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CMSI Global Update

Dear Uganda links and supporters...

We are delighted to send you an update from our two Global Partners in Uganda. Gillian and Linda have been working with our partners and share their news.

Luweero Diocese

We were delighted at the end of October to have Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane visit us from Luweero Diocese, during which they spent time with links here and attended a 'Friends of Kiwoko' event. Sincere thanks to Christ Church, Lisburn and Ballyholme Parish for hosting the Nsubuga's, and for everyone who made their time in N. Ireland a real encouragement.



Early Childhood Training in Luweero diocese

Heidi Braun (Advisor for ECD), is a mission partner from Germany working in the diocese, says:

"The group of ECD trainees was very active and participated enthusiastically with every aspect of the seminar."

The training was very hands-on and practical and the teachers were grateful that each school represented were given an iron storage box for their play and learning materials, which is insect and weather proof. Please continue praying for the ECD teachers throughout the Diocese, that the new skills and learning aids will be put into practice, so that the children will have a better foundation for their future learning".



Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane visit NI

Our main input into the diocese has been through supporting the training of two ordinands, Zeridah Nakaye and George William Sejjoby, with Christ Church, Lisburn providing the funding. Both students are on the Diploma of Theology course at Uganda Martyrs Seminary. Continue to pray that God would equip them in every way as they prepare for future ministry within the diocese.

Also, through our 'Children in Uganda' Legacy we were able to provide funds for an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Training for 100 teachers and caregivers over a 6 - day period at the beginning of September 2019. The aim of the training was to equip them with new learning aids and skills specific to ECD, in line with the Ugandan government's early year's policy.



Kiwoko Hospital, which is located in Luweero Diocese have recently developed a new website. If you want up to date news, information and ways to support the hospital's ongoing work, click on:

<https://www.kiwokohospital.org>

There are also Kiwoko Christmas Cards and Alternative Gift cards available for purchase on the Kiwoko website or CMSI offices.

Madi West Nile Diocese

The Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali has announced his retirement as Archbishop of Uganda. As part of his farewell he visited Arua, MWN. Bishop Samuel Stephen Kaziimba of Mityana diocese has been announced the Archbishop-elect of the Church of Uganda. Early next year, the 57-year-old will officially be enthroned as the church's 9th Archbishop. In his farewell speech to the diocese Archbishop Ntagali emphasised the need for the church to stand up against gender based violence. Bishop Collins responded by saying that the Church would intensify their quest for a caring and supportive environment for families at risk of abuse.



Jenny visited Bishop Collins

Jenny Smyth visited Bishop Collins during the week of 21st October, her first visit since he was ordained Bishop of MWN. During her visit she was able to see how the church is empowering women through various income generating projects and group support. The Mothers' Union is committed to agricultural projects and co-operatives as well as the spiritual care and pastoral visitation of vulnerable women.

Jenny was also able to visit Rhino camp, and was delighted to be part of the ordination service for several Deacon's and priests in Jerusalem Parish. While Mickey Ai'baku (Refugee Desk Officer for MWN) has been on Sabbatical the church continues to press forward in their usual activities as a community in the camps.

In the coming year we hope to be able to support the development of Ariye Nursery School Bidi Bidi camp which has been prioritised by Bishop Collins

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and Mickey. This is presently a simple tarpaulin roofed structure, but accommodates 350 pre-school refugee children. With support from link parishes the hope is that the facilities will be improved for hygiene, learning and play. Teachers and care-givers will be empowered through training and on-going support to give excellent educational opportunities to the children in spite of their circumstances. Mickey also proposes that each child will receive a meal at school each day. Please pray for this much needed outreach of the church to the refugee community.

Finally, the Diocese also hopes to skill up young people in the six Archdeaconries for outreach, specifically training young people in apologetics, basic counselling and discipleship. This project has the courageous aim that "Every individual will be reached with the Gospel through one on one evangelism" and that any new believers will receive weekly discipleship until they mature in faith. Pray for success and support for this important nurturing role of the church at the centre of community.

With best wishes for the coming Advent Season,

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