

**Prayer for Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre  
March 2019**

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do. Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.”(Phil 3:12-14 NIV)

Despite his chains and dark prison cell, Paul remains wholeheartedly committed to pressing on in serving Christ and encouraging others to do the same. There is no hint of self-pity, doubt or despair, but the joy of one who has run the race faithfully for His Lord and who is looking forward to his eternal reward (2 Tim 4:6-8). Let us draw encouragement from his example as we too seek to press on in serving Christ and encouraging others to do the same, and especially as we pray for God’s people and His work at Kagando; pray that they too will be spurred on in their love and service for the Lord.

<b>Sunday</b>	<p><b>Rev Asa</b> took over the role of <b>chaplain at Kagando</b> from the beginning of January. He is already known in the diocese as a well-respected and faithful Christian leader, basing his teaching and preaching on the Word of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for Rev Asa’s appointment at Kagando and pray that God will give him the wisdom, grace and courage to make right decisions in the challenging work amongst the staff, students and the many patients with their attendants.</li> <li>• Pray particularly for him in his role as the Spiritual leader of the Chapel Team, that he will have wisdom and discernment regarding guiding the Christian doctrine being taught and practiced at Kagando, and be able to stand firm against heresy and false doctrine. Pray that God’s Word will remain the foundation of Christian teaching and practice, and that worship will faithfully point to Jesus, and honour Him “the Author and Finisher of our Faith” (Hebrews 12:2)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Hospital staff and departments.</b> Please pray for all the faithful doctors, nurses, midwives and Allied Professionals – physiotherapists, laboratory technicians, radiographers, dispensers, pharmacists, theatre technicians and sterilizers, IT, Monitoring and Evaluation team, Social Workers, Outreach co-ordinators, electricians, biomedical engineers, cooks, laundry workers, administrators, finance managers, secretaries, tutors and, perhaps the most important of all yet so often overlooked, the cleaners, maintenance workers and security staff.</p> <p>None are expendable, all are equally essential in the delivery of good care to patients and their carers.</p> <p>Please pray for them all, and especially for Rev Noah Masereka the Human Resources Manager, and Maate Enos, the project administrator who, with their teams, carry a heavy burden. Pray too for Rev Canon Dr Benson Baguma who takes the overall responsibility for KARUEC as the Executive Director.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>The chapel team</b> led a week’s mission for the Kagando staff and students in January when 50 people (many new students) became Christians. A new Alpha course to help nurture and support those who have made this commitment has begun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for the work of His Holy Spirit amongst these young men and women.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that those who became Christians at the mission will commit themselves to attending the whole course</li> <li>• Pray for the chapel staff, and all involved in the Chapel and Fellowship Ministry in KARUDEC. “Our enemy, the devil, prowls around seeking whom he may devour...” he is the master of lies. Please stand with us against him.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Hospital Laboratory.</b> Praise God for the great new building which now houses the hospital laboratory, with some much improved equipment for diagnosing and monitoring disease. In the past the Kagando Hospital Laboratory achieved 1 star in an international accreditation scheme for hospital laboratories. Our aim is to achieve at least 4 stars by the end of June this year...</p> <p>Please pray for Bedan Nuwagaba who is the Laboratory Manager, and for the committed team which he leads. Pray for the their monthly meetings where progress is evaluated, and proposals discussed as to how improvements can be made, while at the same time learning new techniques. Pray for their relationships together – many are very committed followers of Jesus. Pray for their protection from attacks of all kinds, and pray for their success – above all so that the Name of Jesus will be honoured and lifted high.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>KAGANDO SUSTAINABILITY: B4T</b> (“Business for Transformation”) B4T is an international Christian organisation which aims to link people with the means to invest in business (“Investors”) with those who have business skills, and opportunities for business.</p> <p>If someone can show that they have a financially viable business, that it benefits the community and, above all, has a “Kingdom Impact” (ie its success will promote the growth of God’s Kingdom in the area in which it operates), then that person / business can be considered for linking with investors by the B4T organisation.</p> <p>Three businesses linked to and owned by KARUDEC have been identified as fulfilling these criteria: Kagando Farm (Dairy, Poultry, crops), Kagando Honey Business (buying raw honey from local farmers, testing it, sieving it, bottling and marketing it) and Kagando Hammer Mill (a grinding mill which turns dried maize or Cassava into flour). Investors from Australia have invested money into these businesses, expecting a return with interest – all of which will normally then be re-invested in these or other businesses.</p> <p>These initiatives are so critical for the long term sustainability of Kagando and its mission to share the Word and the Love of God in its ministry to a very poor population; please pray urgently for all involved in them, for wisdom, integrity and success for all involved.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>KAGANDO SUSTAINABILITY: Hydro Electric Scheme.</b></p> <p>Taking everything into account – cost of power from the national grid, cost of diesel to run standby generators, costs of maintenance and repair of old and sometimes failing generators and other equipment – it probably costs KARUDEC about £12,000 per month to provide a reasonable (not perfect!) level of secure power for the hospital and training schools.</p> <p>The Rwembya River 0.4 mega watt Hydro-Electric Scheme will, when completed, provide all of the power requirements for KARUDEC both now and through its 50</p>

