W/c 13th October. Rakai and Kaleere Diocese, Uganda

Praise God for our partners, Rev Canon Eriab, his son Samuel and the Field Assistant, Enos. Give thanks for the donors who responded to the need for roof sheets for the new school which was inspired and built by the community. Praise God that CHI supported 53 pupils who were unable to pay school fees and funded school materials. Pray for the continued development of community spirit in Kaleere.

W/c 20th October. Spiritual growth

Praise God for our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. Pray for patience and understanding on both sides as we try to get the right balance of trust and accountability given the challenge of different cultures, language barriers and possible misunderstanding. Pray for a spirit of openness in communication and a deep desire to honour Jesus in all that is done. Pray that each project we support would point to the Lord Jesus and his greatness.

W/c27th October Butare Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for our long partnership with Bishop Nathan and his staff and their desire to serve their community and build faith. Give thanks for the provision of general education and vocational training. Pray for the new head teacher, Jean Baptiste Havugimana, at Gikonko school supported through the School Partner project. Pray for the students at Mubumbano Vocational Centre. Pray that the skills attained will equip them for future employment. Pray that their faith will grow and overflow in their witness to Jesus.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4







July-October 2019

W/c 7th July

Vocational Training

Praise God for our partnership at the Mubumbano Vocational Training Centre in Butare Diocese, Rwanda. Give thanks for the range of skills that are taught; hairdressing, building, carpentry, tailoring and metal work and for the enthusiasm of the students to learn and express their love of the Lord. Pray that funds for the government required improvements to toilets and for a refectory will be raised and the Centre reopen in September. Pray for a new project at Kijjabwemi Orphans Project to teach tailoring skills to pupils.

W/c 14th July Office and volunteers

Praise God for all those who support the work of CHI and help to make 'Jesus visible' through packing, sorting and loading of knitted goods, providing admin support, praying, donating, sponsoring and just simply telling others about the work. Pray that many others would be challenged and encouraged to get involved. Pray that the motive behind all that is done would be for the Lord to receive the honour and glory. Pray for patience for the office team grappling with recent IT updates.

W/c 21st July Kijjabwemi Parish, Uganda

Praise God for our long partnership in Kijjabwemi Parish and for the wide variety of projects to improve lives in the community and bring growth in faith and church attendance. Pray for the ongoing work with young people to tell of the Good News of Jesus through youth events and activities and through animal husbandry projects. Pray for healing for Rev Canon Patrick after a serious health scare recently. Pray for good health and safety for him, his family and his team.

W/c 28th July Child Sponsorship

Praise God for over 350 sponsored children. Pray that each child and sponsor relationship would develop and that they would give mutual encouragement in faith. Pray for clarity of thought and good organisational skills for Mark, Ian and Paul as they administrate the project. Pray for the right person to overhaul the sponsorship database. Pray for more sponsors to come forward. Give thanks for the additional financial gifts sent by sponsors and the selfless way the children use them to benefit the whole family.

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.

Psalm 52:8-9

W/c 4th August Gasabo Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for our work in Gasabo Diocese through child sponsorship, the School Partner project at Hope Academy and occasional educational support elsewhere. Pray for safety, energy and wisdom as Chantal and Angelique administer these projects which often means uncomfortable travel for several hours to visit those in remote rural communities. Pray for our partnership with the Diocese as we explore and develop new ideas that support those in need and speak of the love of Jesus.

W/c 11th August Bujumbura, Burundi

Praise God for our ongoing work at the Children Rescued in Burundi (CRIB) orphanage. As many of the children have finished, or are near to finishing senior school, pray for wisdom in life decisions whether at university, in vocational training or in work. Pray for dedication and faithfulness to the Lord for those in further education Pray that those who have completed their studies would find work. Pray for Chrissy Chapman and Libby as they manage the whole process and demonstrate the love of Jesus to these youngsters.

W/c 18th August Nurse+ Programme

Praise God for the Nurse+ programme supporting Brigitte and the recently appointed Angelique in Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda; Prossy and nurse manager, Moses in Kimwanyi, Uganda. Pray for more supporters, churches and groups to regularly contribute to this project and to help deal with health problems and improve general welfare in communities. Pray that each nurse will **'be blessed'** and **'be a blessing'** to their communities and overflow with the love of God. Pray for greater funding for drugs, medical equipment and mosquito nets.

W/c 25th August Kibungo Diocese, Rwanda

.Praise God for our partnership with Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda and his team and the recent development of new projects to support the building of a nursery school in Nkondo Parish alongside the provision of goats to needy families. Please pray for the provision of safe water and toilets for this nursery school. Following the violent storms in February, thank God for the funding sent for roof sheets for Kiremera church. Pray also that the government aid to repair damaged homes would be managed well and that there would be good future harvests of vegetables and fruit.

W/c 1st September Stitches of Hope

Praise God for a good response to the 'Knitting and Crochet Challenge' to celebrate our 25^{th} Anniversary; over 20 blankets in the 5 x 5 design have been received. Pray for more knitters to get involved and that fundraising ideas would also be supported. Pray for those who knit especially those who are frail or in poor health. Pray that they would feel a real sense of value and purposefulness as the received goods show the beneficiaries that they are loved, cared about and are not forgotten.

W/c 8th September

Publicity

Praise God for the 25th Anniversary service in May and the opportunity to share the achievements of many 'ordinary' Christians doing 'extraordinary' things in God's strength. Pray that throughout 2019 more people will hear of the work and respond to the needs. Pray for greater opportunities to promote the work of CHI at churches, in groups and organisations. Pray that God's glory would always be the motivation behind every project and that the love of Jesus would be proclaimed faithfully.

W/c 15th September Kigeme Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for our partnership with Bishop Assiel Musabyimana in Kigeme Diocese and the Loan4Hope scheme where small short term loans are given to set up or support a small business or pay for essential items. Give thanks for previous successful outcomes and the progress in the first year of a similar project. Pray for the development of a further proposal and that many would receive practical and spiritual benefits through it's implementation. Pray for good administration and monitoring of the project and for good feedback.

W/c 22nd September Parish Projects

Praise God for the development of Parish projects in Dioceses in Rwanda and Uganda where the provision of seeds and livestock is accompanied by practical training and spiritual support. Pray that the expectation to share their blessing with others would continue to be an important element of the project so that community spirit is built. Pray for regular and honest feedback from our partners and for the development of small loan schemes to produce greater self-sufficiency.

W/c 29th September Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for our partnership with this Diocese and for the inspiration for a wide range of practical projects. Give thanks for 6 years of dedicated work by Nurse Vietty at Gikomero clinic and pray for his replacement, Nurse Angelique. Pray against the spread of the deadly Ebola disease from nearby DR Congo and for effective treatment for Hepatitis B and C in this Diocese. Praise God for the 40 families that have been blessed spiritually and practically through the Parish Project at Gisanga and pray for the impact on others in the community.

W/c 6th October Projects

Praise God for giving the inspiration for projects that benefit individuals, families and communities and move them towards becoming self-sufficient. Pray that the practical assistance will also give spiritual nourishment and advance the Gospel. Pray for a new initiative to provide solar lights to enable children to study after dark. Pray that affordable basic equipment will be sourced and that many will support this project. Pray for fresh ideas that will benefit many, develop faith and be appealing to our supporters.