

Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Bishop Desire recently ran a conference for 470 young people and pastors during which some gave their lives to Christ and 80 were confirmed (*see photo*). There was Bible teaching on unity, peace and reconciliation and environmental care, as well as worship and a football match. Bishop Desire reports on a Holy Spirit breakthrough in the diocese, despite the “political games” and unrest in the country (*with elections scheduled for December 2018*) Please keep praying for Desire and his wife Claudaline in their vital mission work in this very needy country.



Visit www.asdigcharity.com for more information about our mission partners in Goma.



Claudaline reports that repairs were carried out at the primary school over the holiday period and that 25 out of 26 pupils passed the national exams to progress to secondary school. There are now 48 women at the tailoring school (*see photo above*). In the rural areas the vulnerable women are enjoying agriculture, animal rearing and health projects as well. Please pray for the health education work taking place to sensitize communities to keep clean in order to prevent any spread of the ebola virus.

Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

We continue to support Pastor George and Jackline as they celebrated 10 years of ministry at Uzimatele in December 2017. Three children from the Family Home (*with 17 residents currently*), Michelle, Sheipa and Catharine, will sit their national exams soon and graduate to high school in January 2019. The children in the Home are either complete orphans, or cannot be cared for by a single parent who is ill or in prison. Our recent gift will help to provide replacement bedding and pay monthly utility and food bills, as well as helping towards further construction in the Home.



www.uzimatelekenya.org for more information and download their newsletter



New greenhouse project

With support from a Baptist church in Germany and the Bayer Foundation, a greenhouse has just been constructed to provide fresh food for the Home, the school and for sale to raise funds.

George still hopes to raise the funds to build a perimeter wall around the school (*currently in an open field*) to improve security for the children and prevent damage to doors through attempted theft.

The Community Church continues to demonstrate God's love in the local area and would benefit from a sound system and some musical instruments.

There are currently 150 children at the Uzimatele Educational Centre, with capacity to enrol up to 450 with the recently constructed classrooms (*with support from Cambourne and from a German Christian charity*). The school is currently going through a process of registration with the government ministry of education to improve the quality of education and bring it up to the required standards.

Uzimatele (*continued*)

The major challenge is the recruitment and retention of teachers. The school is remotely situated in the Gituamba slums, and it has been difficult to guarantee payment to the teachers and provide them with a midday meal. There are nine teachers and a headteacher at present. Teachers will also need to be sponsored for short term training seminars to deliver the new curriculum required by the government.



Christmas celebration at the Home



George in the school playground



**West Cambridge
Christian Youth
Ministries**

We continue to support the work of WCCYM, which works across churches, villages and schools in the local area to share the good news of Jesus with young people. In the autumn term WCCYM are getting involved with the **Higher Tour**, an initiative of the Message Trust. The Higher Tour is a two week mission which will see 4 bands going into 33 schools across Cambridgeshire, delivering lessons, workshops and assemblies. At the end of each of the weeks there is a gig where the bands will perform and share the gospel with the young people who come along. WCCYM are supporting bands to go into **Cambourne Village College on Monday 8th October** and **Comberton Village College on Tuesday 9th October** and will be providing transport for young people to attend the **evening gig at the Junction in Cambridge on Friday 12th October**. There will also be a series of follow-up events, including a youth service, lunchtime groups in schools and youth cafes, run across the area to engage the young people who have attended the gig and who want to find out more about following Jesus. To find out more about WCCYM, have a look at their website at www.wccym.co.uk.

Mission links at Cambourne Church.

As a church, we have committed to donating a proportion of our regular giving to charity/mission activities. In 2018, the Church Council agreed to support the following charities and mission activities locally and abroad (*** indicates further details in this update leaflet*).

Pastor George & Jackline at **Uzimatele, Nairobi, Kenya (£1500)****

Rev Desire Mukanirwa & Claudaline in **Goma, DR Congo (£1500)****

West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries (£750)**

Christian Aid (£100) raised separately in Christian Aid Week 2018

Dates for your diary ...

October – Higher Tour schools/youth events (see WCCYM section)

8th November 2018: *deadline for dropping off your Christmas shoebox gift at the church office for the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal**.*

What is the Mission and Giving Group?

The Mission & Giving group coordinates and promotes our mission links by providing information and encouraging prayer, practical involvement and financial provision. Current group members are Nigel Taylor, Jeanine Kennedy, Lee Packham-Brown & Tony Williams. We would be happy to welcome extra members committed to this area of the church's ministry. We use the **five 'marks of mission'** to plan our giving and to offer advice to the Church Council about priorities 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**)

Please take this leaflet away as a reminder of Cambourne Church's involvement in mission at home and abroad and also read previous Mission & Giving updates on the church website (*under the "Church Life" tab*), 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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