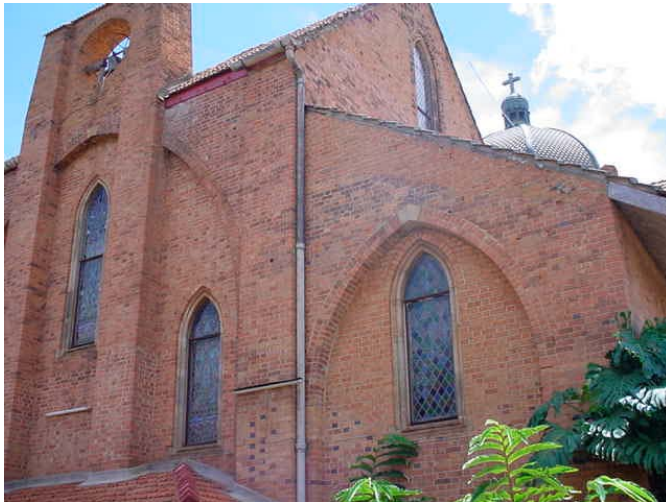


Hallo West Ewell School

On Saturday 29th April was Teacher Florence Nagadya's wedding day. She is now called Mrs. Florence Kitavujja. Just as a reminder, Florence is the Ugandan Teacher from Goldenbell who had visited West Ewell in February 2006.

On that day, all roads were leading to Namirembe St.Paul's Cathedral, the best and famous cathedral in the history of Uganda. It is prestigious to have your marriage vows from there. I reached there at noon before any one who had come for Florence's wedding save for the Reverend! There were so many couples who had come for the same... Four couples were already through with the marriage vows and the one I had come to attend first was for a former parent of Goldenbell and as well as a school neighbour.



After 5 couples, Florence's convoy arrived at the cathedral at 1:45pm and the whole family of Goldenbell lead by Mr. Moses were waiting to cheer her up. Many couples were still ascending the great Namirembe hill. The church is on a hill and some vehicles became too thirsty after reaching the top.



A variety of vehicles were used but mostly the Mercedes Benz for the ceremony. The church was too full to accommodate all who had come for those so many weddings on the same day. Florence and the groom had to wait from somewhere till their time of *walking down the isle*...and that was after 6 couples. Then it was their turn. Dressed in a peacock wedding gown, she entered hand in hand with the father. The officiating clergy was the Bishop of Namirembe Diocese the Right Reverend Bishop Balagadde Sekkadde. They all agreed for sure and signed the marriage certificate.

When it was approaching 4:00, another couple arrived in Green Hummers. They had to clear up the ground for them. It was some one from the army and a lot of soldiers were out chasing away everyone from the church premises just even before all the newly wedded had even gone out of church. I fell victim and was the among the first people to leave the premises. So I don't know what took place after I had left.



There after we reached at the venue where we where to spend the whole night, **Nsambya youth sharing Hall**. That was at 5:00 and the newly wedded arrived 30 minutes late. With cheer, joy and applause they were welcomed. With the hall of around 700 seaters, we had exceeded the sitting capacity. This included parents, friends and relatives of both parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitavujja walked through to their high table were they were to sit. Happily waving to the crowd and loud wedding songs playing... All the atmosphere was of a wedding, people jumping and doing anything to show how happy they were and indeed they were.

Speeches started where we had the parents of both parties come and say a word or two. One of the speakers who was once a honourable District head Haji Naduli a Moslem in his words he promised to give out piglets to any families which had many children. He encouraged all of us present to produce as many children as we can for the betterment of our country discouraging the issue of family planning. This sent all into amusement for he is a Moslem.

This was followed by Mr. Moses Serwanga the Head of Golden Bell where Florence works. He talked about Florence as an exemplary teacher and a part of a hard working team. He said that as Mr Kitavuja got the best wife and so Golden Bell got the best teacher Florence. This confirmed her loyalness and a responsible person. Thus Goldenbell acquired a good person. After, he called upon the Goldenbell staff to present Florence with a wedding gift.

Time for dining came and we all ate responsibly! The cake was cut after and served to all. The newly wedded went and changed clothes for the after party which was to take place at the same venue. Here in Uganda the reception includes the parents of the couples and after they leave the venue, the after party starts for the friend and organizing committee members.

They came back as you see them bellow... and gave out the remaining cakes to The teachers, Parents, the organizing committee and one remained for them.



Every after an invent at the hall say speech, cake name it, there were a variety of interludes of entertainments including Drummer actors, dancers, local dance groups, Karaoke artists, choirs, and a disco among others.

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