

Rukumberi Report - Derek Patterson

In February our team of 4 from Airdrie Ebenezer Evangelical Church visited our Solace Partnership group at Rukumberi. Our partnership with this Solace Community began in 2007. Since then we have assisted in new home builds, existing home repairs, crop programmes, small cattle provision, micro-loan financing & Bible distribution to every family. The Solace community at Rukumberi has grown to 65 families & around 250 people.

We have seen renewed hope in the eyes of the widows & orphans, as they see God's love through the care & generosity of Solace, Comfort Rwanda & Congo and all who have assisted in this work. The young adults are also flourishing through the Sponsorship Programme and it was a joy to hear about their businesses & projects that have enabled them to provide for their families. We have commenced a new project to complete Home Repairs to 24 houses in need of repair and are investigating the possibility of pumping water from an adjacent lake onto the fields, to assist in crop growth.



Please pray for rain in the area of Rukumberi, as they have had crop failures this season, meaning we have had to put a short term food supply of rice & beans in place.

A Date for the Diaries...

Supporters Day

Saturday 21st May 10am-3pm
at St Mungo's Ministry Centre,
46b Bavelaw Road Balerno, EH14 7 AE
more details to follow

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Rusayo Maternity and General Clinic

It is nearly a year since the Rusayo Maternity and General Clinic first opened in April 2015. It is pleasing to see the impact that the clinic is having on the local population.



Clinic Laboratory



Operating Theatre

There have been almost 2286 consultations since April 2015 including almost 1092 inpatients. There have been 91 births, all successful, including 17 Caesareans, 7 general surgery cases and 161 cases concerning sexual violence, 28 of these requiring surgery.

The recent visit was welcomed to the clinic by a joyful and grateful group of rape survivors.

Progress is being made towards the installation of an onsite water supply. The electricity is currently supplied by a small generator. It would be fantastic if solar power could be harnessed as it would bring down the over all running costs of the clinic. If anyone has any advice or connections which could help with this aspect of the clinic please contact the CRC office.



Can you help this year?

We have several current and potential projects which do not as yet have designated funding. The opportunity is there for a church, group or individual to take on one of these as a funding challenge and a focus for fundraising events.

Congo Teacher Salaries



Education is vital for individuals and communities to get out of poverty or destructive thinking and move forward positively. We really value the work of the teachers in Salugaba, Walugaba and Kambize schools 29 of whom are currently being paid out of general funds. £35 pays a teacher for a month.

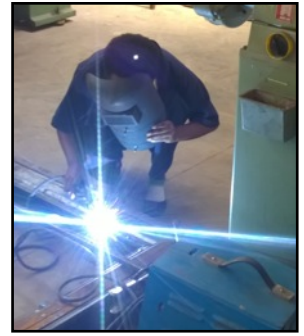
Rusayo Clinic The Rusayo clinic is doing fantastic work amongst the displaced peoples and refugees in the area. The need for midwife salaries and vital equipment is ongoing. A midwife can be supported for £150 per month and various equipment is required costing anything up to £6500.

Pygmy Houses The Pygmies are an ostracised group who are on the whole extremely poor and in desperate need of shelter. A small wooden house which would accommodate a family costs £2000.



Children of Liberty- Food The Children of Liberty are a group of 40 children and young people who have escaped or been rescued from militias in D.R.Congo. The church community in which they now live is very poor and although it supplies help and support it is unable to supply food. £20 feeds a child for a month.

IVTC Accommodation By building an accommodation block for the students the capacity of the Ihumure Vocational Training Centre could increase dramatically to a point where it becomes self-sustainable. The proposed accommodation block would cost around £71,000.



CTCR The Christian Training College of Rwanda is due to expand this year to teach a new Certificate of Christian Studies course, a level up from the continuing Foundation Certificate of



Christian Studies course. Two salaries of £275 per month or £30 per student/month are required to cover the costs of this course.

Batsinda Kids - School Fees 45 children and young people who have been sleeping rough on an open hillside at Batsinda are being helped by Comfort Rwanda & Congo through sponsorship which pays for food and accommodation. We have been raising funds for school fees and equipment in addition to the sponsorship and this is an ongoing need. School fees etc at £30 each/year, totalling £1350 for the group.

