

## Prayer for Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre (KARUDEC), May 2019

But now, this is what the Lord, your Creator says – **“Do not be afraid – I will save you. I have called you by name – you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you”**

*Isaiah 43:1, 2*

God reminds us that He has created us, He has redeemed us and He has called us; He has made us His own and He has promised always to be with us, whatever happens - hallelujah! Let us worship Him, remember His commission to us, and claim His promises for His people at Kagando.

<p><b>Sunday</b></p>	<p>We thank God for the steady and Godly influence of Rev Asa Kiriaghe, senior chaplain at Kagando. He has a clear testimony of God’s faithfulness and communicates it well.</p> <p>For many years the <b>Kinandi Bible</b> which is very similar to the <b>Lhukonjo language</b> that is spoken here, has been out of print. But it is <b>now available again</b> and for sale in the Bible Society bookshop in Kampala. The 2 boxes <b>(40 Bibles) which we brought recently, sold out within a few days</b> at its discounted price. (we now have another two boxes, whose contents are dwindling fast!) It is <b>thrilling to see people being really excited to have the word of God in their own language</b>. The security staff have been particularly keen to have their own personal copies; in the meantime the <b>stream of students and others wanting to buy Good News Bibles continues</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that <b>each person who has taken a Bible will read it daily and grow in their faith</b> and witness</li> <li>• <b>Ask God to equip our staff to live out their faith practically in their work at Kagando</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday</b></p>	<p>Coping with the <b>embarrassment and challenges of menstruation</b> is a huge problem for <b>women and girls</b> and many teenagers can miss up to a half of their education because of these issues.</p> <p><b>Laheri, the lead nurse for Rwenzori Women for Health, and Co-Ordinator for Kagando’s Community Health Programme</b>, is running a <b>‘pad’s project’</b> which involves supporting women and girls through their monthly period. Teaching about health and hygiene is combined with the girls learning how to make pads. <b>Each one is given a start-up kit and a pair of knickers</b> once they have mastered the technique and this enables them to teach others facing the same problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for the <b>vision and finances which have enabled this project to run successfully for its first 6 months</b>.</li> <li>• Pray for the <b>integration of this project into the whole KARUDEC Community Programme</b>, involving Maternal Child Health, Palliative Care, Mental Health Outreach, HIV care, alongside support and supervision of Government and Diocesan Health Workers, in the many health centres for which Kagando shares responsibility with local government health services.</li> <li>• Pray that <b>additional support will be raised to continue this important outreach work</b> in communities served by Kagando.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p>	<p>The <b>great majority of the people who live around Kagando</b>, and similar rural centres, <b>rely completely on what they can grow in their gardens in order to eat and live</b>. The essential crops to ensure a balanced diet of food on the table include beans, ground nuts, matoke, maize and cassava. Just now we should be coming to towards the end of the rainy season in this area, and <b>farmers would be expecting to produce a harvest</b>, with food to store to cover the coming dry season, and enough to sell in the market place to buy life’s essentials. Most importantly, farmers need to ensure the <b>availability of seed to plant at the beginning of the next rainy season</b> (from about 15<sup>th</sup> August onwards).</p> <p><b>BUT rain has been sporadic and insufficient for months</b> for many of the essential food crops to grow, and be harvested. In most places the <b>beans have dried up, ground nut plants have dried, and vegetables</b></p>

	<p><b>(always marginal in the drier areas around Kagando) very meagre. Malnutrition is a real problem</b> especially for young children of single mothers with very limited land, too poor, young and / or inexperienced to be able to provide for their families. Please pray for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The integrity of family life;</b> traditional extended families are often broken up by unfaithfulness, alcohol, accident or serious illness affecting key members. <b>The influence of Western “values” concerning sexuality can be very destructive</b> when not accompanied by faith in Christ and adopting His values.</li> <li>• <b>Community initiatives to support those who are particularly poor,</b> or struggling (there is <b>no such thing as social benefits in Uganda</b>).</li> <li>• That <b>the next rains would be particularly good</b> to compensate for the losses of this season.</li> <li>• For <b>effective agricultural initiatives</b> to improve land use and yields.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Sustainability for the future,</b> and the ability for KARUDEC to function without support from outside Uganda, are long term high priorities for the institution.</p> <p>To this end, KARUDEC has sought, with the help of generous donation, to <b>support income generating projects</b> which will help <b>develop independence and sustainability</b> for the future, support the church and develop the community. The projects have included <b>small businesses such as sewing, keeping pigs, chickens and other farming initiatives.</b> Many of these are thriving.</p> <p>Over the past year KARUDEC has signed an MOU with <b>Business for Transformation (B4T)</b> who link Christian investors with profitable businesses to sustain the development of the Kingdom of God in places of need. At Kagando, <b>the farm dairy and poultry projects, Bee keeping, honey collection and marketing, and a Hammer Mill for milling maize and cassava</b> have benefitted from this investment.</p> <p>At the same time, we continue to develop the <b>Hydro-Electric project (see attached separate fund raising leaflet).</b> Over the past month we have had encouraging meetings with the <b>Uganda Electricity Regulatory Authority and other agencies.</b> Progress in getting all the pre construction permissions and permits in place continues. The <b>only obstacle currently is the need to demonstrate that funding can be found.</b> This week, <b>Charles Swainson,</b> our project manager and hydro engineer, arrives for a three week visit to check on progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please <b>pray for the B4T projects,</b> that they would be well managed and successful in fulfilling their objectives: supporting development in the community, building the Kingdom of God, and bringing an income into KARUDEC to support the care of those who are poor and sick.</li> <li>○ Please <b>pray too for the success of the Hydro Electric Scheme.</b> When complete this has the potential, by greatly reducing the cost of power for the institution, and selling excess power to the national grid, to in effect be a reliable sustainable source of income for KARUDEC for the foreseeable future. (the scheme has a <b>design life of 50 years or more</b> before significant refurbishment will be required).</li> <li>○ Please <b>prayerfully look at this month’s attached Fund Raising bulletin for the hydro scheme,</b> and consider whether there is any way in which you might be able to help with contacts, ideas, vision.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>A team of <b>consulting accountants, Kileleni Consultants,</b> from Nairobi, Kenya, led by <b>Alvin Mbola</b> is close to completing a 3 week visit to Kagando. They are very gracious, very competent, very experienced and wise, and have been well received by all those whom they have met. Much of their time is spent teaching and helping to set budgets. This is Alvin’s third visit to Kagando, and is <b>now part of a process for which Friends of Kagando have engaged them, to look in depth at the financial systems</b> in this very large and complex organisation. They have already spent a lot of time with the Finance Team, and with</p>

