

PCV David helps rally Kiboga to hold a Keep Clean and Green.

The Keep Kiboga Clean program came about one morning when I was walking to the office. Kiboga is a quaint little town surrounded by beautiful rolling hills. Like most other Ugandan towns, it is littered with trash. It was just a typical morning when the idea came to me. I approached the Town Clerk, continued talking with friends and community members about the idea and eventually got The New Forests Company on board with the donation of 300 trees and seedlings which soon grew to 800. The program then became Keep Kiboga Clean and Green. On September 22, we planted the trees with the help of countless community members, students and 20 Peace Corps trainees. The day turned out to be a celebration of civic pride and activity. There were speeches, a marching band and plenty of food to go around. A good time for all! Environmental awareness sensitizing meetings are now being conducted by the Local Council Chairpersons. Our first Clean-Up Day will be held in early November. The people of Kiboga have taken ownership of their trees and are excited about the town clean-up.

