

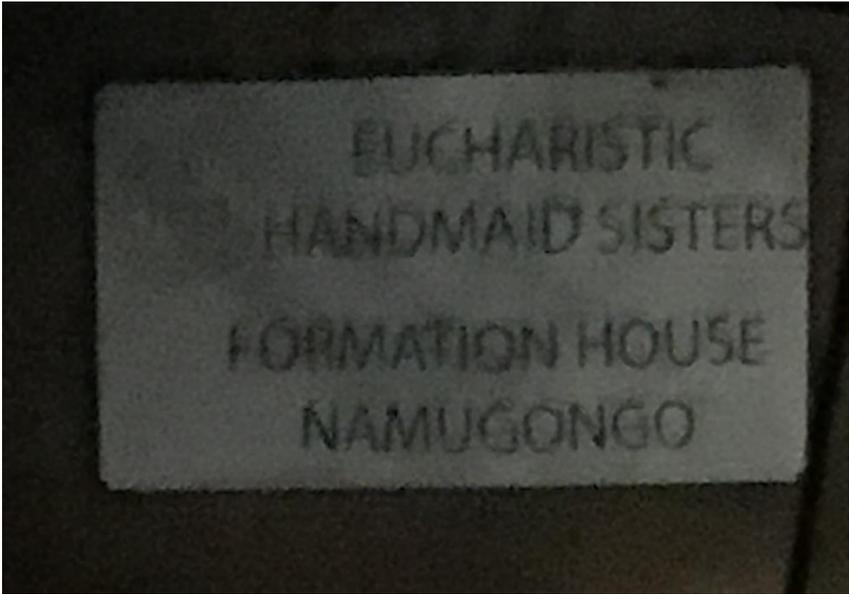
## **Uganda Trip – Part 5**

**August 2017**

Our Trusty Rental Van we used throughout Uganda

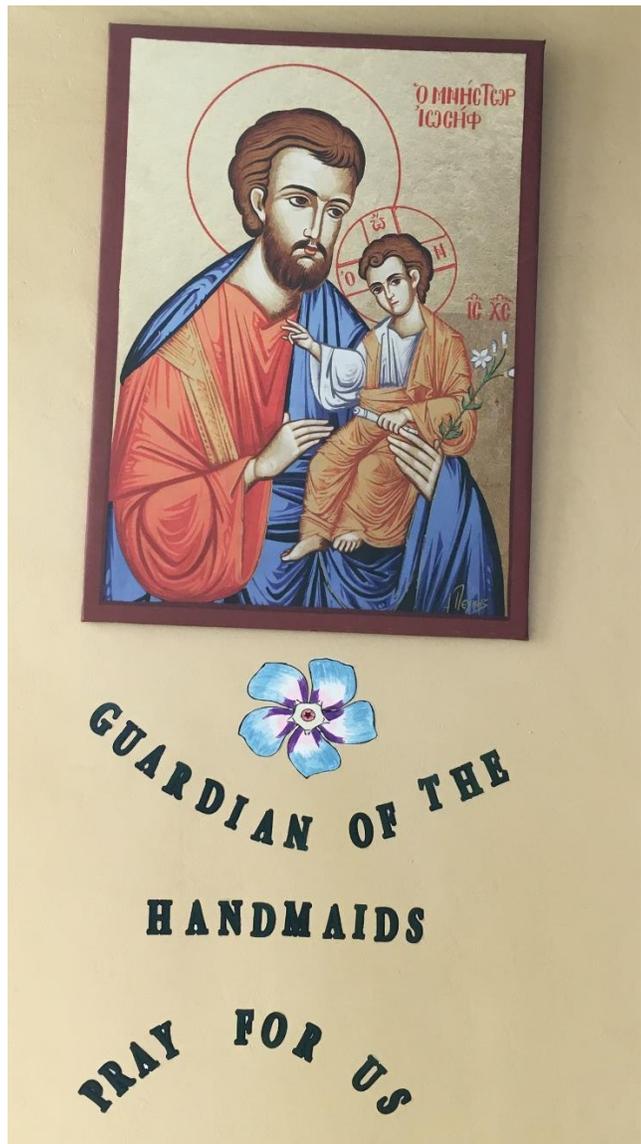


After many hours of driving, we arrived in Namugongo at the  
Convent of the Eucharistic Handmaid Sisters Formation House



We had a beautiful mass with the Sisters the next morning in their chapel.

