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Mission 10 Africa Great Lakes Region 2015

'Listening'

Isaiah 30:18-21

Mission 10 is underway! The theme for the year is 'Listening' - both an important component of Restorative Justice and the secret, according to Isaiah, to knowing whether to go left or right in a complicated world. During the month of June, the various teams spent hours together, sharing and getting up-to-date on the status of the 15 or more projects in which we are all involved. Let me highlight just a few.



EGEE Goma: Every month it is a mammoth challenge for Simeon and his team to find the disinfectant supplies, clean clothes kits, shavers, medicines, juice and bread to take into the Juvenile facility for De-Bugging Day. We cannot tell you how difficult this task is, and yet they persevere. They also manage a literacy 'school', spiritual and life skills counselling, regular medical checkups and family reunification for these destitute and traumatized young girls and boys.



Disinfectant outside cells.



Clean clothes kit.

and childcare programs. One of our goals is to provide the sewing graduates who would like to start a business with a sewing machine for their personal use.



WoW, Petit Sanctuaire Goma.

WoW Sewing class.



Assani with Swahili Bible

Assani is in charge of Bible Study at the **Goma Central Prison** for adult males. The facility, built for 150 inmates, now houses more than 1500. The conditions are appalling and dangerous. We do not know how to pray, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans....

The **WoW** (Women's Wellness) group is busy. There are 32 new women in this year's sewing class. Their literacy classes are going well, as are the public health

The **dispensary** at the Petit Sanctuaire Goma, which hangs on by a thread in every way, treats hundreds each month, including the incarcerated juveniles and exceptional cases from the women's and men's prisons. We have seen remarkable improvement in the health of those involved in our programs. It is particularly heart-warming to see the babies doing well.



Dr Prosper, staff and patient.

Care packages remain a special part of our ministry. So far this year, dozens of Hospitality Bags, countless bars of soap, hundreds of pens and notebooks for literacy classes, and over 950 pairs of underwear have been given out - always with a smile!



Girls and essentials!

Rwanda Letters Project: God continues to work miracles in the lives of victim - survivors of the genocide and offenders still in prison. The weekly meetings between the two continue. These victims you see here suffered the loss of several dozen members of their families who were tortured and betrayed by their neighbours. Now, 21 years later, in the presence of our chaplains, they are prepared to visit the offender in prison and offer forgiveness. Over 250 meetings have taken place. Amazing, humbling signs of hope and healing.



Two victim survivors

Our team in **Burundi** under Jean-Bosco continues its prison and post-prison work as funds allow - particularly for transportation. They are undeterred despite political unrest and economic impossibilities.



Jean-Bosco and transportation receipts

*Rwandan Chaplaincy Team
Lazare, Fine, Canisius, Nelson, and Kizungu*



Pascal continues to oversee the installation of secured **water** pipes in reconciliation villages in the Bugesera area of Rwanda. This literally changes lives in these



Lillian and Pascal at new taps.

villages - clean, available water means better health, cleanliness, elimination of hours of walking daily, possibility of crops both for cash and nutrition, time for schooling. Imagine the difference!



Celebrating the WaterProject

Pierre and I were not the only ones with medical problems this past year. Many of our team members have health issues. A lifetime of conflict, insecurity, poor nutrition and the various stresses and complications of poverty have left them at risk. So we began in faith a new program called **Gisenyi GO** (God and Ourselves). We have opened the Petit Sanctuaire Gisenyi three weekends a month to 2-4 people for rest and renewal. A time to 'get away', with food, water and accommodation taken care of, no kids, no responsibilities, walks to the lake, quiet time in the garden. The response has been incredible. We have to find a way to keep this going!



Simeon and some of the Goma team.



Balon and wife at Lake Kivu.



Time Off!

Thank you for supporting us in this adventure. We cannot adequately express our gratefulness except to say that you are changing lives and building Kingdom. God bless you.

Pierre and Judy Allard

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