

## Prayer

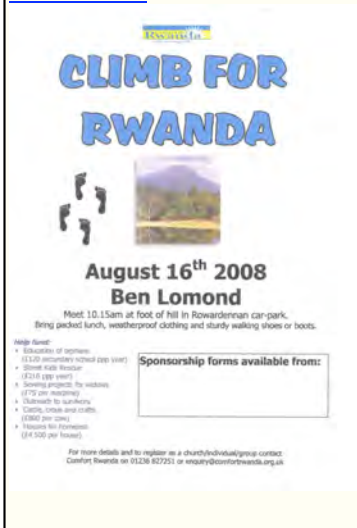
Want to pray for the work in Rwanda? Get in touch with Anne Reid (01382 776601, [chicsanny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chicsanny@hotmail.co.uk)) to get regular prayer news.

## New Year visit

A team which will visit our partners and also do some house building at Rukumberi will, God willing, visit Rwanda in Jan 09. Get in touch for details.

## Sponsored climb up Ben Lomond

Join in the sponsored climb up Ben Lomond to raise funds for Comfort Rwanda. August 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms from Comfort Rwanda or your church. Or visit [www.comfortrwanda.org.uk/newsevents](http://www.comfortrwanda.org.uk/newsevents)



**CLIMB FOR RWANDA**

August 16<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Ben Lomond

Meet 10.15am at foot of hill in Rowardensham car-park.  
Bring packed lunch, weatherproof clothing and sturdy walking shoes or boots.

Helps fund:

- Education of orphans
- (1200) emergency medical care (over)
- Street Kids Project
- (200) age care
- Sponsorship for widows
- (175) per orphan
- Children for adoption
- Cattle, oxen and goats
- (1000) per goat
- Houses for orphans
- (100) per house

Sponsorship forms available from:

For more details and to register as a church/individual/group contact:  
Comfort Rwanda on 01382 827251 or [enquiry@comfortrwanda.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@comfortrwanda.org.uk)

## Annual report

The annual report for 2007 is available. Please contact us if you would like a copy

## Newsletter – June 2008

### Street Kids – Changed Lives

#### Muzaifa Shema

"We are three boys that share the same mother but with different fathers. Unfortunately our mum is too poor to take care of us. I don't know whether my dad is alive or dead. I had nothing to do other than going to the street to look for something I can eat because we used to spend three days with out getting a single meal. I thank the living church of Gatenga who took me and gave me somewhere to live. I am now back to School and I am a child of God. I am very happy for the life I am living"

#### John Ibrahim

"I am an orphan of both parents. They died of HIV/AIDS. After the death of my parents, I had no where else to go because I didn't have any relative of both parents. I decided to go to the streets of Kigali to survive. I really give thanks to Pastor Paul who adopted me and took me back to School. I am now a child like others. I have somewhere to sleep, I am given every thing I want like other children." I thank Pastor Paul, I thank Comfort Rwanda and above all, I thank the Almighty God who enabled you to do everything for me.

### Focus on Rukumberi

In September '07 an outreach to Rukumberi by Airdrie Ebenezer and Erskine Nazarene churches led to a church-community link which is building partnership between the Airdrie church and the Rukumberi community. A "Comfort Gifts" scheme was put in place to target key areas of support.

The benefits to the community are taking shape. There are now 5140 pineapples planted which should begin to bring in a good income for the survivors later in the year. Also planted are onions which are being harvested around now. Many of the survivors have also been given goats. The pictures show pineapple plants, onions, and goats being examined for buying.



Some members of the church will return, God willing, in 2008 to visit the group and work on the project.



## The tailoring project

Paul Ndahigwa of The Living Church writes "In 2005 we saw the young women and widows who were prostitutes on the streets of Kicukiro district. They lived a hard life but that was not God's plan for them. After we got support from Comfort Rwanda we could give out sewing machines. The first group finished in 2007 and the second group of 25 graduated in January this year. The third group are now being trained and we have a vision of expanding the school.

We plan to set up other tailoring schools and workshops in rural areas to eradicate poverty among church members in these areas."



## New communities being reached

It is exciting to hear of new communities reached with the message of healing and hope through the Solace outreach programme. Some new groups such as Bisesero are now well established with hundreds attending the outreach and some walking four hours to be there. Others are newly being reached – the most recent being Ruhuha in the south of Rwanda last month. For many there it was the first time they had been able to share their pain, and started to find healing and hope. They expressed deep appreciation and happiness at the outreach.

## Education support

It is easy to see a house that has been built, a field that's been planted, a well that's been dug or a cow that's been given. But education support is something that goes on quietly in the background changing lives and giving new opportunities to hundreds of young people – returnees from refugee camps, poor kids from Gatenga, survivors from many Solace communities.

## Thanks

To all those who have given over the last six months we are deeply grateful. We have provided cows, goats & other livestock, houses, land, crops, sent people to school and university, provided vocational training, supported outreach, ran pastors conferences, sponsored orphans & survivors, roofed houses and rescued street kids. Thank-you for the wonderful ways you have raised funds (send us details and pics and we'll put them on the website).

*If you would like to help meet the regular commitments of education, street kids, outreach etc. please fill in the standing order form or download donation form from [website](#)*

One such survivor is Mukangarambe Allodie. She had already fled Bugesera in 1992 when her house was destroyed and everything she had was taken. She lived in Cyangugu with an aunt who was killed with her two young sons. Meanwhile both Allodie's parents were killed. After the genocide someone helped her schooling but there was no support available for university. She says:

*"My utmost desire was to continue my studies. When I went to Solace after 6 months they told me to apply for registration in University. It is now my third year in Kigali Independent University and I thank God for this miracle. Now I take it as a resurrection. I believe now I will live on. Before I was thinking there is no hope at all for the future. I believe God has a purpose for my life and my desire is to serve Him all my life. I bless Solace and everyone who donated money so that I may continue my studies. I know God will bless them."*

Don't forget the sponsored climb on August 16<sup>th</sup>!