

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BRENDA ACHIRO

It was with great shock that CUAMM Uganda received the news of the demise of our own staff Brenda Achiro on Saturday morning of 26th May 2018. Brenda died on spot in a fatal accident which claimed 22 lives and left 15 others with serious injuries.

Brenda was travelling to Kampala to spend the weekend with her family on the evening of Friday 25th May 2018. The Gaagaa bus in which the deceased was traveling had an initial front- rear collision with a tractor driving in the same direction but with neither headlights nor rear reflector, this made visibility of the tractor impossible for the bus driver. The bus thereafter rammed into an oncoming trailer loaded with crates of beer. This left the bus completely smashed and the onboard passengers engrossed in the process. This incident happened in Kiryandongo district where CUAMM has a resident team and runs activities.

The CUAMM team in Kiryandongo was called to the accident scene and were soon there with an ambulance to take the dead bodies and the injured to Kiryandongo hospital; little did they know that the deceased was among the dead. On Saturday morning when attempts to reach Brenda on phone had failed, there were concerns from the fellow staff who had heard of the accident and this prompted them to go to the mortuary to check whether she was among. Indeed, Brenda was found lying lifeless among other bodies and this came as a total shock.

CUAMM Uganda immediately organized for the transportation of the corpse to Nsambya Hospital for treatment and preservation and then transportation of the body back to Kitgum where Brenda was laid to rest on Monday 28th May 2018. CUAMM also helped in burial arrangement to ensure Brenda receives a decent send off. Her burial was well attended by over 50 staff of CUAMM from all the different regions and the head offices in Kampala, Aber Hospital staff, Oyam district officials plus friends and family from Kampala and around Kitgum.

Brenda was born to the late Paul and Mrs. Adhiambo Esther in April 1991. Her father passed away 6 years ago leaving her and her siblings in the hands of their mother who struggled to educate them. At the time of her death, she was the bread winner in her family because she was the only formally employed person among her other four siblings. She had indicated intentions to start building for her mother a house by June 2018.

She was eulogized by CUAMM, friends and family as a God fearing, very enthusiastic young lady who was filled with energy and performed all her duties professionally with determination and passion. She was a friend, a sister to many and loved everyone around her. She was indeed a talent that CUAMM was nurturing for greater professional heights.



Brenda first worked with other organizations among which were; Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets and Labour for Christ Ministries from 2013 to 2016 as an Administrative Assistant before joining CUAMM in November 2016 as the Project Administrative Officer in Oyam – Aber Hospital until the time of her demise.

CUAMM lost an instrumental person and her work and contribution will forever be missed especially in Oyam.

This tragedy gripped the whole nation with grief and the government had to declare three days of national mourning from 27th to 30th may 2018.

Rest in Peace Brenda. You will be missed dearly.