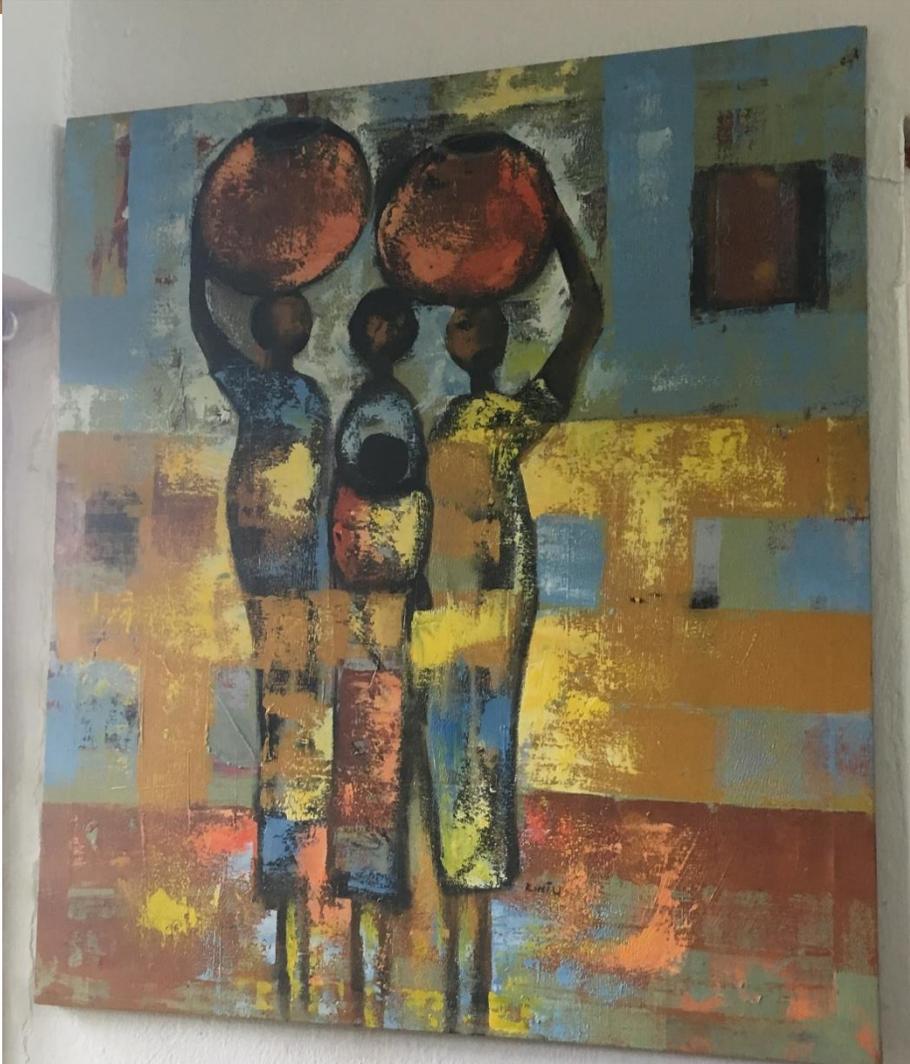




Throughout Uganda, we encountered many women carrying baskets and bundles on top of their heads. The practice of carrying bundles on top of the head has existed since ancient times. Carrying on the head is still common in many parts of the developing world, including Uganda.



At the Nommo Gallery, I purchased a painting of three Ugandans Ladies carrying bundles on their heads.



