



A Year In Uganda !

Background Information

May 2010

As I am financing the year completely from my own funds a number of people have asked how they can support me. Any donations I receive will go into a fund to help me with my work in Uganda by buying training materials and textbooks, or anaesthetic equipment which I can leave when I return to the UK.

More info about CoRSU at:

www.corsu.or.ug

Who? What? When?

Who am I?

My name is

Catriona Bentley.

I grew up in Seaton Road Methodist Church and although I have now left home and go to a church in Birmingham, I like to come back from time to time to see you all!

I especially try to make Church Family Week-ends as it is a good way of catching up with lots of people, and I have always enjoyed them since I was a child.

I studied Medicine at Birmingham University and have lived in

Birmingham ever since.

I am now a Specialist Registrar anaesthetist in my final years of training, before I begin to look for a job as a consultant.

What am I doing going to Africa?

Having worked steadily through medical training since I left school, I decided I would like to take a year out and celebrate my 30th Birthday year by doing something different.

So I am planning to go out to Uganda to work

as a volunteer anaesthetist working in an organization called CoRSU (Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services for Uganda).

It is a private non – profit making and non governmental organization. (see below)

When am I going?

I am flying out to Kampala on Sunday August 15th 2010 .

I shall be working in Kampala at first, but I hope later in the year to travel to upcountry medical centres too.

More About Working For CoRSU.....

Uganda has only about 20 Doctor Anaesthetists for the whole country. Most anaesthetics are given by clinical officers who may have a nursing background or may have just been trained for that job.

I hope that I will be able

to share my skills and do some teaching during the year, as well as learning a lot about third world anaesthetics.

CoRSU specialize in offering preventative, curative and rehabilitation services for people with disabilities,

especially focusing on physical and visual impairment in children. Correction of deformity is very important in Uganda as physical handicap often means the person cannot get a job and thus earn money to keep their family.