

Mission and Giving at Cambourne Church

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Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Bishop Desire has reported on a move of the Holy Spirit in mission and evangelism, including the ordination of 16 new priests in the Goma diocese at Easter 2019. Church planting is taking place, with people coming for baptism/confirmation. Our donations are very gratefully received and they send detailed accounts of how the money is spent, particularly supporting agricultural, livestock and micro-business projects. Please keep praying for Desire and his wife Claudaline in their vital mission work in this very needy country, where *ebola* is still creating a major health challenge and there is internal unrest.



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



Claudaline is delighted to report that on 16th December 2019, as a result of the ASDIG programmes, 70 students were certificated and sent out into self-employed business which will promote greater self-reliance and help in the fight against poverty as more families become self-sufficient (see *graduation photo above left*). Children at the Hope School (*photo right*) have benefitted from further classroom expansion in a recent building project and money from Cambourne Church is also supporting the provision of porridge for children, as well as the purchase of beans, rice and cooking oil for more substantial meals.

Uzimatele Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

We continue to support Pastor George and Jackline who send us Christmas and New Year greetings and are incredibly grateful for both our annual donation and also the extra donations made by individuals before Christmas which helped with some essential costs and the payment of teacher salaries. George & Jackline are still seeking to complete the building work to expand the Family Home and also plan to build a library at the primary school. The children from the Family Home had a day out during the long school summer holiday in November/December (see pictures below).



For more information, visit www.uzimatele.org
set up by German church, so use
union jack tab for English version!



Children from the Family Home enjoying a day out in December 2019

It has been very encouraging that the Vine School has decided to create a link with the Uzimatele primary school in Gituamba. As “courageous advocates”, the school community wanted to make a difference and managed to raise nearly £700 through a Bake Off and a non-uniform day in October (*article in Cambourne Crier*). We look forward to watching the development of this link as local children become more informed about the challenges of life on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. Perhaps we wonder sometimes what the outcomes are of supporting children from the Gituamba slum area who go to live in the Family Home? One of the orphans in the Home has just achieved straight ‘A’ grades from the primary school in Gituamba and will start high school in January.

Lovin, one of the first children who went to live with George and Jackline, moved on from primary school to high school and then on to university. She has just graduated from a four year law degree (see photos below) and will be starting work as an intern and legal assistant at a leading Nairobi law firm in January 2020. What a fantastic achievement! Another girl is in her first year of an IT degree course, and yet another is helping at the primary school in Gituamba after finishing high school.



Lovin celebrating her graduation

WCCYM® **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. From Wednesday 22nd January 2020, WCCYM will be running a 7 week course called 'Illuminate', which is an opportunity for young people to explore the Christian faith. The Sixth Form discipleship course will also be continuing, begun in the autumn term 2019. A monthly "Thirst" youth service takes place on the second Sunday at Comberton Baptist Church and the annual WCCYM weekend will be at Burwell House, 13-15 March 2020. The Message Trust organised the "Higher Cambs Tour" in October 2019, during which a band played in both Comberton and Cambourne Village Colleges, organised class or year-group activities and then put on a gig at the Junction, attended by many WCCYM members and friends. 21 young people attended Soul Survivor 2019, bonding well and enjoying great times of worship, teaching and prayer. Please read the annual report on the WCCYM website to see details of the wide range of activities and pray for all that takes place.

Mission links at Cambourne Church.

As a church, we have committed to donating a proportion of our regular giving to charity/mission activities. In 2019, the Church Council agreed to support the following charities and mission activities locally and abroad.

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

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

***West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries (£750)** www.wccym.co.uk*

Dates for your diary ...

16th February 2020 – *At Sunday services, there will be a speaker from the charity “Compassion”, through whom several church families and individuals support children in Kenya.*

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, 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 use this leaflet 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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