

*Digging, working, rolling the clay;
it's dirty work, but he needs this jar to hold his treasure.
His wife wraps a blanket around his children
She says to him, "Kibuumba,
Mold something nice for this child, like community.
Save my baby from this world in its brokenness.*

*But brokenness
comes to hardened clay
and nice things like community.
Still jars protect the treasure.
And jars made by Kibuumba
are beautiful like his children.*

*His wife knows the frailty of the children,
yet, she fails to figure how avoiding frailty is what beckons brokenness.
This knowledge belongs to the kibuumba
because he molds the clay
to keep the treasure
within community.*

*The village is an old and growing community.
They help raise the pretty brown children.
Should their treasure
fall and lie amongst the brokenness*

They'd blame their likeness to clay;

They'd blame the old kibuumba.

Fixing Community with Water - 2

It's no secret there has been war rampaging the countries of East Africa for the past two decades. Between lacking resources, little economic attention, and few effective and functioning governments, many countries fell into civil war over resources everyone believed belonged to them. (Coincidentally, these are also the same countries that need clean water the most.)

Kibuumba (Chih-boom-bah) means the potter. The kibuumba makes the clay jars to hold water, spices and other house-hold goods. However, in most cases water wells are typically about two miles from any given village, and even when they're not, village people carry the water in bacteria-infested jars.

Kibo Group, a non-profit organization, is doing their part to provide peace by developing Eastern African economies. For Kibo Group (kee-bow), it begins with clean water. Clean water will improve African people's health and it will also sustain family animals that provide food or milk. This same water is poured into the roots of the great mvule tree. The mvule tree provides timber as a natural resource and shade to cool the coffee plant. Rich coffee beans are harvested and sold at Kibo's business, The Source Café. The Source provides jobs, both directly and indirectly, for 300 Ugandan people.

In this situation it's visible how water is truly living. Fresh water brings life to people and great mvule trees. Both the water and the mvule trees nurture the coffee beans and the coffee beans are sold at businesses like The Source Café which provides jobs and stimulates the economy.

No, clean water will not stop war, but it might be enough to soak broken clay just enough so the kibumba can roll these dry and brittle communities into something useful.

But see this clay? Mold it, and it will hold treasure.

like those beautifully frail children loved by Kibuumba;

like those children of clay with nice things like community.