Hi, we are Richard and Denise Nicholls.

In 2012, we felt a strong calling from God that we were going to serve Him in Africa. For Denise, her calling was clear that she was going to work with women, as a midwife. This was a complete change from her previous work as an accountant and office administrator. Three years later, Denise graduated and has been working as a midwife ever since. She is now also studying toward a Master's degree in International Public Health to expand her knowledge in the areas of global health and tropical medicine.

Denise has a strong belief that in showing a heartfelt love for women during their pregnancy and labour, and through antenatal care for the mother and child, she is not simply following Jesus' call to show hospitality to strangers and to care for the sick, she is also demonstrating the love of God.

Richard has degrees in both Law and Commerce (accounting and finance), and has worked as a commercial lawyer for 25 years. He recently completed a Master's degree in disaster management, which he undertook because of its focus on the vulnerability of individuals and communities, and on building community bonds and resilience, all of which are of relevance throughout Africa to varying degrees.

He has always had a heart for service, both in his professional life and in his community involvement. He has helped mentor and train people with disabilities, and served as a member of a local State Emergency Service unit.

Having now visited a number of countries in sub-Saharan Africa and worked in local schools, orphanages and health clinics, we are convinced that our role is not to 'take charge' but to walk alongside the local people, to encourage and upskill them while always promoting local 'ownership' of the project.

We have been attending Riverview Church in Perth for some years, and have been incredibly blessed by the support and love of the members of the Connect group that we lead.

We are so excited that God has directed us to Uganda and Yotkom, and look forward to serving alongside the clinic workers to help them develop greater skills and better governance of the project. We will seek and follow God's guidance in all that we do with Yotkom, and trust that God will use us to bear some of the burden for so long borne by Andrew and Anne and many other Yotkom supporters, and to further Andrew and Anne's vision for Yotkom to the glory of God.