

LINK NEWS LETTER

FROM

ST. JAMES-BUHANDIZI CHURCH

to **ST GILES CHURCH ICKENHAM** and **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

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ST.JAMES- BUHANDIZI CHURCH

DIOCESE OF KIGEZI GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated golden jubilee 17th – 20th August. The occasion took place at Rugarama Hill of Kabale district. A number of activities were done that included Music, Dance and Drama, food security and Health competitions. A number of visitors and delegates attended the occasion from several parts of the world. Mostly, the word of God was preached basing on the theme Deut. 11:16 “do not let your selves be led away from the LORD to worship and serve other gods”

END OF SCHOOL SECOND TERM

School second term for the year 2017 ended on 25th August 2017 as we had our school report forms. Third term will begin on 18th September 2017. Our Remedial teachers and Director whom we meet every Wednesdays and Saturday at the centre advise us to put much effort in education “Education is the Key to success”. Long live our sponsors.

Written by; Musasizi Owen

PLANTING SEASON

After a long dry period that left all vegetation dry all over our area of Rukiga and other parts of the country, we of recent received some rains and we are hopeful that we are going to receive plenty of it. Everybody with a piece of land is of now days busy digging and preparing the land to get ready for sowing seeds. Major crops grown this season are beans, maize, ground nuts and millet. Millet growers tend to do the sowing first and around this time almost all those with plans to grow it have already sown the seeds. It has been challenging for those doing animal husbandry with scarcity of pastures and water but fortunately they have put a smile these days with plenty of such.

Written by: Hillary Turyakira

APPRECIATION

To CLICK RUKIGA, one fails to get words which can explain the heartfelt expression of how I pray to God to bless every sponsor richly for some of us have reached the stage of needing your support the more. Most of us are in school because you are and our hope is that since you are therefore we are. While every child have his/her ambition, I myself would like to become a doctor and my hope is that this is possible with God's will and help through CLICK RUKIGA. I think and pray; through this career, I could give back to God by serving his people who would be in need for their lives; Mostly needy people who may not have money to pay for their medical jurisprudence, For through this gift, I think my speech and my service would be executed for God's glorification for everything would be done for the service of others and for God's Glory 1 Peter 4 ;10,11 is my favorable verse I pray that I become obedient to the royal laws of Christ LOVE your God and Love your neighbor. How I long to be a steward of Christ in my daily work out of that law in my life now and future.

As a daughter of CLICK RUKIGA I want to live witnessing, praying and worshiping with others as I practice hospitality where God wills for me whatever little. My goal in studying is that as CLICK RUKIGA has done for me, my future becomes a giving time effort and money and perhaps other things like food to those who would need my help.

Written by: Atukunda Patience- Senior three.

RUKIGA DISTRICT

We of recent got offered a new district in the names of Rukiga District with its offices located in Mparo Sub County of Rukiga. New developments have been going on such as appointing the new district leaders, voting representatives of the district to parliament such as the Woman member of parliament, Local council Chairman for the district commonly termed as (LC5) among others. Here, aspiring candidates come representing political parties such as the ruling party National Resistance Movement (NRM), Forum Democratic Party (FDC) which is the strongest opposition party in our country, Uganda People's congress, Democratic Party among others including Independent candidates who stand on their own.

Written by: sponsored child Amos Tayebwa

THE CHURCH: GODS ORDINANCE FOR HIS WONDERS

Some people keep questioning how God could have sent His only son to die on the cross; while many people may not have answers to such questions. Perhaps they should first know that a creature cannot understand what the creator did, what He does and what He will do. How can clay ask a molder do what he wants to mould? Likewise while I was still in my young age about ten years old; I could see myself seated besides my mother with my two young sisters who seemed my age. My mother was always murmuring to herself, and for us the three helpless sisters lived in fear and traumatized. Luckily enough our mother lived a life of prayer. Sometimes she could pray quietly and we could only gaze at her mouth moving with no sound but at other times she could pray with audible voice and we could say the doxology together "AMEN". However a question remained in my heart; can a good God surely allow death to deprive us of our father. My hope was that since my mother talked to God, may be our father was going to come back. I knew about him very little mainly his love for me but my little sisters did not know anything about him. After sometime I came to understand that my father will never come back but that his time on earth was accomplished. Through our mothers prayers, guidance and comfort (because she is a born again) we discovered the answer to my question that God is wonderful. So wonderful that he has a plan for everything. As for human beings; he has plans for the widows and orphans, plans for disabled and the able. He makes one to be deaf and dumb and to others gives speech. All these He does because He has plans for them because He is a wonderful God, therefore, planned for our salvation by giving us His only

son. Through his experience I came to know that God acts according to His plan for good; and that the Church became His means to make His plans known.

