



NEWS UPDATE

We are home!

JULY 2022



We are just home from our 4 week trip to Rwanda. We visited the 5 dioceses where we presently have work and caught up with old friends and made many new ones!



Week One - we spent mainly in Butare, where we were made very welcome by Odilo who is Dean of Butare cathedral. Our main work there has been supporting the vocational college and it was inspiring to meet a group of young single mums whose lives had been turned from hopeless to hopeful by a CHI bursary place. We were also able to visit Gasha, a vibrant community where we have supplied goats and renovated the church.. We attended a very joyous church service and Pauline was mesmerised by the glittery appearance of the ground and air. Mica - a flaky metallic mineral glitters everywhere.

Week Two - we spent in the Shyogwe Diocese. St Peters' school is there, one of our school partners. They entertained us with a fabulous show of Africa through the ages. We were also lucky enough to be there on the day that Bishop Jered celebrated 25 years of being the Bishop, Obviously loved by his staff they had laid on a meal and celebration to commemorate such a wonderful achievement, with local dancers and cake, It was a fabulous evening, not to be easily forgotten especially as it was Joff's first foray into African dancing!



Week Three - We visited sponsored children in two dioceses - Gasabo and Kibungo. The true importance of sponsorship was brought home to us in Gasabo where we met families living in slums with little space and no electric or running water. At least with sponsorship the children were able to escape to school each day in the knowledge that their

education should give them a brighter future. Kibungo is a senior school where most children board, they are a lovely bunch of well adjusted teenagers, and we enjoyed our time chatting to them - every sponsored child we met sent thanks to their sponsors for their support and prayer..

Week Four was spent in Byumba, - meeting lots more sponsored children and visiting poorer parishes where we hope to be able to initiate new projects. We were also made guests of honour at the re-opening of Rumarangoga Church, which was an incredibly moving event. Not a dry eye! You can read more about our month away on our blog at <https://www.christianhope.org.uk/Travel%20Blog/>.

We had a very productive visit. , You will certainly be hearing much more about it over the coming months!



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