



Reaching the nations with love and compassion

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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!

Open Hands Ministries bring hope to deaf people in Burundi

Assistance to survivals of the flood

A generous donation from Ruth and Susan to destitute deaf people made a difference last months!

Hundred people were injured¹ and Sixty-eight others died as a consequence to a torrential rain on 9 February 2014 in Bujumbura city. More than three thousand houses were destroyed. Fifteen thousand of people are homeless.² Three deaf persons from the fellowship were not spared from the consequences of the flood! By the time we visited the victims on 24th February, Mama Alice whose housed was flooded shared with us about her worry: 'I am afraid to be swept away and die once it floods again. I wish I could have supporters to help me building a comfortable house as the one I have is made of mud, timbers, and old metallic sheets.' As there was no enough means to build a house for her, CCW hired a - two rooms- house for her and her daughter to stay in until the end of rain season. In additional, other goods, material and assistance were provided to the needy according to their felt needs: 32 Copies of the Bible, 66 books for teachers and deaf pupils, copy books, food and fees for health care.

Charlie's donation improves life of the poor in Burundi

CCW outreached to 5 sick poor persons by providing them with fees for diagnosis and medications and 11 families were provided with money to buy food. Felix, a young boy who has interrupted his



Pastor Israel handling money to Alice's mother for her to hire a house for three months



Claude's house destroyed by the flood. Claude (in Pink T-Shirt) & Issa (in blue T-Shirt) are both deaf



Charles handling medications to the sick Pastor's wife late evening on 26th March 2014

¹ www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-26118065

² www.irinnews.org/report/99663/burundi-s-avoidable-flood-deaths

primary school studies for many months because of the eye sickness, was encouraged to integrate the school soon as he was provided with medical glasses and medications after diagnosis.



Ancile, a destitute widow, and her daughters are one of beneficiaries of Charlie's gift

'I feel much better today since I took the medications that you brought me yesterday. Before you provided me with the medications I could hardly breathe. Now there is an improvement of my health'. May God bless the provider,' (A pastor's wife, on 27th March 2014).

In addition, CCW was able to support one student in need, provide tickets for staffs on mission, fuel, communication fees, food and accommodation and maintenance of office computers. Also, CCW staffs got opportunity to make a follow up with our ministry beneficiaries and attend a workshop on Trauma Healing and reconciliation thanks to Charlie's donation.

Healing and Reconciliation



Partial view of the participants to the follow up seminar on 27th March 2014 in Karusi

Charles and Thomas, a student from Germany on placement with CCW, seized the opportunity to attend a follow up seminar for trauma healing and reconciliation that took place on 27 March 2014 in Karusi Province. Thomas introduced himself to participants by focusing on the fact that he came to learn from Burundians' experience in matter of reconciliation and that he will be sharing some of his experience with CCW staffs members during his internship. Charles taught on *Christ being our pain bearer* and *Standing in Gap*. Let us hear from one of the participants' testimony.

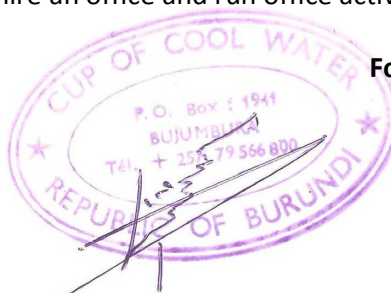
"I know someone who dehumanised and killed my relatives during war. He is a civil servant much respected. More I see and meet the guy, more my life was tormented, filled with hatred and anger. After

I went through the Trauma Healing and Reconciliation workshop I decided to go to the perpetrator's office and knelt down on the floor. Then I told him that I came to grant him forgiveness as I knew he was the one who committed forfeits. Surprised, he invited me to seat on a chair and I did accept the invitation. Thereafter, he took the word and said: 'Were you really aware of all that I did to your people?' Yes, I do. I replied. From that day up to now, I feel released without hatred against the offender. He is himself touched (transformed) as he often attends church services and likes praying which he did not do before I grant him forgiveness.' (Anonymous participant).

Each one of the beneficiaries and the CCW staffs express genuine gratitude to donors who gave generously for the betterment of lives in Burundi! CCW staffs and prayer partners express a special gratitude to Thomas for having worked hard to design a website for CCW. Please feel free to visit it at: www.cupofcoolwaterburundi.weebly.com

Prayer Items: 1. Pray for CCW as it is on the process of getting an official authorization to start building a Clinic. 2. CCW is still looking for a sponsor in matter of Trauma Healing and Reconciliation and community development. 3. It also still needs means to hire an office and run office activities during 2014.

Blessings!



**For Cup of Cool Water (CCW)
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