Kenya

Kajiado Diocese

Urban Development Programme (All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi)

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CMSI Global Update

Dear Friends...

Greetings from the CMSI office – please find below some updates and prayer requests from our partners in Kenya.

Climate change
On 14 March President Uhuru Kenyatta opened the "One Planet Summit" in Nairobi with President Macron of France, UN Secretary-General, António Gutteres and many other leading environmentalists. That same day south eastern Africa was struck by a catastrophic cyclone and consequent flooding devastating huge areas of 4 countries. Although Kenya wasn't directly affected by the disaster, the weather is now very hot and dry and people are wondering if the deluge down south will have a knock-on effect in surrounding countries.

Ronnie Briggs wrote in a recent blog from Kajiado, *"The beginning of Lent sees us in the middle of an extremely hot season. The sun blazes out of a clear blue sky and feels like a hammer blow on your head when you go outside. The grass has burned down to fragile stubble that the animals can't eat, the livestock are losing condition and all the water dams and rivers are dry."*

Isabelle Prondzynski emailed from Nairobi, "*We need rain! This time last year, we were inundated -- this year, the hot dry season seems never ending (daytime max currently 30 degrees)."*

While praying for rain we all need to make some serious changes to our lifestyles & government policies, since – as the 'One Planet Summit' stated "while Africa is responsible for only 4% of global greenhouse-gas emissions, 65% of the African population is considered to be directly impacted by climate change."

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As part of the struggle for resilience to climate change the project to construct concrete covers for the **Oltiasika Underground Rainwater Storage Tanks** is continuing. This work was delayed last year, partly because of the serious road accident Ronnie and Maggie had that necessitated a period of home leave for medical treatment. We thank God that Ronnie's broken leg healed amazingly quickly, and Ronnie was able to return early in January, with Maggie following

Ven Naftaly Lemooke dedicating the newly repaired Land Rover

on a little while later. After returning, one of the first tasks was to get the damaged Landrover repaired, which (thanks to generous help from a number of link parishes and individuals) was successfully achieved.

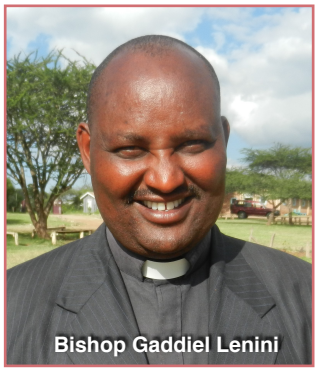
On a broader level the work of Development in the Diocese has undergone a major re-organisation and re-branding, with the Planning & Development Department being merged with the Maasai Rural Training Centres (MRTCs) to form one unit – the **Kajiado Anglican Community Services (KACS).**

This new structure will help focus efforts in the Diocese to fulfill the vision set out by Bishop Gaddiel Lenini – "holistic development as the basis for the ministry of mission and development". Please pray for Bishop Lenini and his staff as this new structure is implemented, and also for Ronnie and Maggie who have made some very important decisions regarding their role (see their Easter newsletter).

Looking ahead please pray also for the following:

- The Team of 27 pupils and 5 staff from Limavady Grammar School who are preparing to visit Kajiado in July. Pray for Maggie and her colleagues who are preparing to host them, for Joyce Moinket (principal of Oloosuyian Girls Secondary School) who will be facilitating their time at the school and for Ronnie who is preparing a new school kitchen building project with funds the children have raised. Visas are granted for this.

•Bishop Gaddiel as he prepares to visit Ireland on sabbatical during September/October. He will be based mostly at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin but will also be speaking at the CMSI Ignite conference (Fri/Sat 13-14 Sept) at Dromantine, Newry as well as visiting a limited number of Kajiado link parishes at the weekends. Pray that his visas are granted for this.


Bishop Gaddiel Lenini

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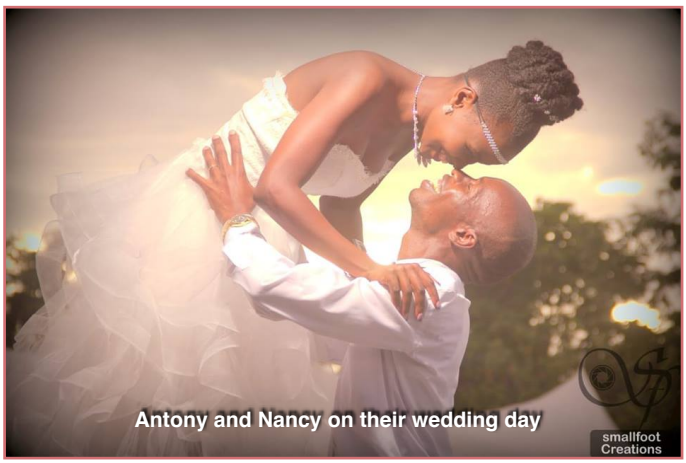
Children from Tujisaidie School at the 1998 memorial museum

Praise God for two very successful school outings which have just happened – firstly to the 1998 US Embassy Bombings Memorial Museum, and then to the Nairobi National Park animal orphanage.

There are lots of plans for the next few months, including a visit by a Team of 5 women from Moira parish to facilitate a programme of women's health education through the "Days for Girls" programme. This will include sewing classes to enable young mothers and students to manufacture sanitary pads for themselves and for others, using low cost, locally available materials (see www.daysforgirls.org)



We give thanks for Antony Njoroge – a Youth and community leader & CEO of the Tumaini African Foundation - who got married to Nancy Njeri in February. He has been awarded the Bishops Appeal Harman Scholarship enabling him to travel to Ireland/ Northern Ireland for a placement from September – December this year. This is a very exciting opportunity both for him, and for a number of UDP link churches who will be hosting him. During his visit he will be speaking at **Ignite** as well as taking part in a full programme of youth/children's activities in his host parishes. There will also be time set aside for learning – at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and with the Church of Ireland Youth Department youth leaders' gatherings.

Please pray for

- •Louise Githire (UDP project manager)
- •Isabelle Prondzynski (UDP associate) – currently visiting friends and family out of Kenya
- •The Community at Tujisaidie Community Centre
- •John Omondi and the staff at Tujisaidie School, praying that the expansion of the school building can happen this year.
- •Njoroge and Nancy, that Njoroge's visas are granted and that the programme for his visit to Ireland comes together well.

With best wishes for Easter,

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