we hope to strengthen our link with them as they incorporate our 'Uganda School Design Guide' into their teaching curriculum.

Last year, architectural graduate Freya Cobbin undertook research in Africa to review the RFF's work and reported on the positive impact of our school projects several years on;

After 1 month of intensive design work in September 2014 and 6 months of construction work beginning in October 2014, the Mzuzu University phase 2 clinic will be handed over to the university and clinic staff at the end of March 2015. Due to funds available at the time and the extent of the new brief, a phase 3 clinic was also proposed for construction at a future date. The new building, based on an improved version of the phase 1 clinic, provides an additional 75sqm of internal space, plus 80sqm of usable external space, including a new external waiting area and khonde (circulation space).

The project has been delivered and procured by myself working as Architect and Contractor, taking on roles including: design, budget and expenditure management, employment and organisation of labour, site management and quality control. I have worked as 'hands on' as possible, working daily on site alongside the labourers who have been a team of highly skilled local carpenters and ground-workers, who I highly commend and recommend that the university make use of their specific construction knowledge and expertise on future projects. The on-site dynamic has allowed a great deal of dialogue between myself and the local staff, hopefully adding to the quality of the final build as well as allowing numerous shared learning opportunities.

Below is a brief extract from Jonathan's blog of the project,

05 December 2014:



6AM



1PM



5PM

Yesterday was an epic day of construction in any architect's life. We started at 6am and by 6pm we had our first bay up and complete. Finally transforming the site from 2D to 3D! It required a lot of precarious manoeuvres the likes of which I would dread any CDM assessor to present for. But the labourers skill and imagination when lifting such things was admirable and all was complete by sundown. A seriously productive day!

To for more photos, information and anecdotes about Jonathan's experience and to see latest progress of the clinic check out his fantastic, comprehensive blog 'Mzungu in Mzuzu' at:

<https://mzunguinmzuzu.wordpress.com/>

*My contribution on Richard Feilden Clinic was divided between refining the design in London then helping to coordinate and build the project during the process of assembling the main timber structure on site.*

*I worked directly with the skilled local carpenters having the opportunity to learn their working methods, using tools and techniques that sometimes appeared almost rudimentary to my eyes. It was a brief but intense personal experience, I found myself completely immersed in what I can describe as the essence of making architecture: a pure, direct and very practical way of developing and realising a project, alongside local people with a life and background so far from my own.*

Below: Jonathan, Roberto and Joe sharing a typical lunch of Nsima with the construction team; leveling of the ground slab.



The new building, nearly complete!



## Onwards & Upwards School:

Original buildings acted as great publicity attracting families from afar - this is now PEAS largest school with 1000 students. Split roof design aids good light and ventilation all year.



## Forest High School:

Campus has grown incredibly with many new facilities including teacher housing, labs and a clinic alongside income generating activities such as fish farming and tomato growing.



## Lake Bunyonyi School:

Tourism course graduates have 100% employment! Honey harvest from bee-keeping initiative a success. Dining structure and terraced landscape are huge assets for the school.

# COMING UP NEXT...



## Reconstruction of Bulembia Primary School

### Kasese, Uganda

Due to severe floods in May 2014, Bulembia Primary School at the foot of the Rwenzori mountains, was destroyed. We are collaborating with a local graduate, Josephine Namukisa to rebuild the school and shift the children from their temporary facilities (shown above) as soon as possible. The stone left behind after the flooding provides an abundant source of local material for construction.



## New Primary School for St. Janan's

### Bombo, Uganda

After the immense success of his inner city secondary school for disadvantaged children in Kabalagala, local hero Mike Kironde has opened his second, secondary school in a semi-rural area (sports ground shown above). He has plans to develop a primary school on an adjacent site so in due course we will be working on a design for this.



## Coffee Shop to support village housing project

### Bujumbura, Burundi

Local charities Street Action and New Generation have been raising funds for a rural village housing scheme in Muyinga. To generate income and provide financial stability for this project they have instigated a coffee shop which is already up and running. We are exploring the opportunity to design a coffee shop structure for this small business.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

So we enter our second decade feeling positive, and that we can use our professional skills in Africa to make a real difference to people's lives. We want to say a huge thank you to all our donors and supporters over the years, your help has made a great impact, we really appreciate it!

All our administrative costs and expenses are met by donations from FCBS but we are really dependent upon our supporters to make funds available for us to build!

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiser-ProfilePage.action?userUrl=MartaWasenczuk>

To that end, please support Marta Wasenczuk, our London administrator and RFF volunteer who is **running her first marathon on 26th April to raise money for the RFF.**



Marta after her half marathon training race!

A link to Marta's fund-raising page can be found below:



Finally, please **save the date** for a celebration of our first ten years to be held in Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios' London office on **Wednesday 7th October 2015**. See you then and Happy Easter!

## VOLUNTEER, DONATE, GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in any of the projects with which RFF is involved, would like to volunteer or make a donation please visit our website at [www.richardfeildenfoundation.org.uk](http://www.richardfeildenfoundation.org.uk) or contact [info@richardfeildenfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@richardfeildenfoundation.org.uk)  
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