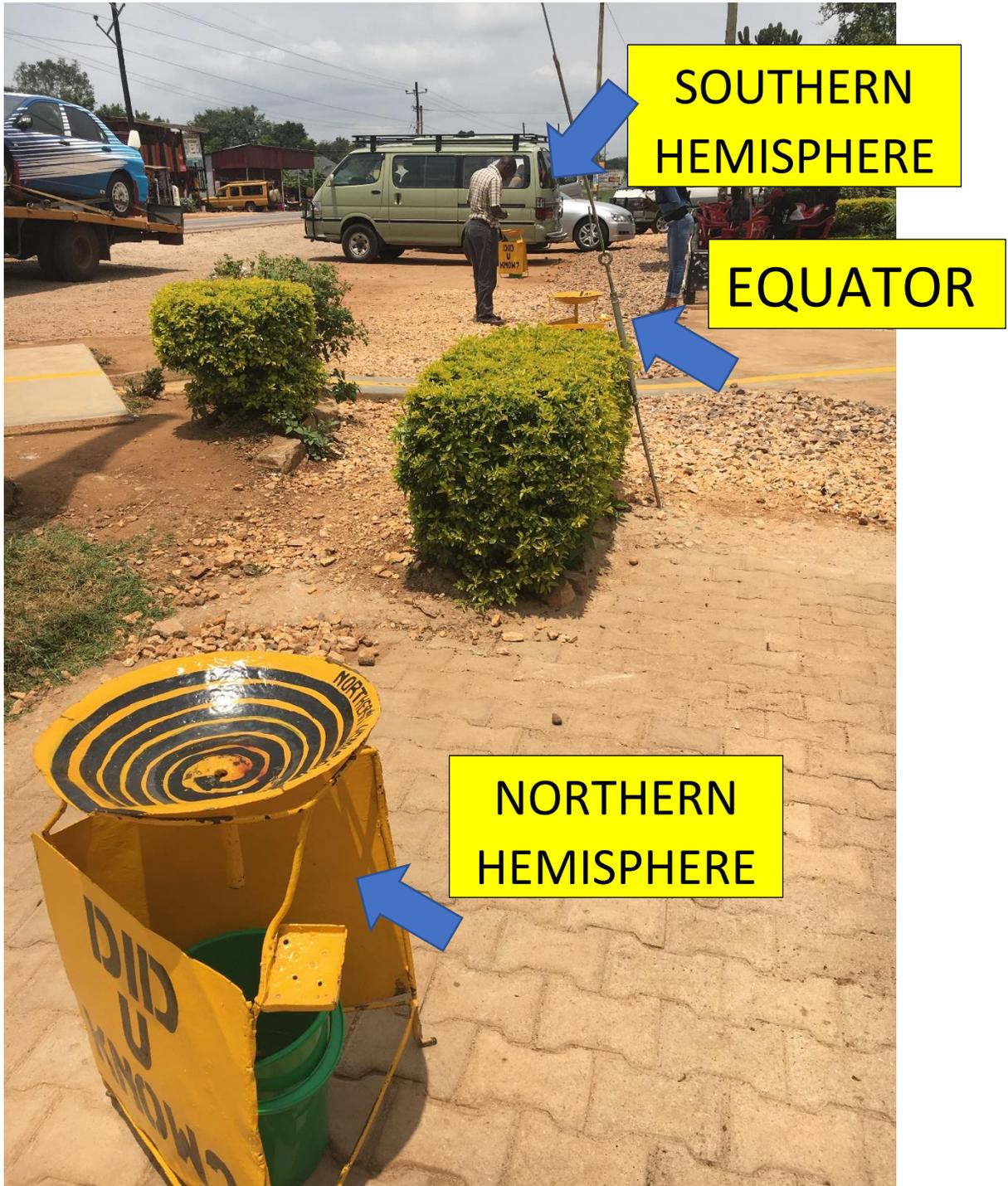
One of the most famous and must-visit landmarks in Uganda is the “Equator Crossing” just outside of the Capital City of Kampala. It is an imaginary line seen on maps that divides earth into two halves. You can stand with one of your feet in the Northern Hemisphere and the other foot in the Southern Hemisphere. It is such an amazing experience to stand on both sides of the world.





## Equator Water Drain Science Experiment Really Works!

Can you guess which way the water drains? In a basin ONLY 20 feet north of the equatorial line, they poured water and it drained clockwise in the North Hemisphere. AND, in a basin ONLY 20 feet south, the water rotated counter-clockwise down the drain in the Southern Hemisphere! Amazingly, at the equator, the water went straight down the drain. This can only be seen AT the equator!





