



Reaching the nations with love and compassion

# February 2014 News Letter



## Cup of Cool Water

Uplifting Critical Communities by Revolutionizing Key Ministries

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**Dear all Prayer partners and friends,**

Warm greetings from Cup of Cool Water and welcome to our newsletter!

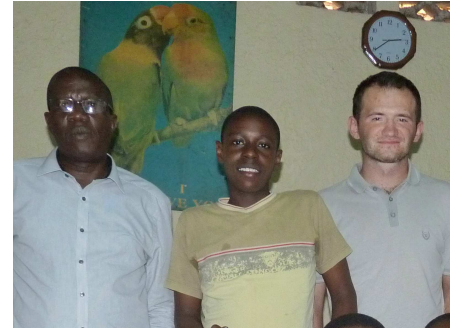
### Improving CCW ministry through internship

In our previous newsletter, I shared with you a prayer item on behalf of Thomas, a student from Germany, for his safety, wisdom, strength and insights as he will be on internship with CCW from 2<sup>nd</sup> February to 25 July 2014.

*I am happy to give him an opportunity to share with everybody about himself, his domain of studies and plans:*

*"I hereby, would like to express my gratitude to everybody who prayed for my safe arrival in Burundi. I was welcomed very warmly by Charles and his family and feel very comfortable in their home. I am very thankful for the opportunity to work as an intern for CCW. It was actually one of my study colleagues, Esther Ndimande, who connected me to Charles and told me about CCW's grassroots reconciliation work. Vielen Dank, Esther!"*

*I'm 26 years old and a MA student in Peace and Conflict studies at the University of Marburg, Germany. My family hails from Opole, which is situated in Silesia, a region in Southern Poland with a mixed German-Polish history. We migrated to Germany in 1988, where I grew up in the Westphalian town of Bielefeld. After my secondary school, I worked for one year as a lay missionary for the Comboni missionaries in Kenya. It was there, during the post-election violence of 2007/2008, that I developed a sincere interest in peace work. The brutal ethno-political violence made me realize that one can never take peace for granted. It's a precious gift that we all have to contribute to in our daily activities. After my graduation in October this year I plan to work as an advisor on peace building projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. So far, I was able to work/study in different African countries (Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania), mainly in the fields of peace building, refugee assistance and youth work. The internship in CCW is an excellent opportunity for me to engage in a dialogue on reconciliation, peace and conflict with Burundians and learn from them. I hope that I can also share some of my experience so that CCW can benefit from my internship. During the first two months I focused on training CCW staff on Monitoring and Evaluation techniques in peace work. We intend to establish a M&E-mechanism for the CCW reconciliation project in order to enhance internal learning processes and increase accountability towards sponsors. For the upcoming months, I intend to offer additional training in conflict analysis, peace-education, conflict-sensitive community development and participatory theatre. The work has so far been very interesting and I am really looking forward to the previous four months of my stay with CCW.*



Thomas (Right) with CCW administrator Joshua Nsengiyumva (Left) and his son Ebenezer



Thomas (in Front clothed in black) trains some of CCW staff workers on Project Monitoring and Evaluation



Thomas sharing chocolates and sweets from Germany with members of a hosting family and neighbours

## Assessing the needs of deaf people in Bujumbura



Deaf people praying together after a Sunday Service before dismissal

CCW staff members visited Deaf people Fellowship last February to assess their felt need as most of them are jobless, illiterate and marginalized. We found out that on individual level, most of them do not have a copy of Bible. On the fellowship level, they need teaching material and manual (books, chalks, black board, copy books ...) to train new members on how to read and write using the deaf signs. Moreover, some of them were affected by the flood that killed hundreds of people and destroyed houses last 9<sup>th</sup> February in Bujumbura. Other needy individuals from Karusi Province were identified too. A provision from Ruth and Susan from Open Hands Ministry and that from Charlie (Bonnie Prince) was helpful to them! Details will be found in our March newsletter.

### **Angelique and Hilaire NININHAZWE Ministry to desperate people**



Zamda's house covered with borrowed torn out metallic sheets. Nininahazwe provides new metallic sheets to cover the roof

Nininahazwe Hilaire, a CCW prayer partner, outreached to a number of desperate people last February in Burundi.

As I cannot pretend to accurately tell all what Nininahazwe did to the impoverished now, I will share with you one of the moving stories that touched my heart the most:

*'A house of Bahati, a widow and one of the beneficiaries, was completely swept away during a flood that invaded Gatumba area in Bujumbura rural last January. Consequently, Bahati and her five children were accommodated by a neighbor for a couple of days. Unfortunately, shortly after, the hosting family asked Bahati to leave as it was not able to continue taking care of her and her children due to poverty. Bahati used some money previously donated to her by Angelique and Hilaire NININHAZWE to build a new foundation on the former site of the swept away house. She also managed to build walls and cover the roof with torn out metallic sheets borrowed from a 'good samaritan.' It was expected from her to give the sheets back to the lender once she gets hers! When Nininahazwe heard from her story and petitions he was moved with compassion and bought metallic sheets to get her house covered!'*



Hilaire (Left) provides Josias (Right) with a new bicycle as he used to walk more than 10 km a day to go to school

Other impoverished were assisted for them to be able to hire a house, to pay for health care, to get food, clothes and other commodities. All of them, like Bahati are very thankful to the sponsors who give generously!

'May God bless you for your care and concern to us', they said.

### **Prayer Items:**

- Pray for CCW as it is still looking for a sponsor in matter of Healing and reconciliation and community development to sustain Peace
- Also pray for CCW to have means to run its activities during 2014!



From far left: Josué, Hilaire, Thomas, Faraziya (a widow) and her children ( 6 who look smart) thanks to Nininahazwe's assistance

*Live Love and compassion!*



**For Cup of Cool Water (CCW),  
Charles NDIKUMANA, Director**