

November 2017 - February 2018

W/c November 5th

Stitches of Hope

Praise God for each and every knitted and crocheted item that arrives at the warehouse from up and down the UK. Thank God for His love being shown in this practical way. Pray for Dorothy and Trish as they coordinate the correspondence and for the team of packers who sort all the items. Pray for our ongoing relationship with Mission Without Borders and Samara's Aid who transport these goods to Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

W/c November 12th

Butare Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for the team at Butare under the leadership of Bishop Nathan Gasatura. Give thanks for the parish project at Nkamatira which has received water tanks, goats for 30 families, health and hygiene training and the building of a nursery school. Pray for the plans for a similar project in Gasha parish and also for the need for some rebuilding at Gikonko Secondary School.

W/c November 19th

CRIB Orphanage, Bujumbura, Burundi

Praise God for the faithfulness of Chrissie, Libby and the team at CRIB in the midst of all the practical challenges of working in one of the poorest countries in the world. Pray for Burundi with all its economic and political difficulties. Pray for the CRIB students to be able to complete their education. Pray too that those who have left Burundi to study in other countries will achieve their potential and be able to return to contribute to the future of their homeland.

W/c November 26th

Kijjabwemi Orphans Project, Uganda

Praise God for the team at St John's Church, Masaka and the Saturday project which reaches more than 80 vulnerable children in their community. Pray that each child will not only have fun but also develop in their love for Jesus. Pray for the craft workshops that give the children skills to make a small income. Pray for Canon Gaster, Rev. Amos, Rev. Fred, Rev. Patrick and Ms Mariam and Harriet as they coordinate the project.

"I have put my hope in your word..."

Psalm 119: 49, 74, 87,

W/c December 3rd**Ray of Hope Child Sponsorship**

Praise God that the number of children sponsored through this scheme continues to rise. Thank God that so many of the students testify not only to the benefits of education but also about their growing faith in God. Give thanks particularly for recent reports from those who have gone on to college or employment. Pray for our volunteers who coordinate the project and also for the supervisors overseas who sometimes struggle with the practicalities of getting information to us.

W/c December 10th**Kibungo Diocese, Rwanda**

Praise God for the team at Kibungo under Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda. Thank God that this area of Rwanda is beginning to recover from severe drought and lack of food. Thank God that CHI has been able to send funds for the distribution of 30 goats to needy families in Ndego parish. Pray for headmaster Athanase Makuza, his staff and the children supported by Ray of Hope at Gahima Agape Secondary School.

W/c December 17th**Livestock and Agriculture**

Praise God for funds from our supporters to enable seeds, agricultural tools and livestock to be purchased for poor families. Thank God for testimonies that show what a massive difference this makes to these subsistence farmers. Praise God too that these initiatives really bring communities together, both practically and spiritually. Pray that families will move towards self sufficiency and even have a small income from the surplus.

W/c December 24th**Christmas**

Praise God for the gift of Jesus, for the example of His life and for His redeeming work on the cross. Thank God that we are united with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Pray for each of our partners as they lead their communities in Christmas services. May lives be changed as many more come to put their faith and their hope in the Saviour of the world.

W/c December 31st**New Year and the future**

Praise God for his faithfulness and guidance of CHI over the preceding 23 years. Thank God that the charity continues to evolve and diversify into new things. Pray that everything we do will be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit - that He will show us what is right to lay aside and what we need to do to develop further. Pray that each supporter and volunteer will know that they have a vital role to play in moving this small part of God's Kingdom forward.

W/c January 7th

Shyogwe diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for Bishop Jered Kalimba and the team at Shyogwe. Thank God for the parish project in Gisanga where we have sent funds for the third phase. Pray for the material and spiritual growth of that community. Thank God for positive testimonies from Vietty and Brigitte, the two nurses supported by the Nurse + project. Give thanks that funds sent to the health clinics have helped to control a malaria outbreak. Pray for the outreach by students from St Peters College.

W/c January 14th

Rakai & Kaleere Parishes, Uganda

Praise God for the oversight by Canon Eriab Mugerwa and his son, Samuel. Thank God for the success of our livestock and agricultural projects at Kaleere and pray for guidance as we consider support of new microfinance loan scheme. Give thanks that this has enabled some to start small businesses. Pray for the role of Enos Bamwesigye, the Lay Reader, who is going to coordinate the Parish Project here. Thank God for the youth convention held in Rakai and pray that many young people will grow in their faith.

W/c January 21st

Byumba Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo, Rev. Thaddee Nshimiyimana, Ms Didacienne Mukakayange and the team at Byumba. Pray that they will be able to maintain contact with over sixty students sponsored through Ray of Hope. Thank God for the positive testimony from Francois some years after he was sponsored. Pray that the students presently sponsored will have equally encouraging stories to tell.

W/c January 28th

Kimwanyi, Kagganda & Kikonge parishes, Uganda

Praise God for the ministry of Rev. Patrick Ssimbwa in these three parishes. Thank God for his recent recovery from malaria and typhoid and pray for the future health of him and his family. Pray for grandmother Mariam as she settles into life with her two adopted children. Thank God for the glory given to Him by the children following the building of new toilet blocks at Kimwanyi! Pray for the families at Kikonge who received goats, seeds and hoes.

W/c February 4th

Kigeme Diocese, Rwanda

Praise God for the team at Kigeme and for the initiation of the next phase of the Loan4Hope scheme in this diocese. Pray for the 66 families from 11 parishes who will benefit from livestock, seeds, school materials and Bibles over the next three years. Pray for Rev. Augustin Ntawuhigimana and Mrs Esther Mukabatsinda as they administer this scheme and that many will benefit from the spiritual oversight that accompanies it.

W/c February 11th

Health

Praise God for funding for our Nurse + project supporting Prossy and Moses at Kimwanyi, Vietty at Shyogwe and Brigitte at Gikomero. Pray for more churches and individuals to undertake to support this work so that funding can be continued. Pray for each of the nurses and their families as they work long hours with minimal facilities and medicines. Pray for resources to supply more drugs to the three clinics and fund more health insurance in Rwanda.

W/c February 18th

Education

Praise God for each child who is receiving an education that would, otherwise, not be possible. Thank God that we have been able to fund some school uniforms, school lunches, books and equipment. Pray for each of the schools assisted by the School Partners scheme and for more people to support this work. Pray for the children unable to receive an education because of their family poverty. Pray for teachers working for little pay with huge classes and few resources.

W/c February 25th

Visit of CHI team to Rwanda

Praise God for the opportunity for a team to visit the CHI projects in Rwanda. Pray that we will be able to liaise with all of our partners in the various dioceses. Pray that we will have safety in travel and good health. Pray that we will be able to see positive results from projects supported so far and that we will be able to identify potential new projects for future support. Pray that in all our dealings with our partners the glory would be given to God.

We who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
Romans 12:5,6



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