We had lunch on the Equatorial Line. One half of our table was sitting in the Northern Hemisphere and the other half was sitting in the Southern Hemisphere.

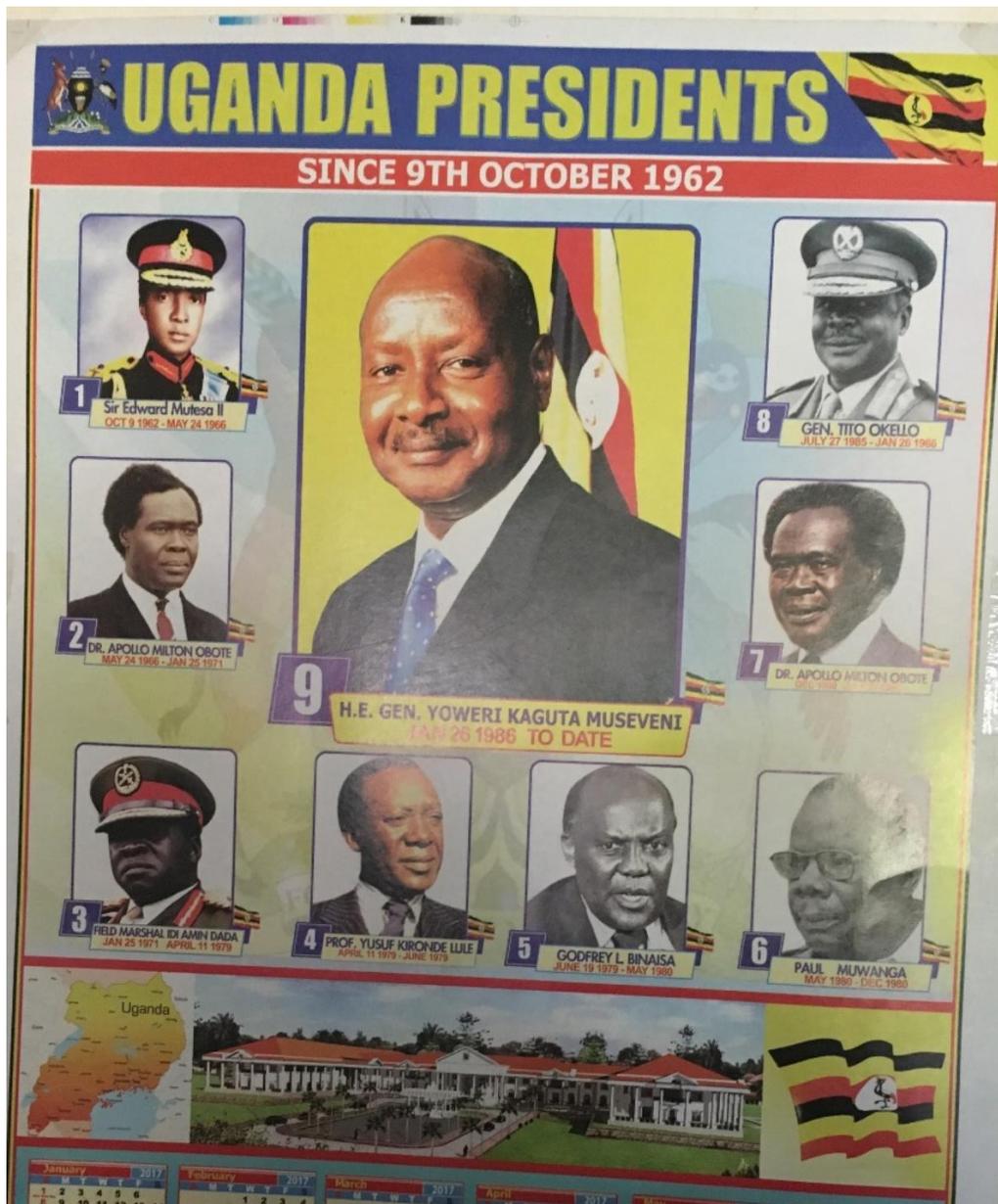


There were some small shops along the road selling souvenirs and snacks to tourists. The Aid Child Gallery sold local handicrafts and African Art benefiting orphans living with AIDS.

