

Newsletter - October 2007

BUGESERA PROJECT

The project at Nyamata/Ntarama continues to move forward. One house is now lived in and three more are nearly finished. There are now 1500 pineapple plants, 100 avocado trees, 50 papaya, 100 improved banana and 30 orange trees. The pineapples and peanuts have both produced income for the group already. Potatoes, which are not traditionally grown in this area have done amazingly well and have been harvested in three months from planting. If you want to know about who is being supported educationally you can read Mulissa Fred's testimony on the website (he is being supported to study economics at university)



Rwanda 07 team, helping to build houses in Bugesera



Completed house in Bugesera



'Friends' of Jesus' - playing at Kids Camp

STREET KIDS RESCUE PROJECT

The Street Kids/ Friends of Jesus continue to make great progress. After school they are now receiving help with homework from the project leaders and nearly all of them are now in the top quarter of their classes. It is wonderful to see them fulfil their potential. Although some of them still have a long way to go it is also great to see many helping in the church, singing in the choir and developing an increased godliness. This is what Mukashema Louise said: *"My father passed away in 2002. We were left with our mum and because we were in a hard time we went to pick charcoals (colloquial for looking in rubbish heaps). We met Emmanuel and he said "I will show you where you can get support". Junior brought us here and wrote down our names. When we came they taught us a good way to live and said "stay here and you can have a better life" They have helped us back into school and we thank pastor Paul that he has helped us to get back to school and get skills."*

COMFORT RWANDA IS SEEKING AN ACCOUNTANT!

We are deeply grateful for the help given by Robert Pender with our end of year accounts. For the last few years this has involved increasing work and we need a qualified accountant to help! If you know an accountant who is looking for a way like this to serve God please put us in touch! Thank you

Events coming soon!

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OUTREACH SUPPORT & RUKUMBERI

As our partner Solace Ministries has grown it has struggled to keep responding to the cries of survivors asking for help. To help unstop this bottleneck we have started to support Sakina Denise as an outreach worker to new areas. Six new groups have been set up and survivors, orphans and widows ministered to. They include Bisesero where the men tried to defend the women and children but were tragically decimated over two months of constant struggle. Out of 50,000 people only 250 families were left. When the President visited the area he said "*where will we get people to live on those hills again*" It is our hope that partners will be found to help those people.

At Rukumberi 30,000 were killed and the survivors have had little help. The Rwanda 07 group went with Denise and Claire (a survivor from that area) to minister to them. Around 200 survivors warmly received us and we had a wonderful time of fellowship. They were obviously touched and encouraged by the interest and support shown. A gift of £8000 from the Rwanda 07 team has launched a partnership with this group to bring healing and support.

*To see a report by people from
Airdrie and Erskine visit the
excellent website
www.Rwanda07.com*



*Denise - Outreach
Worker*



Survivors in Bisesero

A Visit to Rwanda is planned for around the time of the 21st, 23rd of February to the 5th March or 28th February/1st March to the 12th March 2008. Dates will be confirmed soon. Cost is likely to be £950 - £1000. Flights need to be booked ASAP. There are also likely to be other opportunities to be part of a team in visits during August or September. If you are interested in any of these times then please contact Comfort Rwanda on the number or email below.

A meeting will be held on the 10th of November at 2.30pm at 82 Arden Grove, Kilsyth G65 9NU. This will be a time of fellowship, prayer, planning and looking ahead to 2008. For help with numbers please let us know if you are coming by calling the number below.

HOPE IN CONGO

Western Congo was once part of Rwanda and many of its people speak Kinyarwanda. Since 1992 Congo has experienced constant war and chaos with an estimated 3 million having died from war, famine and disease as a result. It is a tragic situation for a country with huge potential. We have felt for some time that what God has been doing in Rwanda can also benefit Congo and God has brought together some Congolese workers and our partners in Rwanda. In 1994 the area of Bukavu was one of the major areas affected by the Rwandan refugee crisis and it is still home to many refugees as well as suffering from interahamwe (militia) from Rwanda operating from their bases there. Comfort Rwanda has made a small grant of £500 as a start to provide some hope and help for those who are suffering in this area.

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