

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

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival in holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfil God’s creational intentions.” John Wesley

“You shall be holy for I the Lord am holy” (Leviticus 20:26)

Sharing the promise of Salvation, Justice for all. Let’s be praying for revival at Kagando, in Kasese District, and throughout Uganda!

Sunday	<p>Christian witness (in Jesus’ words: “the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins...” Luke 24:47) is at the centre of Kagando. ‘Saline training’ (developed by the Christian Medical Fellowship) seeks to share with all health professionals the importance of the example that Jesus gave to His followers of being salt and light to the world. The annual meeting for all Saline trainers is in Kampala in November. Eight delegates from Kagando are attending which is the most from any health centre in Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the passionate desire of our saline group to share the vision with other health professionals in the western region of Uganda. • Please pray that the vision to follow Jesus’ teaching will continue to spread.
Monday	<p>In the past few weeks and months both medical and non-medical staff have been working conscientiously, trying to improve standards. Continuing education and the implementation of weekly audit meetings have been a priority. Staff and students are also being challenged about wrong attitudes and behaviour both personally and professionally, especially in the area of “customer relations”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the great encouragement of being named by the Uganda Government as the 3rd best general hospital in Uganda. • Pray that staff will not be complacent, but maintain and improve on their care and competence. • Pray for all those in leadership roles that they will be good role models both in word and action.
Tuesday	<p>The current Alpha course, held in the nurses’ training school, is now half way through. In recent weeks Reckdan has been leading the meetings, Godfrey organises the IT and Andrew buys the sodas and biscuits. Between 30 and 40, mainly student nurses, are coming each week for the DVD followed by discussion in groups. The day that focuses on the Holy Spirit will be Saturday, November 10th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the team taking responsibility for and leading the weekly meetings. • Please pray for each of the students who are coming week by week that the truth of the gospel will become more real and relevant in their lives, and that they will be grounded in truth and right doctrine. • Pray specially for the Alpha day on November 10th.
Wednesday	<p>Financial management in an institution as big as Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre (“KARUDEC), with its nearly 300 hospital beds, up to 825 students, a farm, primary school, large community outreach programme and over 300 staff with complex sources of funds will always be challenging. Add the poverty of those whom this “Private Not For Profit” (PNFP) health unit seeks to serve, and debt issues are <i>almost</i> inevitable!</p> <p>But being in debt is deeply debilitating, damaging good governance and KARUDEC’s witness.</p> <p>Thank God for the management team’s foresight in declaring a commitment to achieving</p>

	<p>and maintaining debt free status. Thank God for Alvin Mbola and Gordon Ochere, of Kileleni Africa Limited in Nairobi, Kenya, who spent a week at the invitation of the KARUDEC management, sponsored by Friends of Kagando, going in depth through all of KARUDEC’s financial processes. Their draft report is full of practical action points and reveals no wrong doing. Pray for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisdom, resolve and probity with compassion for the needy, and trust in a faithful provider God for all of KARUDEC’s finances. • Grace, skill and resolve for all those responsible for KARUDEC’s financial management, that the recommendations of Alvin and Gordon’s report might be implemented fully, in good time. • the Board of Governors who are ultimately responsible for KARUDEC that they might give their full backing and support to this implementation, both now and, more importantly, for the future. • God’s provision for KARUDEC, and sustainability for the future.
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Kagando Schools of Nursing, Midwifery, Laboratory and Theatre Technology are just 20 years old from the time that the first formal, government accredited nursing and midwifery schools started on 3rd November 1998. On that date there were 14 nursing and 13 midwifery students. What a growth and what transformation in this time!!</p> <p>The schools get good academic results. The challenges of running all the different courses now offered and, especially, providing good pastoral care for up to 825 (the current figure) young students are huge.</p> <p>Please praise God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all, individuals and generous supporters, who have enabled the setting up and developing of these schools, and for all who have been trained at Kagando over the years and are now spread around the country serving in different ways in different institutions. <p>And pray for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the students currently in the schools, and those who will come, to be well cared for, well taught, and for loving, disciplined pastoral care for these gifted young women and men. • integrity and righteousness to prevail at every level in the training schools, and in every aspect of the schools’ life. • the spiritual ministry among the students – for Rev Festo, schools’ chaplain, in his responsibilities - for the student leaders in all areas; for the Alpha courses and Saline Training.
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Hydro Electric Power Scheme. Regular readers of this news and prayer bulletin will be aware of the successes, challenges and failures that have accompanied schemes to provide hydro electric power for KARUDEC. The story started in 1982, when Kagando Hospital had 3 hours of an unreliable diesel generator from 7.00 to 10.00 each evening, with a Swedish engineer, Enar Eskilsson. Enar designed, raised the funds, and supervised the building of a scheme that met KARUDEC’s needs for over 20 years. KARUDEC is now connected to the national grid, but suffers from 95 to 135 hours of power cuts every month. Electricity costs KARUDEC up to £20,000.00 per month, and because of the cuts, puts lives at risk.</p> <p>Under Charles Swainson, project director, and Jonathan Cox (Christian Engineers in Development), project engineers, working with an independent company (KARUDEC Hydro Power Limited) owned by KARUDEC, the Hydro Power Scheme is making good progress, but now is in great need of finance to complete the work.</p> <p>Praise God for:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles and Jonathan for the immense expertise, experience and practical skill they bring to the work. • Edwin Wasingya Masereka, site engineer, who is holding things together at Kagando, and for ESG, with links to USAID, who are supporting the design stages. • For the completed excellent weir high in the mountain that is providing accurate measurements and will, in the future, serve to divert the required water from the river into the pipe to the turbine, more than 200 metres below. <p>Please pray for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success in obtaining all the necessary permits and licences for the scheme – a long and expensive process that has started well. • Doug Stewart and others in the difficult task of fund raising.
<p>Saturday</p>	<p>The two big problems in the Democratic Republic of Congo of Ebola and the violent extremist Islamic Allied Democratic Force have worsened recently and the impact spills over into Uganda. A series of massacres and abductions by the Islamist groups in and near Beni (45 miles in a direct line from Kagando) has forced the international aid agencies to scale back their work of tackling the spread of the Ebola virus. It has also led to a scattering of the population, some taking with them this deadly disease into new communities. Many escape into Uganda. Bereaved families are resisting the quick and safe burials of those who have tragically died that minimise the spread of the disease. This has made the work of the aid agencies more difficult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray urgently for an end to the attacks on innocent people, especially the abduction of children, by the ADF and other groups in Eastern Congo. • Thank God for the courageous work in a very difficult situation by the aid agencies, trying to bring the spread of the disease under control. • Pray urgently for the protection of Uganda, and Kagando. Pray specifically for the right measures to be in place at Kagando for the screening of all patients, and others, arriving at the hospital in order to keep this disease from entering the tightly packed community of KARUDEC

Renewed thanks for all your prayers – God answers prayer!

With our love in the Lord,

Rob and Jen, Richard and Jane