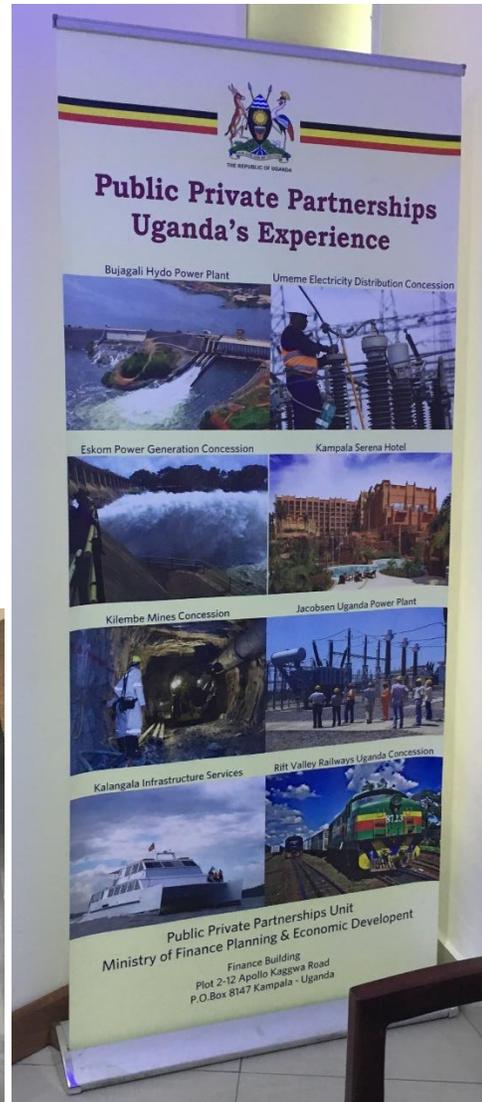


## Ugandan Presidents Since October 1962

Uganda gained Independence from Great Britain in October 1962. Uganda's First President was Sir Edward Mutesa. The Prime Minister at the time was Apollo Milton Obote. Obote had led Uganda to its Independence from the British. Obote had the real power of the Office of President and reduced Mutesa to a Ceremonial President. Obote had joined with Future President Idi Amin in many military attacks and mutinies. In 1966, he declared himself President and Mutesa fled into exile. Obote's Presidential Regime included terror, harassment and tortures of his people. In January 1971, Idi Amin, a former cook who became Commander of the Ugandan Army, became President by overthrowing Obote while he was on a visit to Singapore. Idi Amin, who was abandoned by his father at a young age, left school with only a fourth-grade education. His years in power were rampant with human rights abuses, political and ethnic persecution, killings, corruption and gross economic mismanagement. In 1979, Idi Amin was ousted by Tanzanian forces and died in August 2003. The next three Presidents served only for a short period of time. In 1980, Obote regained the Ugandan Presidency again. In July 1985, Obote was deposed again after more than 300,000 people died because of fighting guerilla factions across Uganda. Current President, Yoweri Museveni, was involved in rebellions that toppled Idi Amin and Obote and has been in power since 1986.



We stopped to visit Fr. Simon Peter's Sister, Florah, at her office. She works for the Uganda Ministry of Finance for Public/Private Partnerships Unit in Rwenzori Towers in Downton Kampala.



We attended the amazing Uganda Cultural Show featuring the Ndere Music and Dance Troupe. The multi-award-winning Troupe creatively represented the indigenous civilizations of Uganda with arts and cultures of native music and dance. We enjoyed and were enriched by the diversity, variety, and versatility of true shared human culture for world peace and harmony.



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In African History, written words did not exist for a very long time. Therefore, their cultural history was recorded and passed on through music and dance. The Ndere Troupe captures the authentic songs and dances from the 56 different Tribes in Uganda.













At the Finale of the Uganda Cultural Dance Troupe Show, our very own Chris, danced his way into the heart of Uganda! AND, YES, WE DO HAVE VIDEO! LOL!





