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# January 2014 News Letter



## Cup of Cool Water

Uplifting Critical Communities by Revolutionizing Key Ministries

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**Dear all Prayer partners and friends,**

Welcome to our January 2014 newsletter!

### **Advocating for Thècle by Angelique, Hilaire and friends from Germany**

In our previous newsletter, we shared with you about Thècle the married woman with four children who was unjustly injured with a knife by her husband on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013 in Bujumbura-Burundi. Thereafter, the offender was put in jail the same day but was released four days after without rendering justice to the victim! Consequently, Thècle and her children decided to run away to save life. Sometimes after, her situation became worse because of pains she had in her upper backbone and her chest. Moreover, her security was much threatened and was traumatized as it was noticed by some of her friends that the perpetrator was secretly wandering around the area where she hid with her children.



From Right to left: *Thècle, Alain ( 9), Pamella (10), Ariel (3), Ruben (4) and Mediatrice (Thecle's niece ) in front of the new house hired by Angelique, Hilaire and their Friends*

Notwithstanding this situation, Hilaire and friends from Germany alongside Cup of Cool Water - Burundi continued finding ways to protect and support the victims in order to comfort them! Thus, a - three room and a dining room - hired house supplied with power and water was generously provided to her within a secure quarter. Other basic commodities such as beds, mattress, bed sheets, utensils, cupboard and chairs were provided to her too. Two of her children were officially transferred to a nearby primary school within the same quarter. Children were happy to move into the new quarter although they had to make new friends as they missed their former ones that they used to live with and play together! However, Thècle still needs a lawyer to make a proper follow up with her case and protect her against the perpetrator's wicked plans. In addition, her elder son Alain who is 9 needs a counsellor as he often manifests some signs of trauma! Afterwards, all of them still need comfort and support as they are facing a new life without enough provision to live on and without a head of the family!

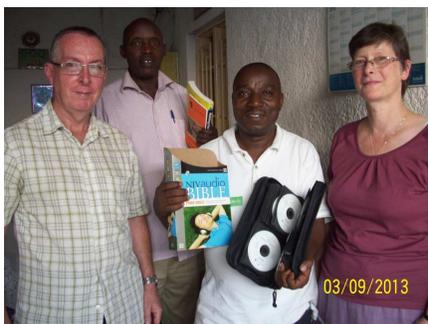
### **Bringing more hope to the destitute in Burundi**

The same couple and friends from Germany assisted 24 destitute orphans from 5 families of widows in Bujumbura last month. The assistance was mainly made of fees for health care, fees to hire a house, school fees and material, food and other basic needs.



Bahati (left with a wrapped head) and her Children in front of the ruin of their old thatched and muddy shelter (house)

One week later after the distribution of the assistance to the widow MUGISHA Bahati and her Children, CCW organised a visit to make a follow up and found her and her children in a total desolation as their old thatched and muddy house was swept away by a flood that invaded Gatumba area ( in Bujumbura rural ) earlier in January. She told us that she had used a part of the financial support from Hilaire and Angelique to buy bricks to build a foundation of her new shelter. By that time, a 'Samaritan' neighbour accommodated her and her children for a while reason why she was really longing for anyone who could help her building a shelter of her own! We prayed for and with her family and promised to share their prayer item with their friends from Germany. They are really in need of help during this tough period!



From right to left: Marjorie, Charles (holding a gift of NIV audio Bible), Ezekiel and Allan (CCW archive)

**Seed project to sustain Healing and Reconciliation**

We will now share with you more about our ministry activities for last year.



Missionary Allan Handling a football donation to Ruziba youth (CCW, archive, Sept 013)

CCW organised a seed project for Ruziba community last September 2013 while missionaries Marjorie and Allan were visiting Burundi. The so-called project consisted of a donation of a football provided by the missionaries to youth and a donation of school material from CCW and from Ruziba youth. A number of pupils and students benefited the donation! Let us notice that youth from that area received a donation of goats previously as a means of income generating activities for them to develop a spirit of team work and for their sustainable development.



Family photo of some of the beneficiaries of school material ( CCW archive, Sept 013)

The purpose of the project was to strengthen unity, mutual trust and support among the population. Also, it was meant to sustain healing and reconciliation acquired previously through the Trauma Healing and reconciliation workshops that we organised there before. The population was amazed to see the youth who used to be quarrelsome and politically antagonists now united and involved in peacebuilding initiatives. Beneficiaries shared about their tough conditions they are experiencing as they live in deprivation without being able to meet their basic needs (Food, health care, shelter, education for their youth) due to poverty.

Missionaries Marjorie and Allan encouraged them not to lose heart and keep believing in God who still loves them in spite of their situation. Obviously, the Missionaries constantly identify themselves with the needy through their donation to express their love and compassion to the desperate. In additional, they pray for the betterment of our nation!

**Gratitude:** We are thankful to whoever contributes in one way or the other to bring hope to the desperate from Burundi! May God bless you abundantly!



Goats donated to Ruziba youth to sustain Healing, Peacebuilding and development

**Prayer Items:**

- ❖ Please continue praying for our sister Hazel so that she recovers soon,
- ❖ Pray for Thomas from Germany for his safety, strength and insights as he will be on internship with CCW from February 2014 onwards,
- ❖ CCW is still looking for a sponsor in matter of Healing and reconciliation and needs means to run its activities during 2014!

**Wishing you all the best!**



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