



PRAYERLINES

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1**RWANDA**

Jenny Noyelle has been teaching English and helping in the Bishop's office in Kigeme. She comes on leave next month. Give thanks for all she's done and pray for a balance between rest and speaking.

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Ten of Meg Guillebaud's students in Byumba Diocese passed the '2nd Letter' certificates. The 11th failed. She always hates it when one fails. Please pray for him as he returns to his work, as he feels a failure. He may return to re-sit it.

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Bishop Onesphore and Josephine Rwaje of Byumba Diocese recently visited CMS. The bishop said his number one priority remains leadership training, where Meg Guillebaud plays a key role. He asks prayer for a strong future for the programme.

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Ian and Sheena Whiteford at Cyangugu ask us to join them in prayer that the church would be a leading light in this nation's learning to trust each other again. Pray too for the strengthening of Diocesan structures to enable effective ministry.

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The Whitefords continue, "Things at the farm, where we are about to start our third training session, continue to go well. We have proved without any doubt that practical training in this agricultural environment is much needed and desired."

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Caroline and Dick Seed at Kigali Anglican Theological College are encouraged to have new CMS mission partners Richard and Sue Kellow joining them in October 2007. A South African colleague of Dick's is exploring a call to the theology faculty.

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Caroline says, "One of our new private students, Tim Gasana, is on a work scholarship. He has come by faith and works a number of hours in the library, supervising the computers, in exchange for his fees. Pray for him and his wife that God will provide."

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"Thank God for water on tap!" says Caroline, after two weeks at the college without water when she and Dick had to carry water for the staff from Kigali on their truck and the students had to buy water. The municipality has now connected the supply.

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UGANDA

Kisiizi Hospital has received a big answer to prayer: the local government has seconded to them a splendid clinical instructor, Christine, who is already making her contribution and is good to work with.

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Hazel Leonard at Kisiizi describes the student nurses who have just taken finals as "a happy group, full of faith and hope". They weathered the changes in style of written and practical exams and are now working as student helpers until the results are out.

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Rugarama health centre in Kabale needs a new administrator. Please pray that he will be a man of God, committed to the well-being of the people of Kigezi and that he will be a strong leader. Pray for the current leadership, the staff and patients.

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Dental workers Chris and Polly Barton are thankful that Dr Christoph Menzel and his wife Britta are back from Germany with new baby Ronia as well as two-year-old Felix, relieving them of some managerial and financial responsibilities at Rugarama.

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The Bartons say news is spreading about the benefits of a healthy mouth, usually through the church. "At one school, 83 children requesting treatment arrived on foot from a neighbouring school, which will be next on our outreach programme."

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Pray for the construction work of the hostel for female students ('Merab Extension') at Bishop Barham University College in Kabale (now part of Uganda Christian University). Thank God that work has continued in spite of the challenges of funds.

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Remember mission partner Jenny Green and her assistant in Kisoro, that in spite of the ongoing problems at Muhabura Diocese, they may continue to walk closely with the Lord and carry on with the youth work and the Children's Crisis Centre.

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At the Primates' meeting in Tanzania Mrs Hellen Wangusa from Uganda was admitted and welcomed as the new Anglican observer at the United Nations. I am keen to use my representative position to focus on war, peace and ... resolving conflicts," she said.

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BURUNDI

A special service of congratulations and farewell on 25 March in Matana celebrated the contribution of mission partners Miranda and Roger Bowen, now back in the UK. Roger was made a Canon of St Peter's Cathedral.

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The Province of Burundi sent 10 representatives to the Towards Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM) conference in South Africa. With delegates from 30 provinces they reviewed the church's response to the Millennium Development Goals.

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Burundi church leaders Bishop Pie Ntukamazina and Claudette Kigeme spoke at the TEAM conference on conflict and peace building. The Rev Pedaculi Birakengana said it had highlighted "the importance of networking on behalf of the poor."

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A group of eight Burundian pastors and 28 senior choir members travelled to Butare Diocese, Rwanda, on 16 February. The journey was a witness to long-standing friendship and deepening fellowship. "We had a wonderful time there," they said.

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Earlier this year 13 deacons and one pastor were ordained in Gitega. The Bishops of Muyinga, Buye and the retired Archbishop were present. Most of the Deacons were appointed to serve in new parishes among poor and hungry people.

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The Diocese of Gitega, through its Seed Multiplication and Distribution centre, has assisted 4,000 families, among whom are 120 Batwa families, with 10 tonnes of potato plants, 80 tonnes of beans and 2,000 hoes for this agricultural season.

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Matana Diocese were glad to welcome a team from the US and Uganda, who came with teaching and testimonies on the unity and fellowship that ought to be between husband and wife, so as to “rescue marriage from the economics of a fallen world”.

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DR CONGO

The Agape Peace and Reconciliation project in the Diocese of Boga had a good first year. The impact on soldiers was so good that the army has asked the youth department to continue to work with the army chaplains.

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As part of the project the Rev Babote was teaching in Mafifi when a young man threw himself at his feet asking for forgiveness: he had looted all Babote's belongings and abducted his daughter. Babote put into practice his teaching and invited the man to his house.

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Pray for provincial children's worker Bukasa as he tries to train Sunday School leaders, meet with parents and above all, open the eyes of the clergy and lay people alike to the importance of children, still very much marginalised in Congo society and even in church.

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Francesca Elloway in Aru is delighted to have a new member of staff, Oscar, settling in with his family to the Aru community. He is an experienced nurse with higher training in Public Health and will take over when another staff member, Baba, goes to study.

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The church in Lubumbashi has recently started its first 'seed' project to help them show Christian love in action in their community. The project chosen was to clear grasses and weeds from around their area to reduce the risk of snake bites and mosquitoes.

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The Lubumbashi church has also started work on a youth activity centre. "Pray that many young people will be helped spiritually, physically, emotionally and morally. We intend to build a small 'village' for street kids," says CMS mission partner Judy Acheson.

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Assistant Bishop Kayeeye at Butembo asks prayer for the initial money to develop small income-generating activities to bring income to the diocesan office on daily basis. These projects include a Cassava milling machine, and motorbike hire.

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Cover image: Jewellery-making income generation in Matana Diocese, Burundi. Such projects are helping women with HIV/AIDS make a living.