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An Evening with Iain McColl

The actor Iain McColl will be hosting a comedy evening for Comfort Rwanda on October 13th at Broomhill Community Church, Broomhill Drive, Glasgow. Iain is known for his role as Dodie in Rab C Nesbitt as well as appearing in many films including Gangs of New York. A great comedian and story teller, Iain has recently become a Christian and been baptised and offered to do the concert to help the widows and orphans of Rwanda. It would be great to give support to Iain for this tremendous gift of his talents. The show will specifically be raising funds for orphans education. Details from Robert White of Broomhill Church (0141 334 1013 or RWhite6401@aol.com)

Charity Development

Because of the increasing workload associated with Comfort Rwanda and the opportunities to increase support for the widows and orphans that are arising Callum Henderson has taken on the post of charity developer. At present the post is unsalaried but it is intended (God willing!) to open a charity shop, both to increase funds for Rwanda and support the post. All donations will continue to be given 100% to Rwanda.

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Kabuga blessings!

Well strikes water!

You may remember that when the group visit went to Kabuga in January people were dying of cholera because of the water shortage and that funds were being raised to dig a well. The well (right) has now struck water and is gushing! The next step is to find funds to install a solar pump. A similar project is being planned for Bugesera and is being supported by Living Water Church members and their friends from Carnoustie.



Rwego gives birth!

The cattle project has also been blessed at Kabuga. Because of their higher milk yield, good quality Friesian cows have been bought for Kabuga.

The first cow was called "Rwego" which means a ladder. The widows believe God has given them a ladder out of their pain and poverty.

Rwego has just given birth to the first calf at the Kabuga project (left).

Street Kids Project

Comfort Rwanda is now funding a new project run by L'Eglise Vivante (The Living Church) for street children in Kigali called Street Kids Rescue. In the past street kids have been neglected and vulnerable and we are delighted to support L'Eglise Vivante's enthusiastic approach to the project. At present around 70 children are being helped twice a week.

The kids get showers and food, have their clothes washed and are being taught how to get off the streets and find a better life. The church workers also play football and tennis with them and provide a loving caring atmosphere.

Paul Ndahigwa of L'Eglise Vivante tells me that the programme is going very well. Some children have gone back to school, some who are not orphans have gone back to parents or family and some have given their lives to Jesus. The workers have been giving seminars to social workers to show them the work they are doing and how the street children can be helped.

The children pictured below are shown with their new clothes and good food. If you would like to support the project a gift of £8 a month will pay all the expenses involved in caring for a child month by month, including food, clothes, medical care, toiletries and programme expenses. Contact Claire Higgins (nee McIndoe) for details (cmacindoe79@hotmail.com or 0141 427 3102)

Crafts and Cards

We are delighted that the quality of the widows' hand made cards has been recognised by Balmore Coach House, a fair trade outlet in East Dunbartonshire.

Christmas, Birthday, Thank-you and Animal cards are all now on sale there. Crafts and cards are now also on sale at Café Refresh in Kilsyth and the Struthers book and coffee shop in Cumbernauld. If you want Christmas cards (£1.25 for 1, £3.95 for 5 + P&P) let

us know! Many people want to make Christmas present buying a more meaningful experience than simply buying the latest fad or advertised "gift for the man/woman with everything"!

Why not organise a church or home based gift evening when Comfort Rwanda can bring the cards and crafts of the widows for a sale at your location. The more sales, the more income and work for the widows groups who make the crafts and cards.



Can you help Teta?

Teta Florence lost her entire family during the genocide. She was severely macheted in 1994 and left for dead but survived miraculously, although she was left with physical and psychological trauma. She often has to sleep in the church due

to her homelessness and spends many days without food. Despite all this she is described by Jean Gakwandi as "a wonderful Christian". She has arrived recently at Solace who want to support her and help her go back to school. If you would like to

sponsor Teta (£15 a month), or anyone else, contact Val, who administers the **Sponsor an Orphan or Survivor** project on 0131 317 8262 or dropinnmonty@yahoo.co.uk

Pastors Training

The pastors training programme is now underway. A series of residential training weeks enables L'Eglise Vivante pastors and leaders as well

from other churches to receive consistent good quality teaching and training. The courses include biblical, practical, leadership and character material.



Charity shop volunteering and recycling

As mentioned overleaf we are hoping to open a charity shop in the near future. If you are able to volunteer in the shop please contact Callum Henderson.

We will also need a steady supply of second hand goods – if your church could organise a "bring your unwanted goods" day Comfort Rwanda will bring

a van to uplift. We are also collecting old printer cartridges and mobile phones. If your work place or church could set up a recycling scheme please let us know.