

Updates from our mission partners in Africa July 2021

Update from Claudaline in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Nigel and beloved friends at Cambourne Church,

It is really very kind and good to know that you are still caring for us and the work of ASDIG in Goma – many thanks indeed!

My children and I are fine after the volcanic eruption. We are back in our home, after spending time at Hope School after the eruption.

My heart has been hurting so much after the death of my dear friend and husband Desire whom I miss, but God is still comforting me through your support and prayers.

The children are OK, but sometimes ask questions about missing their father which are difficult for me to reply to. Although the boys remain calm, they sometimes say very little and my eldest refuses everything, saying that he needs his father.

After the volcanic eruption, life in Goma has returned to normal, but 5000 people have lost their homes and belongings. In addition, Covid is still killing many more in Goma.

The work of the ASDIG charity is going well – thank you for your support and prayers. Our work includes the following activities:

- Providing 50 children with nutritious meals and medical care; this is developing well thanks to your support and prayers*
- The Tumaini/Hope schools, as well as the Neema primary and secondary schools are doing very well, both children and teachers. The schools have been a great help to the population of Goma as a refugee centre during the volcanic eruption.*
- I am currently spending two weeks working with 350 women in the Kalehe and Kabamba agricultural project.*
- ASDIG has brought together 150 women in small business projects to encourage and enable them to improve their homes and send their children to school. It is a programme to give them revolving credit.*
- We have recently had a graduation from our tailoring project.*
- ASDIG has also been providing emergency food aid to victims of the volcano.*

Thank you so much for praying for us and also for the financial support which is a blessing to us.



Providing children with nutritious meals



Healthcare for children



Women's agricultural project



Providing aid to refugees from the volcanic eruption

Update from Pastor George in Uzimatele, Kenya

Dear Nigel and friends at Cambourne Church,

I'm very happy to be in touch by email and that you and the church family have Uzimatele in mind.

We are well. The schools were closed this week and the children are out for a short holiday. All our children at the Family Home are back at home and we are grateful to God they are all well covered by the blood of Jesus. All the children at the education centre (primary school) are also fine and they are out for holiday as well.

Yesterday we had a very nice graduation for our children who will be moving from primary 1 to primary 2. I will send you some pictures taken during the ceremony.

Please pray for our children at the home and at the education centre because this year and next year they will be in school most of the time as the government is trying to recover the time that was lost last year. It's a bit hectic.

Parents are also struggling to cope with the new changes as they are forced to pay school fees for the vigorous academic calendar that now runs for four terms instead of three terms for this year and next year.

The church is moving on well, though the attendance is low and the giving is low as well because people are still recovering from the pandemic impact. The pain caused by the pandemic is still fresh of course; it will take time for people to heal emotionally and economically.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support. I understand that you have already sent all the donation you had promised to give Uzimatele for this year and this has helped us to pay all the bills until now. But if you find an opportunity to donate again, we will be very grateful, especially as we are not sure about how we will pay the bills in the months of September and December.

Also pray for our church to experience the new wave of the holy spirit.

Thank you very much my friends and partners in the ministry. Pray for me and my family for new strength and power and wisdom to hear God when he speaks in my life. I will keep you all in prayers as well.

