



Visiting Tomato, Pumpkin and Vegetable Growers Assn. at Gatumba - supported by Rema Credit Scheme

'Rema Burundi' focusing on sustainable reintegration of displaced people and refugees

Programmes include: capacity building, Economic empowerment, Health and Social protection, and advocacy and lobbying. Issues for returning refugees remain great in terms of acceptance, land ownership, education, and sustainable income generation - if peace is to grow in Burundi. Rema is seeking to establish and represent needs from the grass roots to provincial, national and international levels. Much prayer is needed that through God's love, true peace may be a lasting reality.

Rema News

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INCOME GENERATING PASTORS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Rema now supports 60+ individuals and groups. Several projects were visited during Sally's (Rema UK) visit. The Association (as above) has 10 members. The field visited will reach maturity in mid September. Holes are dug to reach the water table to irrigate or a motor pump is used to draw water over a long distance. The fields are monitored day and night against predators (hippos!) and thieves until harvest. With investment of 1.5m Fbu (£650) for rental and preparation of land (an area of 60mx50m) and 1m Fbu (£435) for inputs, it is hoped that the proceeds from sales will generate between 4 - 5m Fbu (£1,740 - £,2174) The benefit will be shared among all members and will be timely to help with school fees, books and uniforms for the children. *(It is hoped to raise more funds to increase the number of loans possible...)*

Ann is now receiving her 3rd credit from Rema (approx £65). She sells doughnuts, grilled corn and ground nuts to passers-by on the main road from Bujumbura to DRC. She lives in a small rented grass house with her mother who has very poor health. Her profits all go to purchase medicines. As her mother is Congolese she does not have access to a health insurance card. They badly need additional help...



Rema have been working on capacity building of community leaders and churches in Cankuzo, Muzye (Rutana) and Muyange (Makamba) and Bukeye (Muramvya) focussing on - expository preaching, Biblical theology and biblical interpretation. Many participants have never been to Bible School so it is new to them. In putting into practice what they have learnt - about the church, its nature, mission and purpose - pastors of small congregations decided to work together e.g. providing a meal for vulnerable people, encouraging youth to make bricks and build good houses rather than going to Tanzania to look for money. Further funds are needed for books

and food for pastors during training as churches no longer have resources for this. Students are given course notes in Kirundi.



BURUNDI NEWS Update...

After signing the New Constitution in June, which followed a national referendum, the president surprised everyone by announcing that he will not stand for another term in 2020.

NYEMBUYE CLINIC (Rutana)



New born

The maternity Unit, which opened last year is being well used. 50 babies were born there in June and 30 in July...

Dental and ophthalmology services have been further enhanced and 2 nurses

received a certificate in oral care during the visit of a dental team from Scotland.

The nurses home has been renovated so some nurses are able to stay on site. Further work is needed for completion. Another unit is also planned - with 3 rooms for patients needing to stay overnight and a room for a permanent dentistry.



During her recent visit Sally (Rema UK) tried out the new 'ambulance' which has already saved lives! A motorbike is more versatile than a car to reach remote areas and cope with the roads in all weathers.

RESEARCH -BASED ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

There are still many Burundian refugees outside the country following the socio-political crisis of 2015 (200,000 + in Tanzania). Rema has been constantly concerned about the fate of people in forced displacement. A 6 month research and advocacy project is to be undertaken by Rema to enhance the understanding and conditions for return and reintegration of Burundian refugees. Another project planned is a dialogue between different stakeholders with the aim of culminating with an action plan to secure property (land) belonging to refugees.

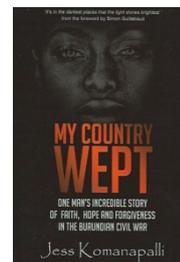
THEO'S UK VISIT



Theo Mbazumutima (director of Rema Burundi) is visiting the UK 31st October - 6th December. He has a full programme spending time with Rema UK, Mission Possible UK, Mission International, speaking at the Africa CMS Conference at Swanwick 9th - 11th November, and visiting various friends. His tour will take him to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

He will be sharing more of his amazing testimony as told in his biography '**My Country Wept**', and sharing about all the developments at Rema Burundi and challenges faced in country at this time. (For more information - contact Rema UK.)

Copies of Theo's book are available from Rema UK or on Amazon.



PRAISE and PRAYER

Praise for::

1. Enthusiasm for church leaders training
2. Increase in Income generating activities

Pray for:

1. Burundian refugees scattered around East Africa - for protection and the way to return home safely.
2. Lasting peace in Burundi as they come out of current socio-political crisis.
3. Increase in funding to extend the projects
4. Theo's UK Visit
5. Rema staff - for health and protection



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