	<p>year planned engineering life span (which of course can be extended with appropriate maintenance and upgrades over the years). Currently KARUDEC uses approximately 70 kilowatt with occasional surges over this related to Autoclaving (sterilizing) in the theatre, or running the hammer mill).</p> <p>With this scheme up to 330 kilowatt will be available (subject to some seasonal fluctuations in the river flow) to sell into the Uganda National grid. With the reductions in the cost of power, and the income from the Feed in Tariff to the grid, the success of this scheme could be the equivalent of thousands of pounds of donation to KARUDEC <i>every month!</i></p> <p><b>Praise God</b> for KARUDEC Hydro Power Limited – an independent company wholly owned by KARUDEC and South Rwenzori Diocese – whose directors represent the diocese, government agencies supporting rural power supply in Uganda, another successful Hydro Scheme at Kisiizi hospital, SW Uganda, and Friends of Kagando. Praise God for Charles Swainson, project director, and Jonathan Cox of Christian Engineers in Development, who bring a great wealth of experience and success in Hydro schemes in Uganda, Rwanda, Nepal and the UK. This scheme will not provide free electricity, nor will it solve all of KARUDEC’s needs, but of all the different initiatives to support KARUDEC it is by far the most sustainable, achievable and effective way to support the work of KARUDEC in the years to come.</p> <p>Please pray for its success. Pray for all involved in working on the scheme. Pray for a million pounds, which will see it successfully completed.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Ebola threat;</b> According to reports published, among other sources, in the New York Times this week, “Ebola still has the upper hand,” (Dr Liu, chief executive of Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF)). <b>Total number of cases of Ebola in this outbreak now stands at 973, of whom there have been 569 deaths</b> (in spite of treatment with experimental drugs).</p> <p>New cases continue to be seen daily, and, worryingly, 35% of new cases are in people for whom no source for their infection can be found. This greatly increases concern about both the effectiveness of current attempts to control the epidemic, and about what measures can be put in place to ensure that progress is made towards controlling and eventually eliminating this terrible scourge.</p> <p>ADF (IS related “Allied Democratic Force”), and other armed militia groups, continue to make trouble and interfere with the efforts of those seeking to bring healing and relief – last week two MSF ebola treatment centres suffered arson attacks; MSF have therefore withdrawn their teams from the area.</p> <p>Praise God for courageous health workers engaged in this battle. Praise God for the 80,000 doses of an experimental vaccine that have been administered. Praise God that in spite of the huge risk, no ebola has yet reached Kagando.</p> <p>Please pray for the control and elimination of this disease, and the protection of all at Kagando from it.</p>

Thank you for your prayers –  
 With our love - Rob & Jen and Richard & Jane.