

Rubaya Landslides

We heard the devastating news recently that a fourth massive landslide in the space of 2 months has occurred in Rubaya. The previous 3 landslides caused untold destruction and loss of life in the Rubaya mine. This latest landslide destroyed a village of 1000 homes.

Our partners, Comfort Congo are on the ground supporting the local community as they try and survive and recover from this catastrophic disaster. As you can imagine, the needs are immense and immediate. We have launched an emergency appeal, now, to raise funds to support the relief efforts led by Comfort Congo. You can read more about the [appeal here](#). Please pray for a good response to the appeal so that Comfort Congo can be provided the resources needed to respond to this crisis.

Comfort International Ministry School

Give thanks for the CIMS training in March that took place at Goma and Bukavu. Pray that God's word would multiply and bear fruit. Pray for the church leaders who attended that they would grow in their ministries and be anointed and empowered to build the Kingdom. Pray for those who have lost homes and fields to mining conflict. Pray for wisdom as to whether and how we can support those in distress in Bukavu and south Kivu where we presently have no support projects.

CIMS Student Death

With great sorrow, I inform you that we have lost another student, Pastor Munyali Paul. Pastor Fred, who leads the work of Lema Hope in Uganda, informed us last night of Pastor Munyali Paul's sudden passing. This is the second sudden and unexplained death of a Pastor involved with CIMS in the last year. Please pray for all students at the CIMS Mbale Study Centre as we seek God for comfort, protection, and understanding. Lema are also asking us to pray against any strategy of Satan or man that may be targeting the CIMS students.

Comfort Transformation Centre

Pray for the Transformation Centre - this is a key time as internal construction of rooms is taking place and we seek to move towards the final phases of building. Pray that it will be a place of healing, salvation and wholeness and that God will multiply resources.

Child Soldiers

We have been asked to consider a new child soldiers project at Kitchanga in North Kivu where 26 child soldiers have been rescued by a church. Pray for wisdom and resources for this.

Agriculture Projects

We are looking at two agricultural projects with Just Earth, a Christian organisation specialising in implementing farming from a biblical perspective with consideration of Kingdom living, environmental stewardship and evangelism all being part of the project which revolves around a farm school and demonstration farm. Pray for progress with the negotiations and planning for this and also the resources as there are costs involved. The projects will, God willing, be near Makump in Sierra Leone where MPM is based and has land, and near Rutchuru in North Kivu where Comfort Congo has a 25 year lease on land and there are displaced families and possibly graduated child soldiers going to be involved.

Sponsorship

We have a wonderful contingent of faithful sponsors whose donations and encouragement are vital for the various projects which rely on Sponsorship. We do sadly have a shortage of Sponsors on a number of projects and of Sponsorheads to head up the Sponsorship projects - specifically for South Sudan Child Support; Comfort Babies Congo and Adopt A Class (DRC). Please pray for the provision of much needed sponsors and for the right people to step into the roles of Sponsorheads.

South Sudan

Pray for the work in South Sudan. This will be the first year for quite some time we have not had a team visiting South Sudan. It will be difficult for both the team and the children so pray that they will be strengthened, encouraged and know they are loved. Pray for the team that God will provide for their needs (they are a team of people with very little personal resources) and give them clear vision, strategy and expertise.

Volunteers

Comfort International is blessed with the most incredible group of dedicated volunteers. Please pray for God's blessing over them and the work that they do. Please also pray for the [volunteer vacancies](#) that are currently being advertised. These are all important roles and it would make a huge impact to the work of Comfort International to have these filled.

Festivals

Comfort International is going to have a presence at a number of festivals/ events this year in the hope of meeting future supporters and volunteers. Please pray for a positive reaction at each of these events and for a fruitful response.

We will be attending:

- Elim Leadership Conference in Harrogate - May 10th - 14th
- AoG Conference in Aberdeen - May 21st - 23rd
- Keswick Ayrshire in Kilmarnock - May 29th - 31st

Goats and Garments

One of our current appeals we are running is the Burundi "[Goats and Garments](#)" appeal. The Appeal is simply to empower families through either receiving a goat or training through a tailoring project. Over the next three years, 500 goats will be given to the poorest families. Each family will care for their goat, and when it gives birth, the first kid will be passed on to another family. In this way, the blessing multiplies. Alongside this, a tailoring project will provide sewing machines and training so families can learn to make and mend clothes. This creates skills, dignity, and new income opportunities—especially for women. Please pray for a strong response to this appeal so that lives can be transformed through Goats and Garments.

Online Prayer

On June 8th at 7.30pm, we will be hosting an online prayer meeting for the work of Comfort International and our partners. If you would like to be a part of this prayer meeting, please email us at enquiry@comfortinternational.org so that we can send you link directly.

*One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.*

I remain confident of this:

*I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

Wait for the Lord;

*be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.*

Psalm 27: 4-5, 13-14