	<p>many of the non finance managers. They <b>have examined systems and procedures for managing finance</b>, and have been able to see why KARUDEC suffers from recurring debt. <b>Over a period of two years they will be continuing to visit periodically, review, monitor, mentor and train.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pray that this visit will <b>set a positive trend to help Kagando with a big debt issue</b></li> <li>• <b>Thank God for Alvin and his team and for the funding</b> which has paid for the trip. Thank God for the timing of this process, as <b>Kagando expects to face major changes over the coming months and year.</b></li> <li>• Pray for the <b>sustainable provision through KARUDEC of all that is needed to provide high quality care for patients and others in need.</b></li> </ul>
Friday	<p>Each week <b>the Ebola crisis</b> is breaking records in an upward trend. A total now of over <b>1,739 cases, including 1,147 deaths.</b> In the <b>3-week period between 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup> May, 343 confirmed cases.</b> 332 suspected cases are currently being investigated. 14,459 case contacts are currently under surveillance. <b>116,233 people have been vaccinated.</b></p> <p>These are the bare facts... Complicating them is that all this is happening <b>very close to the border with Uganda</b>, and, however good screening is at the border, many people cross from one country to the other in the mountains, using the many unregulated border areas – and some come to Kagando. The Islamist group, Allied Democratic Force, along with others like them such as “mai-mai” (“water – water”) who originate from the northern Uganda “Lord’s Resistance Army” - <b>continue in Congo to disrupt and kill</b> those who are trying to protect health workers and their patients, as well as health workers themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God that it is more than 9 months since the current ebola crisis began, and <b>still, miraculously, no cases have been seen in Uganda.</b></li> <li>• Ask God to help all those who are trying to support <b>families, bereaved individuals and health workers</b> during this very stressful and painful time.</li> <li>• Pray for the <b>right balance of vigilance and the day to day need to ensure open access</b> to Kagando for those in need. Pray for sound, evidence and truth based understanding of the Ebola crisis by Kagando’s staff and, most importantly, the communities at risk. Today, as we write this, a group representing communities living high in the mountains have been attending “sensitization” and teaching on ebola here in the Kagando Chapel.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for God’s continued protection</b> for Kagando, and for Uganda.</li> </ul>
Saturday	<p><b>40 years ago next month was a landmark for the nation of Uganda</b>, as <b>president Idi Amin’s rule was brought to an end</b> by the invading Tanzanian troops (who were responding to the invasion of Tanzania by Idi Amin’s troops!</p> <p><b>40 years ago this month is also a milestone for Rob and Jen Morris</b>, as this was the month that they first came to Kagando. Working with <b>Dr Keith Waddell, and Africa Inland Mission (especially AIM-tech) and supported by TEAR Fund and other TEAR Fund workers</b>, they saw Kagando move from a <b>100 bed hospital on a small parcel of land, and onto the extended land with extensive (and still extending fast!) buildings which now house hospital and nursing schools.</b></p> <p>Part of the <b>transformation brought about by AIM-tech</b> was the establishment of <b>gravity feed water from protected springs on the mountain</b> supplying the hospital and surrounding community.</p> <p>In the <b>mid 1980’s the water supply and sewage disposal was adequate for the 100 patients, 200 attendants, 60 staff and 30 students.</b> Today there are <b>260+ patients at any one time, perhaps 600 attendants, 250 staff and over 700 students (with their tutors and staff as well!).</b></p> <p>There is a danger that the water supply will soon fail. <b>Sewage and waste disposal are seriously inadequate.</b></p>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Please pray that these urgent problems can be resolved with a <b>new water supply and revised sewage system</b></li><li>○ <b>Praise God for Kody and Debbie Van Dyk, Jonathan Appleby with Christian Engineers in Development</b> who are so kindly putting their heads together to find solutions.</li><li>○ For the <b>community gravity feed water supplies</b> which Kagando continues to extend to new village centres, through the <b>generosity of Kagando Foundation, headed by Joe Bamford, in the USA</b>. (these are now geographically separate from Kagando, so cannot be used to meet Kagando's needs).</li></ul> |
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Thank you for your prayers: thank you for being partners with us.

With our love,

Rob and Jen, Richard and Jane.