

## Prayer for Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre (KARUDEC) - August 2018

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Tim 2:1,2 NIV) - a salutary reminder of our responsibility as God’s children to be praying for the world’s leaders, whether in our own nation or elsewhere.

<b>Sunday</b>	<p>Rev Julius, recently made a deacon in the diocese, has joined the chapel team as an assistant. There may be further change in the chapel team over the next few months; changes of roles and responsibilities; please pray that above all the message of “Repentance and the Forgiveness of sins” (Jesus’ last words to His disciples as recorded in Luke 24) will be at the heart of all the chapel ministry.</p> <p>Most people here do not own their own Bible although they long to have one. With the support of generous donations, we continue to buy Good News Bibles in Kampala and sell them at Kagando for less than half the price. We are privileged to be a part of the channel of getting God’s Word into the hands of those who would love to have it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pray that each person who receives a Bible, will treasure it, read it regularly and grow in faith.</li> <li>• Thank God for young and old who have given generously to this work, and also to those who support another aspect of the chapel’s ministry – to ensure that patients unable to pay their fees are supported and treated.</li> </ul>
<b>Monday</b>	<p>There are 3 consultants at Kagando – Mary, Asinja and Job. They need prayer in their important positions as role models for all the staff.</p> <p>Two new doctors and three clinical officers have been appointed this month along with more nurses and staff in other specialities following the end of contracts and retirements of some individuals. The nursing needs continue to outweigh the numbers of nurses employed by Kagando.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for all the newly appointed staff as they adjust to Kagando that they will be really committed to the Christian ethos here and work with integrity and compassion and skill.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>There are around 800 students at present in the three training schools at Kagando (nurses, midwives, theatre and laboratory technicians). This accounts for a lot of pressure on space in the dormitories, classrooms and wards. All staff and students need our prayers to live, learn and work in harmony together in spite of the pressures.</p> <p>From now on the curriculum for all students is going to include ‘Saline Training’ – a course with Christian teaching for health professionals on how to share faith in Jesus through their work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the students who have never had any exposure to Christianity before now, and those for whom exposure to religion has been a distorted or even heretical version of the Gospel, that they will not end their time at Kagando without being challenged, and come to personal faith in Christ.</li> <li>• Pray too that the Christian students will befriend others and encourage them to follow Jesus</li> <li>• Pray for the Alpha course, particularly inviting the 200 new students, which we plan to run again after a short course (following an “Alpha” pattern) on “Questions of Death”. Traditional Uganda culture is deeply bound up in fear of evil spirits and the need to appease, and even worship the spirits of ancestors. Questions of Death will look at and give opportunities to discuss just what death is, and how we as Christians can respond to death, based on what the Bible teaches.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>The debt owed to Kagando by patients who cannot pay their fees is crippling for the hospital and a huge burden for poor patients. Childrens’ fees are greatly reduced through the ‘Children 100 Project’ which has great benefit for all families. Your generosity goes a long</p>

	<p>way to helping to pay staff salaries, and many other costs.</p> <p>A Community Health Insurance scheme, started in recent months, is catching peoples' attention. By signing up and paying a small annual fee, medical bills can be reduced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for C100 and the CHI scheme which are making a difference to the health care given at Kagando</li> <li>• Pray that God will provide and that Kagando will be enabled to show compassion for those who are so poor they cannot pay for any of their care.</li> <li>• Pray for the Finance and Management teams, that through good practice and wise decisions the debt problems that have threatened to cripple the hospital will become a thing of the past.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Last month's board meeting went well and there is a concerted effort to start repaying money that is owed to small businesses. The finance and administrative teams need wisdom, integrity and courage as they grapple with so many bills to be paid on behalf of a very large organisation (£650,000.00 annual turnover), with severely limited resources in an environment often affected by corruption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that this very hard-working team will know God's leading in the part they play in the day to day running of the hospital as well as planning for the future.</li> <li>• Thank God for His protection of Kagando over many, many crises since the hospital opened in 1965. Give thanks for the many who pray regularly and give of their time and resources so generously. Thank God also for the huge number of people and communities who have benefited, are benefiting, and will benefit from the ministry of Kagando.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Give thanks for the plans for the hydro-electric scheme and for what has so far been achieved; also for those organisations and individuals who have given their support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the consultancy firm being commissioned to carry out the compulsory Environment Impact Assessment, and for the subsequent decisions of those who will decide how much water we are allowed to take out of the river Rwymbya for power.</li> <li>• Give thanks to God for the enthusiastic support of the team representing USAID in Kampala, who are committed to seeing the project through to completion giving support in dealing with government agencies, financial help in the costs of bringing the scheme to the point of construction, with advice about contacts, pitfalls and helpful tips along the way.</li> <li>• Pray for Doug Stewart, the Friends of Kagando appointed fund raiser, as he seeks substantial funding to complete what is potentially a very significant project for the ongoing viability and sustainability of the hospital.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>On top of other challenges facing Uganda there is the threat of an Ebola epidemic in Eastern Congo in Beni, only about 30 miles as the crow flies from Kagando. Many have already died in and around Beni, but the WHO and others are working hard to prevent it from spreading. The hospital is on alert; and has a team standing by to deal with any cases. So far two suspected cases who reached Kagando have proved negative. Kagando is not the designated Ebola centre for this part of Uganda, but the risk of patients arriving with the disease is high. All clinicians have to be vigilant and prepared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pray for those caught up in the ebola outbreak in Congo – those who have lost family and friends and those who are trying hard to control the disease.</li> <li>• Pray that the disease will be rapidly contained, and the epidemic brought to a halt.</li> </ul>