

**Prayer for Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre (KARUDEC)
December 2018**

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” -I Timothy 1:15

Jesus was the ultimate world changer when He was born in Bethlehem. There is the challenge for all of us to be world changers in the situations around us. We can all pray regularly, be committed to keeping in step with God’s Holy Spirit, be faithful in meeting with other believers, be bold but compassionate in our relationships.

When we are tempted to think there is nothing that we can do which will make a difference, let us remember that - **“I can do all things through Christ who keeps me strong” Phil 4:13**

<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Christmas Carols have been sung in chapel since the end of October which gives an indication of the importance that the Christmas season has at Kagando and the community. It also brings tensions and more pressure for some who are already struggling. Traditionally the students perform a colourful and dramatic performance of the nativity story on the morning of Christmas Eve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask God that the real meaning of Christmas will not be lost in all the partying, buying of gifts, travelling and time off. Sadly, Christmas itself is also notable for a sharp increase in drunkenness and the taking of illicit drugs. • Pray for the many for whom the Christmas period accentuates poverty, loneliness and discouragement. May the world changing Jesus make a difference in their lives. • Pray too for the staff who will be working over the Christmas period and the patients they will be caring for.
<p>Monday</p>	<p>Exactly on time and within budget, the builder who was given the contract for refurbishing the maternity unit, handed the ward back to the midwives. The competence of the builders and the quality of their work is very good indeed. It is light, painted, rewired, replumbed, new guttering, new flooring and walkways and much more. The brightness and cleanliness are a good distraction for the women in the labour ward. The only things that have been lost are the murals and Bible verses painted on the bare walls – anybody with painting skills is welcome to come and use them in maternity... The empty fistula ward is now ready for the camp which starts on December 15th. Please pray for Judith Goh and her team as they prepare to come from Australia especially with the concern about ebola on top of all the other issues they face.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the generosity of the family trust who donated the funding for the refurbishment of the maternity and for the expertise of the builders. • Pray for Eresi and her team of midwives on their busy shifts and thank God for their willingness to go the extra mile. • Please pray too for the scores of women coming to Kagando for their fistula surgery. All have stories of rejection and suffering, some for several decades. Most will go home healed and with new hope for a change in their circumstances and all will have been treated with kindness and the message of the love of God.
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Over 120 finalist students have been celebrating that the end of their training is in sight. They face one week of exams before they leave Kagando and start the difficult job of looking for employment in a country where there are many more trained nurses than there are jobs to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask God to bless these young men and women who have been exposed to the Christian gospel regularly for the past 2 years or more, that they will grow in faith maintain high standards wherever they go. • Pray too for the Nurses Revolving Support Fund which lends money to the very poor students to enable them to take their final exams and be able to complete their training. The students are expected to start repaying their loans when they find employment. This fund needs more money to continue this vital service to needy students

Wednesday	<p>Laheri, a well-respected, long term member of Kagando staff has recently been appointed as the new lead for all the Community Outreach programmes as well as running Rwenzori Women for Health. Weekly clinics are held in outlying villages, some of them an hours' walk up a steep, mountain path.</p> <p>Cancer of the cervix has the highest rate of any cancer in Uganda. This is particularly true in the Rwenzori region. Rita Miller and Dr Baluku Asanairi, recently appointed Obstetrician & Gynaecologist surgeon at Kagando, have been working towards setting up a cancer screening programme both in the hospital and the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those with advanced cancer and their families who care for them in very difficult circumstances • Thank God for the excellent palliative care team who give a great service to the life limited patients they care for. • Pray for Laheri in her new role
Thursday	<p>The Board of Governors of KARUDEC with the associated boards of Finance, Health and Education are meeting during the first week of December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember all the members at these important meetings. Pray that God will give them the necessary stamina, wisdom, grace and courage to think clearly and make right decisions. • Continue to pray for the hospital finance team as they digest all the recommendations from the recent report of Alvin and Gordon, financial advisors from Kenya, that they will implement changes where necessary.
Friday	Hydro
Saturday	<p>The current ebola outbreak is now the second largest and deadliest one ever and it is estimated that it could be 6 months before it is eradicated.</p> <p>The threat of the virus coming to Kagando, and Uganda as a whole, continues to grow daily. The hospital now has a purpose-built room where all staff, students, patients and attendants must enter to wash hands and have their temperature checked, before being allowed into the hospital compound.</p> <p>The WHO have been very active and supportive in giving education, providing an isolation tent for anyone who is suspected of having ebola, giving vaccinations for staff and teaching us the ebola elbow greeting as well as much more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community around Kagando as well as the staff are understandably very worried about the threat of ebola. Please pray that God may use this time of fear to bring people to trust Him more. • Ask God to halt horrific plans and actions of the Allied Democratic Force in Congo which not only destroys life but is preventing the work of the WHO and other agencies who are trying to curb the spread of ebola

Thank you for your prayers –

With love in the Lord, - Rob & Jen and Richard & Jane.