

## Prayer for Kagando Hospital and Rural Development Centre – June 2019

Dear Friends,

“I waited patiently for the Lord’s help; then he listened to me and heard my cry. He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand. He set me safely on a rock and made me secure. He taught me to sing a new song, a song of praise to our God”  
Psalm 40:1-3

Life certainly brings its pitfalls & dangers but David waited patiently and saw God bring him through, despite the challenges he faced. So much so that he found his feet to be firmly on the rock, with a new song of praise to God in his mouth. May the Lord encourage us all as we continue patiently in prayer for His work & His people at Kagando, knowing that as we stand on the Rock, He will overcome in a way that brings glory to Him.

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <p>Godfrey Byaruhanga is a young man living close to Kagando who suffered serious health problems as a teenager which caused him to miss out on many years of schooling. Now, he is using his considerable natural talent for IT skills to project the songs and order of services on to the chapel computer screens, as well as showing the Alpha DVDs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for the selfless way that Godfrey gives of his time and expertise for the benefit of all of us who use the chapel.</li> <li>• Please pray that all those who have responsibility in chapel for leading services and music, as well as the preaching and teaching, will honour God and speak the truth honestly and graciously.</li> <li>• Thank God for the continuing desire for Bibles; as fast as we buy supplies, especially of the Kinandi (local tribal language) Bible, there are queues of people asking for them (at a discounted price which some of you have helped to make possible; also thank you so much to the person who pointed out that the Kinandi Bible is available on the Gideon Website).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Monday</b> | <p>The community health programme, led by Laheri, continues to work hard with its busy schedule of going out into the community most days. There are many challenges as they prepare the drugs, finances, records and equipment needed, as well as locating a vehicle and a driver for the day!</p> <p>Pray for relationships within and between the teams that individuals will relate well together, showing gentleness and consideration for their colleagues as well as the patients they are going to visit (“be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves”. Philippians 2:3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that additional support will be raised to continue this important outreach work in the communities served by Kagando, and for initiatives to ensure that all aspects of the outreach programme are sustainable, and support one another.</li> <li>• Thank God for the love and compassion shown in practical ways by the outreach teams for the hurting communities, and the physically and mentally sick people they visit.</li> </ul>                             |

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| <p><b>Tuesday</b></p>   | <p>June is a very busy month at Kagando as it signals the end of the financial year - the management team look into the performance of the previous months, set budgets for the coming year and make decisions about staff contracts that are not renewed this month, before the Board of Governors meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please pray for stamina, wisdom and courage to speak out about injustice for all the members of the management team and Board that right and fair decisions will be made.</li> <li>• Pray for those who are being relocated to other health units by Government, and for those whose contracts are ending this month, that God will help them to adapt to their new situations, and that Kagando will be able to fill the gaps created.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> | <p>Ebola: Please pray about the epidemic in Democratic Republic of Congo which rages on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God so much that the recent Ebola case in Kagando was quickly identified and for the quick and wise actions of staff who prevented many from being infected in the hospital.</li> <li>• Pray that staff and community will be vigilant in ensuring that the risks of the disease entering Kagando again, and spreading, would be kept to a minimum.</li> <li>• Pray for a right balance in recognising and responding to risk, while at the same time ensuring that all the other services are delivered in the most effective way possible.</li> <li>• WHO, MSF and other international agencies have been supporting Kagando through the crisis for which we praise God; however, when it was needed in an emergency there were NO stocks of the Ebola vaccine, and NO doses of any of the four antiviral drugs which have shown some benefit in treating Ebola, in Uganda. Pray for wisdom and a right priorities for those involved in the very difficult tasks of managing Public Health.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Thursday</b></p>  | <p>The covering email mentions the two Kagando staff who had cared for the child with Ebola. Robert had had the Ebola vaccine last year but Mollin had not because she was pregnant. Since the 10<sup>th</sup> June they have been staying in the guest house at Kagando having limited contact with family and friends. The 21 days of quarantine will be over on July 1<sup>st</sup> after which they will return home and go back to work. They are keeping well and are praising God for the many people who have been faithfully praying.</p> <p>This has certainly been a challenging time, on top of other pressures, and we have sometimes felt that we were in ‘the bottom of a pit’ (Psalm 40) but God is indeed able to lift Kagando out of it ‘to sing a new song of praise’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask God to watch over and protect Robert and Mollin and her unborn child in these last few days of quarantine.</li> <li>• Please pray for the staff who continue to live under the threat of more cases of Ebola coming to Kagando. Pray that their faith, and not their fears, will be contagious to those around them.</li> <li>• (Psalm 40:1-3). Life certainly brings its pits &amp; discouragements, but David waited patiently and saw God bring him through, despite the challenges he faced. So much so that he found his feet to be firmly on the rock with a new song of praise to God in his mouth. May the Lord</li> </ul> |

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|                        | <p>encourage us all as we continue patiently in prayer for His work &amp; His people at Kagando, and in all the challenges we face in our own families, homes and communities, knowing that as we stand on the Rock, He will overcome in a way that brings glory to Him.</p>  |
| <p><b>Friday</b></p>   | <p>Most of the student nurses are doing exams this month and many of these will be leaving Kagando after completion of their courses. We trust that each one will move on knowing that God loves them and that they will keep in step with his Holy Spirit as they go into the unknown. There are few jobs for nurses in Uganda these days so life is challenging for them.</p> <p>A new intake of nurses will be starting in July. It is planned that the alpha course will begin again in August. This will be the sixth time that it has been run in the past three years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each new intake brings a new group of up to 150 young, eager and talented people to join the KARUDEC community.</li> <li>• Pray that God will be preparing these students as they come to start their training at Kagando next month. May they grow in faith as well as knowledge.</li> <li>• Pray for the Nurses', Midwives', Laboratory and Theatre Technicians' schools administrators and tutors – for integrity, wisdom and grace in managing this now very large and complex institution.</li> <li>• There are major construction projects under way to create the necessary classroom and dining facilities for the schools, and also to create a dedicated Maternal Child Health Unit for KARUDEC. Complex logistics are involved. Please pray for those responsible for overseeing these projects.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Saturday</b></p> | <p>This week we have heard that the Uganda Electricity Regulatory Authority have finally approved the River Rwembya Hydro Power Scheme for KARUDEC. With repeated assurances of support we had felt confident that this would happen – but having this confirmation is an enormous encouragement. Good progress is being made in securing the other permissions and licences (such as Water Abstraction Permits, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Repatriation Action Plan – in our case no people will be displaced, but some crops will be affected, and we must agree on just and fair compensation payments to those involved – and a licence to eventually be able to sell excess power to the National Grid).</p> <p>Charles Swainson, Project Director for the KARUDEC Hydro Power Company has just completed a fruitful three week visit to Kagando, achieving much in this short stay in preparation for the next phase in the project, which now depends on provision of finance.</p> <p>Please pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the necessary finance to continue and complete this project, which has enormous implications for the future sustainability of the whole KARUDEC institution.</li> <li>• For Masereka Edwin Wasingya, the site engineer, as he navigates his way around the different applications and permissions.</li> <li>• Thank God for Christian Engineers in Development, who both individually and collectively bring a great wealth of experience, knowledge and skill as the appointed consulting engineers for the project.</li> </ul> |

Thank you for your prayers - have no doubt they will count eternally!

With our greetings, love and best wishes - Rob and Jen, Richard and Jane.