

FoundationMakers - foundational support of Comfort Rwanda & Congo



Thank you to those who have become **FoundationMakers** allowing **Comfort Rwanda & Congo** to be more flexible. Your generosity is currently providing £810 per month, a significant way to our target of £2000 per month.

FoundationMakers Designed to establish an identifiable group of people whose regular giving provides foundations for the development and expansion of **CRC** and its projects, **FoundationMakers** will:

- Value those who give regular undesignated funds
- Improve communication and administration
- Develop a foundation of undesignated giving which enables **Comfort Rwanda & Congo** to tackle new projects and meet pressing needs

FoundationMakers is for those who give undesignated monthly amounts of £5 or above. It is an opportunity to support the ongoing work of **CRC** without specifying a particular project. Please consider becoming a **CRC FoundationMaker** and encourage others who also wish to support us.

Build a Better Rwanda

The **Build a Better Rwanda Project** is making good progress with 30 homes completed and funding for a further 40 already achieved. The final year of visits to Guilds all over Scotland has already begun. With 75 talks scheduled over the next 7 months, we are very pleased at the interest in the progress of this project and grateful to our team of 25 for taking our message out. Our target for this project is to reach and hopefully exceed 100 homes for those who lost all they had during the genocide.



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Pastors' families impacted by biblical teaching on Money, Sex and Power



Significant breakthrough in family relationships as a consequence of CTCR teaching is likely to spread to communities across Rwanda. Pastors attending the CTCR teaching series on Money, Sex and Power this summer have testified to significant and encouraging changes in how they relate to their wives:

"Before learning these lessons, I was despising women. I was not giving any consideration to them, even in the church...[Now] I can say that I am going to apply [these lessons] in my household through valuing my wife as well as other women. I will teach these principles in the church to those who are married so that change can take place in their household."

"I discovered that talking with your spouse is the key to joy in the family. From now on, I will improve my communication with my wife... Now we have started talking while we are at home, it has produced much joy in me; therefore we are going to make these lessons part of our life."

The CTCR is proving vital to the healthy growth of a recovering Rwanda. Eighty-four pastors attended the teaching weeks in the summer and many of these will take what they have learned and teach it to their congregations. Further teaching, this time on Evangelism by Marlyn Harry, will take place in November. Ongoing prayer and financial support is vital for the CTCR to continue; the sponsoring of a pastor to attend (£20 per month) or a one-off donation is always needed and welcome.

...be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

D.R.Congo Update Maternity Clinic

by Carys Williamson

It was wonderful for a group to visit the Maternity Clinic in August and see how the building has progressed. The bright blue roof shines out in the rural landscape! We were guided around by the Congolese team and had a chance to discuss ideas for its development and use. We are now looking into the various options for equipping the clinic once the building work is complete. There are a



number of challenges to overcome, including finding appropriate equipment, sourcing sufficient funding and transporting equipment to the clinic's rural location. We are eager to meet the growing medical needs of the Rusayo community of 120,000 with a high quality service. The land surrounding the clinic has become an extension of the Comfort Congo agriculture project and is being used by local women to farm tomatoes and cabbages. A fund was given to this group to buy new hoes which they received with joyful gratitude.



Emerging Projects in D.R.Congo

We are now exploring other project possibilities in Congo in response to urgent needs. In particular we are eager to help the **Pygmy** community which is steadily growing in the Karambi area primarily through improving and/or providing housing for them. A one off donation has allowed us to buy sheeting for some houses. A housing need has also arisen for the group of ex-child soldiers who attend Kyezye School. This group of 17 teenagers, called **Children of Destiny**, have been staying in a rented building behind the school without beds, bedding or cooking equipment. We are seeking funds to permanently rent or buy this building and the necessary furniture. We would also like to pay the school fees for 46 **ex-child soldiers** and take the pressure of the already-stretched school. As Kyezye school is full and still not meeting the need for education in the community we are also looking at the possibility of beginning another **school** in a neighbouring area.



Land for Papa Dick in Gakagati

Land has been purchased for Emmanuel (Papa Dick) at Gakagati. This will enable him to earn a living and be self-sustainable. The building of a new classroom at the primary school is also underway.

A New Home in Jari Thanks to the Rock

by Billy McClung

Billy and Fiona McClung from Rock Community Church (RCC) in Dumbarton had the privilege and pleasure of officiating at the formal handover ceremony of a new house to Diane (21), her sister Sandrine (25) and brother Fabrice (17) in the village community of Jari, a Solace Community that was recently renamed Dumbarton Village by the community in recognition of the partnership between RCC and Jari since 2008. The siblings previously lived with their maternal grandparents following the death of their mother from HIV. In 2011 their grandmother died in a road accident and their grandfather sent them away as he was unable to cope.



L-R: Jean Gakwandi (Director Solace Ministries),
Fabrice, Fiona McClung, Diane, Sandrine
Front: Billy McClung

For the past couple of years they have been living apart due to their inability to rent anything suitable for them all. They paid for their rent by fetching and carrying water for the people they were living with.

Diane and Sandrine are both HIV positive and are currently in receipt of anti retroviral treatment from Solace Ministries. Diane gave birth to a son late last year and has a qualification in tailoring following a brief period of sponsorship. We hope to be able to provide her with a sewing machine. Sandrine has a 4 year old daughter from a previous relationship. Fabrice is very quiet and is getting used to living with his sisters for the first time in a number of years.

At the handover ceremony we saw the community coming together in support of these young people, and they have offered support, guidance and mentoring in the years to come as well as a starter pack of rice, beans and flour. Diane intimated at the handover ceremony that she 'did not believe that they would ever have anywhere to stay together as a family, but they now have a brand new house, can live as a family and are surrounded by supportive friends and neighbours'. She stated that this house will be a daily reminder of God's goodness, grace and provision.