Every believer should put his/her trust in him. Having put my trust in Him, I have started to recognize him doing wonders to me through His Church. When I think of CLICK RUKIGA; Then how the Link was started, the person through whom the vision was manifested, the people who first pronounced it. The Church councils at St. Giles and their counterpart St. James Buhangizi, then the visits, the selection of needy children, the plan for Family Emergency problems. God has a plan. Through His plan I can write this article in St. James news letter, where would a desperate orphan get opportunity to write an article telling my experience so far. Really God is wonderful. During my primary education though still desperate God helped me to perform very well in academics and besides that, I was active in Music Dance and Drama; because God had given me that talent. When I joined secondary school, two things happened, first, the school helped me to develop my talent of music, second, in 2016 last year God gave me a sponsor and I was enrolled among CLICK Rukiga sponsored children. This gave me confidence to excel both academically and in co curricular activities. Therefore last year I took part in competitions; and was through to national competitions. There I gave a speech and defeated my competitors. Even this year, God has helped me in "A" level; we had competitions at different levels starting at District then at National level and I passed through to East African community where I competed with those of five countries which make East African Community. The competitions were staged in Kenya and my performance was appreciated.

This has given me chance to interact with many people and became exposed to different environments but also helping me to trust God the more. This combination of skills, Academic and trust in God has given me an ambition to become a Lawyer in future; remembering what Jesus is doing for us in heaven. With such career I think I can give counsel where necessary and speak for the voiceless where need be. But all depends on the will of God who loves me and empathy of CLICK Rukiga. Let everyone who sponsors CLICK RUKIGA/ STJAMES BUHANGIZI be assured that God who started His work in you will fulfill it.

May God bless all of us abundantly Long live St. Giles Church, Long live Reformed United Church, Long live our sponsors, Long live our link.

Written by: Ainembabazi Gift Catherin (17 Years Senior 5 'A' level)

CHRISTIAN OFFERING TO GOD IN ST. JAMES BUHANGIZI C.O.U

With Gods enlightenment through our link with St. Giles Church and United Reformed Church; I would like to share with our friends how St. James Buhangizi has improved in their stewardship: we praise God to see that some of our congregation now understands that giving concerns among other things the whole of one's life. Though some of our responsible Christian families have not got a lot of money to give amidst the problem of bearing more than they can nurture especially taking their children to school and you find that all the money is used up by the need to feed and clothe them leave alone to educate them. But at those times a Family cannot say that they are giving nothing to God. Christians have understood that rearing a family as a Christian is an offering which God accepts from us willingly. Friendliness to others, hospitality in the Home and the work which we may do for the Church from time to time, are all offering which God accepts. Perhaps one or two of our young men and women in our family dedicate themselves in the service of the Church as teachers, youth leaders and other group leaders in the Church. Christians have understood that if all these are offered as a family, God's service can be precious in His

sight at a time when the family cannot offer much in the way of money. This means that what is important is that at each stage, we have to offer our whole life as a Family to him.

However, our Christian families are still offering far too little money for Gods service. This is often not because of selfishness, but they have never honestly sat down together to think about it, pray about it. Our Church has not grown strong because not every Christian here is an actor. Perhaps we need a new Spirit so that our Christians here may understand what CLICK RUKIGA is doing and may be understand that we need more money for many important tasks. For example CLICK Rukiga children and family emergency fund are supported by sponsor's money only. This is often not done to our shame. God fearing people pray for us to be encouraged for new giving standards. For too long this has been looked at only as a problem which must be met with spiritual weapons. Preaching and teaching from the Bible about our complete self giving to God always to be part of the Christian training, so that we can practically do things which would encourage us to see things the way the Bible sees them.

Written by: Retired Rev. Canon Esau Turyakira

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We started thanks giving as preparation for this year's Christmas, pray for us so that we reach the set Church cell targets.
- This month is a planting season, pray for us to receive enough rains.
- Our Church link with St. Giles and United Reformed Church.
- Kamwezi Primary Schools growing link with St. Mathews.
- Buhangizi C.O.U CLICK Rukiga committee that looks after Children and Family Emergency Fund projects.
- Our beloved school, Kamwezi Secondary School where most of our children are studying
- Our planting season to give us good yields.
- The brethren fellowships are slumbering, pray so that they awaken

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