

Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

We support the ministry of Rev'd Desire Mukanirwa Kadohro – an Anglican minister – and his wife Claudaline, who work in DRC, one of the poorest countries in the world. Desire visited Cambourne briefly in March, talking and playing a game with the children at Gazebo, sharing a meal and attending a home group, then teaching a song to the community gospel choir in the evening.



Within the **Education Project** managed by Claudaline, our funding helps to provide daily food (porridge) for the 250 children at school, teachers' salaries and the cost of doctors' visits and medicines.

The **Women's Empowerment Programme** continues to train women in tailoring skills, enabling them to return to their villages and create self-reliance groups to support their families. 58 women graduated from this course in February 2016 and funding is needed to purchase sewing machines in order to expand this work. Women are also being trained in agricultural skills and in rearing livestock.

Desire also recently reported on his participation in a very encouraging **mission and evangelism trip** in rural Goma, during which a prominent Muslim leader accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Please pray for Desire's continuing itinerant preaching ministry, as well as praying for the vital practical ministries coordinated by Claudaline. Visit www.asdigcharity.com for more information.



Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

Started in 2004 as a children's home by Pastor George and his wife Jackline, the main objective was to rescue and care for destitute, orphaned children from Gituamba slums, offering them a home and an education. There are now four strands to the Uzimatele ministry:

- ***Uzimatele Family Home**
- ***Uzimatele Empowerment Centre**
- ***Uzimatele Community Church** (in the community of Mwiki)
- ***Uzimatele Educational Centre**



Uzima and Tele are Swahili words meaning Life and Abundant. Thus Uzimatele means 'life in abundance'.

Family Home: The children's home serves rescued orphans and homeless children: 15 children (aged 9-18) at present live in the home, 8 at primary and 6 at secondary school, one at University and one at the Empowerment Centre, with George and Jackline living upstairs. Expansion is planned to add 5 more children and 2 more female staff. 10,000 Kenyan shillings (approx. £75) per month is needed to sponsor a child in the home and through primary school. Older children are boarders at a secondary school. Uzimatele is striving to get the Family Home registered as a charitable organisation with the Government of Kenya, giving inherent benefits. A recent inspection of the home by the Government was positive, increasing the chances of registration even without the required quorum of 20 children.

Educational Centre (located at Gituamba): this incorporates a fully-fledged primary school with a current student population of 250 children, ranging from baby class to class six, on register at the start of 2016. Two further classes are being established to cater for standard 5 & 6 pupils, and class 7 for 2017. The furnishing of the classrooms will require funding in addition to ongoing finance to provide regular salaries for 9 current and 2 new teachers at 7000 shillings per month and Ksh 50 per day per child to sustain the feeding programme. Uzimatele Foundation will be launching the "Sponsor a Child" initiative for the children in secondary school who reside in the home, providing an opportunity for individuals to establish a relationship with the child through sponsorship (profiles and details will be sent out).

Empowerment Centre: Widows and single mothers are being trained in dressmaking and hairdressing, to enable them to find employment or start their own businesses (could train up to 20 ladies at 2000 shillings per month each). The centre has relocated to new premises which are also housing the Computer Centre. This has reduced the cost of rent from Ksh35, 000 to Ksh20, 000 per month.

Computer training centre: The demand for ICT training within the Mwiki community has risen tremendously; the centre targets the youth who are out of school and jobless with a view to equipping them with computer skills.

14 or more computers are required and donations of second-hand laptops or computers would be welcomed.



Christine Mucheru visited Uzimatele in Feb 2016 – please talk to her for more details of this vital ministry.

Visit www.uzimatele.org for more information

WCCYM – West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries

Several young people from Cambourne Church enjoyed guest speakers, much fun and the chance to grow spiritually at the WCCYM weekend away in March, supported by Jonathan & Stacy Buwert and Jon Slater as well as many other youth leaders from the area. As well as regular monthly gatherings this summer term, WCCYM will also be organising a “Night of Champions” evening of unconventional sports in April, and another “Live and Acoustic” Open Mic night for young musicians in May. With a group going to Soul Survivor in August, our young people can continue to benefit from joining with other Christians in the area, as well as the youth group here at church. Visit www.wccym.org for more details.



Dates for your diary ...

15-22 May 2016 – Christian Aid week

What is the Mission and Giving Group?

The Mission & Giving group was formed in autumn 2014 at the request of the Cambourne Church Council to coordinate and promote our mission links by providing information and encouraging prayer, practical involvement and financial provision.

Current group members are Nigel Taylor, Jeanine Kennedy, Christine Mucheru & Lee Packham-Brown. We would be happy to welcome one or two extra members who felt committed to this area of the church's wider ministry.

How do we plan our giving?

We use the **five 'marks of mission'** to guide our decisions about priorities for giving and to ensure a balance in our commitment to various aspects of mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (**tell**)
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers (**teach/train**)
3. To respond to human need by loving service (**tend**)
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society (**transform**)
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth (**treasure**)

We also consider the sustainability of any commitments we make, so that, where possible, mission organisations and projects can count on regular giving over the medium to long term.

Please take this leaflet away as a reminder of Cambourne Church's involvement in mission at home and abroad (and also read the Mission & Giving section of the annual report, as well as visiting the websites of our mission partners). You can use it as a basis for prayer, and you may even like to explore further personal involvement in some of the projects. Thank you for your support.

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